

FARLAIN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of August 6, 2025 – AGM

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA		
Time	Topic	Facilitator:
7:00 – 7:05	Intro to Zoom and Webinar Format	Jeanette Parker
7:05 – 7:10	Welcome and Introductions	Scott Dales
7:10 – 7:10	Approval of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes Approval of 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda	Scott Dales
7:10 – 7:15	Report from the President	Scott Dales
7:15 - 7:25	Membership Report	Margaret Brohm
7:25 – 7:30	Environmental update - Dock to Dock survey and Phragmites	Emily Thorne
7:30 – 7:45	MNRF - Health of our Fish Population	Jeremey Holden
7:45 – 8:00	iNaturalist App presentation - How to set up and use app	Katy MacKay
8:15 – 8:25	Financial Report	Ross Graham
8:25 – 8:30	EWM Update	Brian Kelso/Scott Dales
8:40 – 8:45	FoTTSA Report	Herb Huck
8:45 – 8:50	Election of FLCA Board of Directors	Jeanette Parker
8:50 – 9:00	Questions and Answers with Wrap-Up	Jeanette Parker

1. Intro to Zoom and Webinar Format

- Zoom basics were reviewed by FLCA Board member Jeanette Parker, technology manager for the meeting. Attendees can submit a question at any time using the chat box. Poll questions would be displayed on the screen. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the conclusion of the meeting.

2. Welcome & Introductions

- President Scott Dales began the meeting at 7 pm, thanking both members and non-members for attending. Scott introduced the current board by name and thanked everyone for their tireless work over the past year.

3. Approval of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

- Draft minutes of the 2024 meeting had been posted to the FLCA website with a link included with the notice. No changes were forthcoming.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2024 FLCA Annual General Meeting be accepted.

By: Gerry Pipe

Second: Ross Graham

CARRIED

Motion: That the Agenda for the 2025 Annual General Meeting be approved.

By: Herb Huck

Second: Emily Thorne

CARRIED

4. Report from the President - by Scott Dales

Sincere thanks were extended to the FLCA Board, committee members and volunteers for their support and guidance. It has been a positive year. Scott thanked EWM Committee and Citizen Scientists. He thanked the Ontario Trillium Fund for the grant received in 2019 that was instrumental in the current success achieved by the EWM Committee and volunteers in management and control of EWM in the lake. He welcomed our special guests and presenters, He also thanked Jeanette Parker and Elizabeth Di Chiara for all their hard work, as well as the numerous volunteers working behind the scenes all year long.

Scott mentioned the new partnership with Awenda Provincial Park, the very first Fire Smart Event held on the Sweeney property, the Kids Fishing Derby, the Photo Contest, the Boat Parade and Poker Run. Scott also asked everyone to remember the recent passing of Elaine Sweenie, who was a vibrant member of our community and will be deeply missed.

5. Membership Report – by Margaret Brohm, Director of Membership

Total membership for the 2023-2024 year is 127 members, an increase of 17 members from the previous year. There are currently 71 members paid in advance for the 2025-2026 year.

Membership is important to everyone, it encourages a sense of community, keeps everyone connected by way of newsletters and e-lets for many important concerns, lost and found items, blue-green algae updates, septage issues, EWM management, etc. It is a great way to stay up to date on current events and emerging concerns around the lake. FLCA membership also includes membership of FoTTSA and FOCA as well as discounts on insurance and various businesses in the local area.

6. Environmental Update - by Emily Thorne

Phragmites has been identified as an invasive species found along our shoreline last year. This weed can spread quickly and affect natural habitat as well as access to our lake. The weed was identified, documented, and carefully removed. SSEA was informed as well. They came and conducted a survey of the lake and thankfully only the one location was identified. This was encouraging news. All residents are asked to keep watch for emerging sites and to report any findings to the association. Special techniques must be used to remove any weeds located. Early detection is key to management of this new invasive species on our lake.

SSEA is conducting a new program called Dock 2 Dock on Saturday August 9 beginning at 10am. Information was provided to members on how to participate in this program.

7. MNRF Presentation - Health of our Fish Population - Jeremy Holden

Jeremy Holden led a study on the health of the fish population in Farlain Lake. The objectives of this study were to provide statistics and trends of fish habitats in the lake, provide population assessments and track any invasive species, any found stresses on the local fish population as well as baseline information. The study included placing nets at various depths to determine fish populations and lifecycles. There will be a report following the conclusion of the study to be forwarded to the board.

8. iNaturalist App - Katy MacKay - Awenda Provincial Park

Katy introduced a new app called iNaturalist. The hope is to gather crowdsourcing information all over the world to help with extinction of endangered species, as well as to help identify and learn about species and gather critical data. This app contains the worlds largest dataset of information. The app is free to use and is currently only available on the IOS platform. Every observation made and recorded in the app goes worldwide. There are currently 3.8 million people participating.

9. Fire Safety - Dino Pangrazzi - Public Education Officer, Tiny Township Fire Dept

Dino shared a video on lithium ion battery safety and also shared some additional important information:

Be sure to charge electronics on a hard surface (preferably not overnight)

Not advisable to buy batteries online for power tools, sometimes not regulated

Fire marshal does not support the use of fire blankets, studies have not found them useful

Tiny has a free home safety audit, which takes less than an hour to complete. Simply call the township office and arrange a free inspection.

10. FLCA Financial Report - Ross Graham - Treasurer

In 2013 EWM was first identified in our lake.

An OTF grant was obtained in 2019 for the period up to 2022. The grant was given an extension up to 2024 due to complications during COVID. The grant totalled \$200,000 of which the majority has been received, except for 2.5% which is held until the final reporting and documentation has been received. Some of the major expenses incurred throughout 2025 include a Legend aluminum boat and cover, applications of ProcettaCOR (EWM herbicide), insurance, administration.

Operations include revenue from membership fees, logo wear, etc.



Financial Report

The FLCA funds are currently held in 3 “buckets”...

Eurasian Watermilfoil Fund	Funding 2013-2025	\$114527.68
	Expenditures	\$
	90678.42	
	Balance	\$
Operations	23849.26	
	Carried forward	\$
	12457.23	
	Revenue 2024-2025	\$ 6118.50
Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant	Expenses	
	\$ 5574.59	
	Balance	\$ 13001.14
	Grant Funds 2025	\$199800.00
	Expenses	\$199800.00
	Balance	\$ 0.00

Motion: That the Finance Report be accepted.

By: Ross Graham

Second: Herb Huck

CARRIED

Motion: That the FLCA members grant the authority to the Board of Directors to approve the unaudited annual financial statements when the annual revenue does not exceed \$100,000.

By: Ross Graham

Second: Herb Huck

CARRIED

11. EWM Update - Brian Kelso/Scott Dales

Various EWM control activities occurred during the year, including monitoring and reporting Activities following the September 2023 application of ProcellaCOR by Solitude Lake Management. 3 inspections took place after the application this summer, going site by site doing rake tosses and utilizing the underwater drone looking for spread. There was one small location spotted at the south west area of the lake and marked with buoys. A permit has been applied for, but timing for potential application of ProcellaCOR is not known at this time.

There is a vibrant growth of natural vegetation and fish. The EWM Committee feels that the application of ProcellaCOR has been a game changer in the battle against this invasive species. We must remain vigilant in proper cleaning of boats being taken in and out of our lake.

The committee has participated in many information sessions, Zoom meetings, etc. with other lake associations in order to provide information on our process and the gains we have achieved so far in this battle.

12. FoTTSA Report - Herb Huck

FoTTSA is a non-profit association of associations established in 1989. There are 22 member associations. They distribute 10,000 copies of the Tiny Cottager twice yearly. There are 10 members on the FoTTSA board. Herb is the current treasurer of FoTTSA and represents the Farlain Lake Association.

It is important to support FoTTSA because they are a much larger association with more available resources and connections.

They are currently working towards challenging the proposed shoreline bylaw and stand for a better solution to the administration centre issue. In the future they will gather and provide unbiased information on candidates and their platforms for the upcoming 2026 municipal election

Herb also presented information on the Tiny Challenger Cup as an alternative to the Mayor's Golf Tournament.

13. Election of FLCA Board of Directors for the upcoming year

The following Board members were up for re-election:

Gerry Pipe - Vice-President

Margaret Brohm - Membership

Ross Graham - Treasurer (one year extension)

Proposed New director for election:

Beverley MacDonald

Motion: That Gerry Pipe and Margaret Brohm each be elected for a second term of 3 years, that Ross Graham be elected for another extended term of one year and further that Beverley Macdonald be elected for a term of 3 years.

By: Jeanette Parker

Second: Gerry Pipe

CARRIED

Gerry Pipe, Vice President, spoke to the need for members to consider joining the Board of Directors, noting that at least one of the current members was due to step down the following year. He commented on expectations of Directors, how the Board functioned and the benefits of participating on the Board. Members were strongly encouraged to consider stepping up to support the FLCA and what it was trying to accomplish on behalf of the community.

Jeanette Parker reported that only one question had been raised on the chat line, enquiring whether items could be left on a public access and Scott confirmed that the Township's policy was a definite no.

Following closing remarks from the President, the Annual General Meeting was concluded at 9:00 pm.