

# Lac Sinclair Newsletter

Fall 2023 / Winter 2024



## Message from the president

I hope once again you all had a great summer. I was particularly glad to see that many of you participated in our famous fishing tournament this year – you will find the highlights of this tournament in this newsletter. It is with regret that we were unable to hold the “Esprit du lac” Regatta but we hope to be able to organize it next summer. As mentioned in the Spring 2023 Newsletter, I had the firm intention of giving up my place as president but I decided otherwise since no one wants my place, and our lake and its residents are too close to my heart to let you down so....

Our Annual General Meeting was held on June 17, 2023 – you will find the minutes of the AGM as well as the 2022 financial statements at the end of this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who paid their membership fee. By the end of November, we had reached almost 150 members; you can still join for 2023 if you haven't already done so. MANY THANKS everyone for your continued support.

Please mark in your **2024** calendar the following dates:

- *Winter activities on the lake: **winter 2024*** - we plan, weather permitting, to have trails around the lake for skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, biking or simply walking
- *The 2024 Annual General Meeting: Saturday, **June 22*** at the Ste-Sophie d'Aldfield Community Centre at 10:00 a.m.
  - *Note: our Constitution has been amended to change the quorum at members meetings from 25 members to 20 members representing 15 properties on or near the lake.*
- *The Esprit du lac Regatta: **to be confirmed***
- *The Fishing Tournament: Sunday **August 4***

Look for more information closer to the time in subsequent emails, on our website [www.lacsinclair.ca](http://www.lacsinclair.ca), our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lacsinclairquebec>, and on our notice board at the corner of Chemin Cléo Fournier and Chemin Bernier / Chemin du Lac Sinclair.

In this edition of newsletter you will find the following information:

- Information on water quality
- ABV des 7 (7 Watershed Agency)
- Bonfires in dry season
- Report of the Fishing tournament

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Roger Smith – Financial Report Reviewer

Chantal Vaillancourt Scott – Water Level Measurement

Kevin Scott – Water Clarity Measurement

We wish to thank the Municipality of La Pêche and the Township of Low for the provision of its annual grant to our Association. We also wish to thank the Ste Sophie d'Aldfield Community Center for their generous contribution with the Boat Washing Station and the storage of the equipment.

I wish you all a very nice, safe and healthy winter, and hopefully we'll see you on the ice this winter.

Jocelyne Alain



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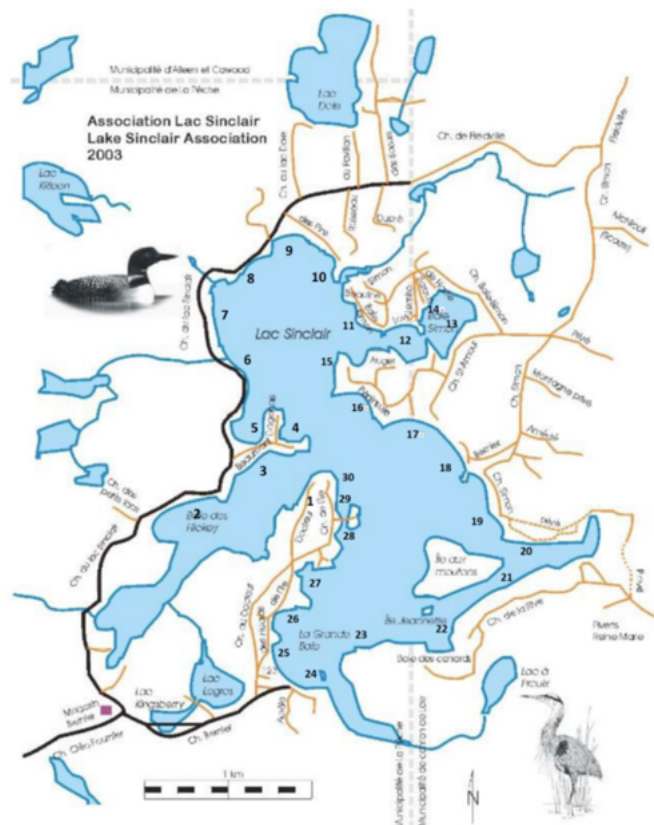
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## Water testing

Water testing for e-coli levels was completed on June 6<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> this year at 30 standardized sites around the entire lake. The results of all tests are presented in the graph on this page measured in e-coli particles per 100 ml of water. Quebec guideline for safe swimming water is 200 particles per 100 ml while Ontario's is 100 particles per 100 ml. You will see that the results at all sites tested in both spring and fall were well below these guidelines. E-coli levels continue to be very low in the lake year over year which is very encouraging. Everyone can continue to do their part by not using soaps or shampoos in the lake, maintaining a natural vegetation buffer on your shoreline and washing any boats or water vehicles that have visited another body of water.

Station	8/13/2023 (eColi/100ml)	8/28/2022 (eColi/100ml)	Change Aout/Aug 2022 over/sur Aout/Aug 2021	6/4/2023 (eColi/100ml)
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24	5	0	5	0
25	2	0	2	0
26	12	1	11	0
27	5	0	5	4
28	1	0	2	0
29	5	1	4	0
30	26	0	26	0
<b>30 Total</b>				



Year over year no significant nor notable changes from August 2022 to August 2023 NOR June 2023 measurement vs August 2023.

Again this year the lake association participated in a Provincial water testing program that aims to benchmark water quality and clarity across as many lakes in Quebec as possible. Samples were collected in mid-June, July and August and remitted to the province of Quebec for testing with a focus on chlorophyll, phosphate and carbon levels which are the key drivers of water clarity and algae growth.

## Safety buoys

24 sites around the lake are marked with yellow safety buoys. This fall we have used small, white floating bumpers to support the chains over winter. We have also installed new hardware on the chains to allow for easy click on click off of the buoys in spring and fall. Please be sure to remain at least 30 meters away from all buoys when boating on the lake. The buoys are anchored down with cinder blocks however a large wake from a boat driving too close can easily dislodge the buoy and move it away from the rock it was intended to warn boaters about – resulting in a dangerous situation. There were also a couple of instances this summer where individuals used the buoy chains to tie off resulting in the buoys being dislodged and leaving rocks unmarked. **Please do not touch the chains or use them for this purpose.**

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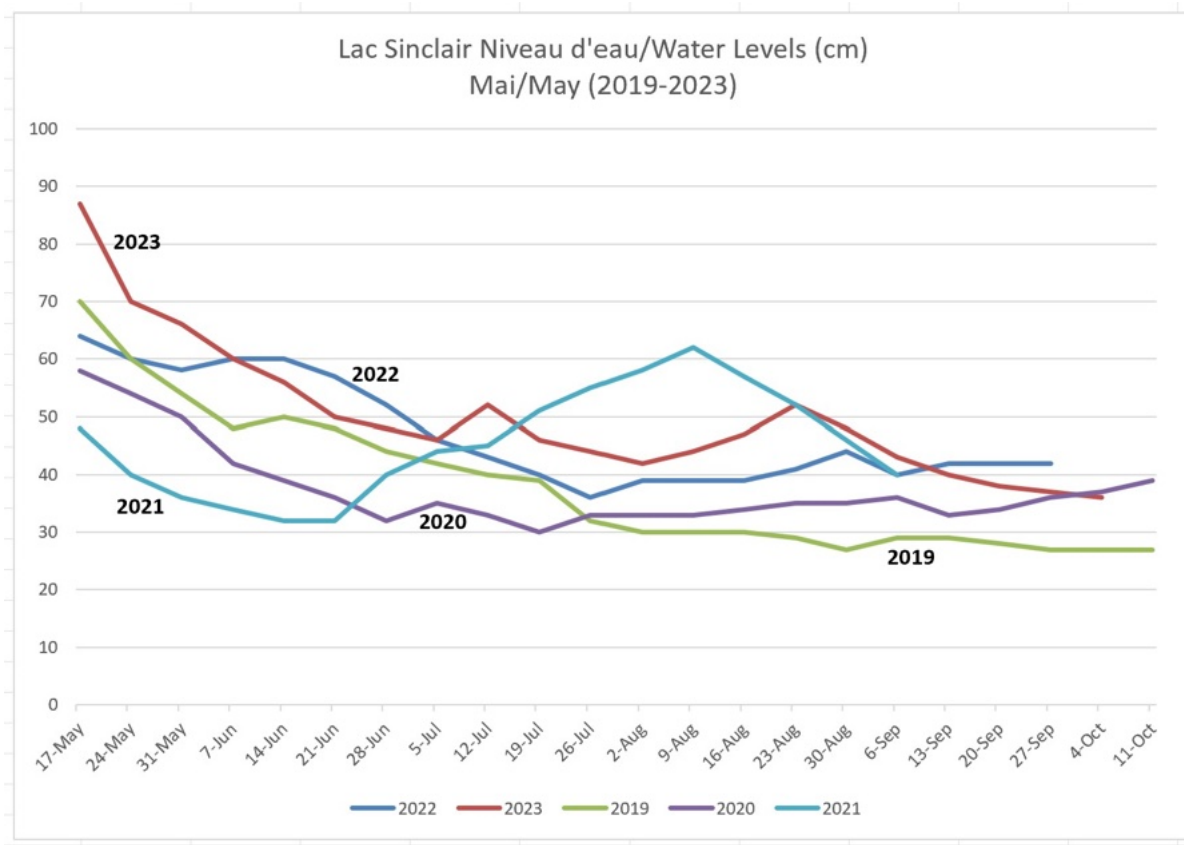
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## Water levels

The graph below compares weekly water level measurements taken from the same spot on the lake over the past five years. Several factors impact water levels including winter melt, amount of rainfall and heat intensity. A big thank you to Kevin Scott and Chantal Vaillancourt who manage this process on behalf of the lake association.



2023 had the highest spring water levels in 5 years (87cm) vs lowest water level in 2023 (48cm). 2023 end of season had the second lowest water level in 5 years (36cm) vs 2019 with a high water reading of only 27cm.

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It is recommended to use biodegradable products that degrade in less than 30 days such as La Parisienne and Attitude. These products are phosphate free. Phosphorus containing products increase the level of chlorophyll in the lake which in turn leads to increased algae and plant growth and reduced oxygen levels for fish. For those property owners with lawns close to the lake shore, please refrain from using pesticides and/or fertilizer as these products contain phosphorous and nitrates that are detrimental to lake water quality. It is recommended to retain a two-meter buffer of natural plant life between your lawn and lake shore.



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### **La Peche Lake Associations meeting**

A number of lake association executive committees from various lakes in La Peche meet annually in the fall to discuss common issues and share information about our lakes. There are now 14 lakes who participate in this discussion forum. This group met on October 7th when we received an excellent presentation by Marion DUFLOS, Executive Director of ABV des 7. ABV des 7 (Agence de bassin versant des 7) is a non-profit organization created in 2009 and one of about 40 watershed organizations recognized by the Quebec Ministry of the Environment. ABV des 7 is directed at promoting better governance of water and associated environments within the watersheds of 7 rivers of western Quebec. They aim to improve the education and co-ordination of stakeholders and also directly undertake various projects to assist municipalities, residents, farmers and lake associations.

They work with numerous environmental issues including wetlands, invasive exotic species, threatened and vulnerable species, wildlife and plant habitats; and numerous security issues including flooding, landslides–erosion, beaver dams and climate change. They also work on numerous water quantity and quality issues and are in the process of developing a new Water master plan for March 2024. This would include underground water quality, surface water quality, and pollution (pesticides, plastics, pharmaceuticals, resorts).

Ms. Duflos explained that their priority issues in our zone in 2023 are:

- Flooding of sensitive areas
- Presence of invasive exotic species
- Destruction and/or degradation of wetland and aquatic environment quality
- Poor water quality (surface and underground)
- Degradation or loss of wildlife habitat
- Water supply problems (water quantity)



Much of their current work on invasive exotic species relates to Eurasian Milfoil projects.

ABV des 7 has undertaken a major project for the NCC in Lac Philippe, laying down 8600 sq m of burlap over the last two years. This is a major project requiring various permits and professional divers. A project of this size is very expensive but it appears to be working very well in suppressing the milfoil. There is no formal report out yet but we will endeavour to get a copy when it does come out, if NCC agrees.

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Ms. Duflos' presentation led into a discussion about what we can do in our own lakes to deal with Eurasian milfoil. This has been identified as a very serious issue in many of the lakes in this area, **although there has not been, to the best of our knowledge, any Eurasian milfoil reported yet in Lac Sinclair.**



**SERVICES :**

- LOCATION DE CHALETS/CAMPING
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Some of the lake association representatives stated that there is now a Quebec regulation permitting a property owner to “tarp” ( lay down) up to 75 sq meters of burlap in front of an individual’s property, without needing a permit. Here is a link to the applicable regulation <https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cr/Q-2,%20r.%2017.1?langCont=fr#se:320>

There was also mention of controlling the milfoil by cutting or removing it. Ms. Duflos recommended pulling it out by the roots rather than just cutting it off.

A source for burlap kits was identified and apparently a discount price is available for bulk orders.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of timing. To avoid damage to fish spawning one should wait until after July 15 or even August 15th to remove milfoil or to install burlap tarps.

A word of caution: There appears to be some disagreement between various Quebec ministries about the impact of milfoil on fish habitat and a lack of co-ordination or engagement which means that despite the above regulation other ministries might require one or more permits before doing anything including the burlap tarping mentioned above.

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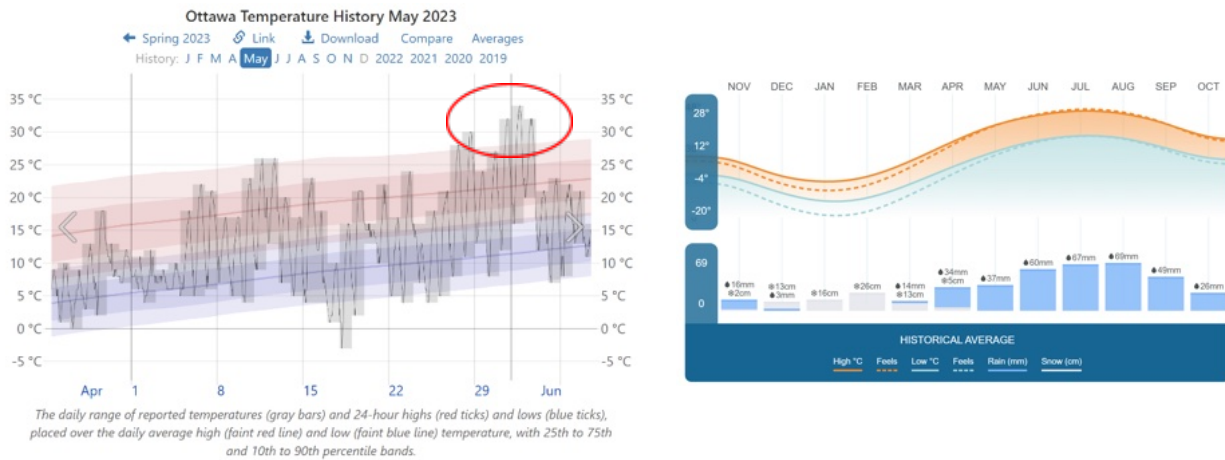
# Forest Fire Safety for Cottagers and visitors to Lac Sinclair

November 22, 2023

The Pontiac region is well known for its stunning natural beauty, with lush forests, diverse ecosystem of lakes, rivers, and wildlife. Our pristine environment faces many constant threats including forest fires, especially during dry and hot seasons like we experienced last Spring.

Every year, 70% of fires are due to human activity.

On June 1, 2023, our region reported the highest temperature of the summer at 34.5 degrees Celsius. May was also unseasonably dry with little precipitation with a 30 day total of only 53.9 mm



By June 1 we were under an extreme fire warning. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, [Avanthika Anand](#) reporting for the [CBC news](#) "The forestry workers and Ministry of Natural Resources have not seen anything like this in the last 35 years. The two fires in the Pontiac — one northwest of Gracefield, the other north of Fort-Coulonge — are still considered by Quebec to be out of control, but the fire risk in that region has dropped from extreme early this week to moderate." SOPFEU planes were refilling loads from our lake, and evacuation orders were in place for towns within 2 hours of Lac Sinclair.

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<b>BAS</b>	Incendie de faible intensité à propagation limitée, c'est le bon moment pour allumer votre feu de camp.
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<b>ELEVÉ</b>	Incendie de surface d'intensité modérée à vigoureuse qui crée des zones de contrôle sans de contrôle. <b>Attention car si la vitesse du vent est supérieure à 25 km/h.</b>
<b>TRÈS ELEVÉ</b>	Incendie de forte intensité avec allumage partiel ou complet des zones dont les conditions de front sont au stade de la propagation des incendies. <b>Ne pas allumer de feux de petite dimension. Faire uniquement des feux de grande dimension d'un pare-étincelles réglementaire.</b>
<b>EXTRÊME</b>	Incendie de crête de forte intensité, qui se propage à grande vitesse et qui peut devenir incontrôlable. <b>Arrêter de faire des feux.</b>



The impact of these fires is devastating, destroying wildlife habitats, endangering lives, and causing irreparable damage to the ecosystem. To preserve this natural treasure, it's crucial for cottagers, residents and visitors alike to understand and adhere to forest fire safety measures.

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## **Understanding the Risks**

The forested regions of Western Quebec are particularly vulnerable to fires due to various factors such as:

- **Dry Conditions:** Extended periods of drought or dry weather can significantly increase the risk of forest fires.
- **Human Activities:** Unattended campfires, discarded cigarettes, or burning debris can easily spark a wildfire.
- **Lightning Strikes:** Natural occurrences like lightning strikes can ignite fires in remote areas.

## **Prevention Measures**

1. **Awareness and Education:** Knowledge is the first line of defense. Educating communities about the causes and dangers of forest fires is essential. Workshops, seminars, and educational campaigns can raise awareness among residents, tourists, and outdoor enthusiasts about fire safety practices.

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2. Follow Regulations: Adhere to local fire regulations and restrictions. During high-risk periods, authorities may impose bans on outdoor burning, campfires, or certain activities in forested areas. It's crucial to follow these regulations diligently. Go to <http://lacsinclair.ca/en/home/> to view the Lac Sinclair Fire Safety levels



3. Responsible Outdoor Activities: Ensure campfires are in designated areas and fully extinguished before leaving. Use designated fire pits, keep a bucket of water nearby, and never leave fires unattended. To properly extinguish your outdoor fire, spread the embers within the fire pit, then add water or loose dirt, and stir. Expose any material still burning. Add more water and stir again until you can no longer see smoke or steam. Do not bury your fire as the embers may continue to smolder and can re-emerge as a wildfire.
4. Proper Disposal of Cigarettes and Matches: Smokers should be particularly cautious when in forested areas. Always extinguish cigarettes completely and dispose of them responsibly in designated containers.
5. Equipment Maintenance: If operating machinery or equipment near forests, ensure they're in good working condition. Sparks from faulty equipment can easily ignite dry vegetation.
6. Report Suspicious Activities to the municipality: If you notice any suspicious or potentially dangerous activities in forested areas, report them to the authorities immediately. Early intervention can prevent disasters.



### Preparedness and Response

- **Emergency Plans:** Communities and individuals should have emergency plans in place in case of a forest fire. Know evacuation routes, assemble emergency kits, and stay informed through local news and alerts.
- **Firefighting Resources:** Support local firefighting efforts by following their instructions and cooperating during fire emergencies. Understand evacuation protocols and be prepared to act swiftly if needed.
- **Communication:** Maintain open communication with neighbors, authorities, and local fire departments. This helps in coordinating efforts and disseminating critical information during emergencies.



**Saturday, June 22, 2024 is Lac Sinclair's Community Preparedness Day.**

The Lake Association has applied to join [Firesmart Canada's Community Preparedness Program](#). FireSmart leads the development of resources and programs to help Canadians increase resilience to wildfire. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign that encourages citizens to take actions that increase their home, neighbourhood and community's resilience to wildfire. This day is always observed on the first Saturday in May.

Residents of all ages all over the country are encouraged to come together at any time from May to October to host events and work on projects that raise awareness of wildfire risk and increase their resilience to it.

Lac Sinclair's Community Preparedness Day will take place during **the Annual General Meeting on June 22, 2024**. **Please be sure to attend!**

Preserving our forests requires a collective effort from everyone. By understanding the risks, preventing potential fire hazards, and being prepared for emergencies, residents and visitors can contribute significantly to the safety and preservation of our lake environment. Each individual's commitment to responsible actions is pivotal in safeguarding the lake, our wildlife, and our community against the destructive impact of forest fires. Together, we can ensure the longevity and beauty of our forests, the lake and our rivers for generations to come.

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## Fishing tournament August 6, 2023 – report

It was a particularly splendid first Sunday in August on Lake Sinclair – sunny but not too hot or windy. Once again, Tony and Val Lafrance and family generously offered their dock for the weigh-ins and their waterfront for presentation of trophies and prizes. Sponsors were generous with their donations.

Most of the registrations were completed on-line, which went smoothly and greatly assisted the organizers since 95 names were signed up this year. Of these, 85 participated on Sunday including 20 children and 18 guests. In addition to the 12 trophies won by fisherpersons, the large number of gifts from sponsors enabled many participants to win something worthwhile during the various ticket draws.

Smallmouth bass were plentiful – adults brought in 29 for weighing and children 12. There were fewer pike than usual – 8 taken by adults and none by children. Finally, the children brought in 7 rock bass. The biggest pike weighed 2.35 kg; the largest smallmouth bass weighed 1.76 kg.

Trophies were awarded as follows:

Child rock bass – 1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Lylyk; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gabriella Simboli; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexis Gagné

Child smallmouth bass – 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Livernoche; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brendon Roussel; 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Lagacé

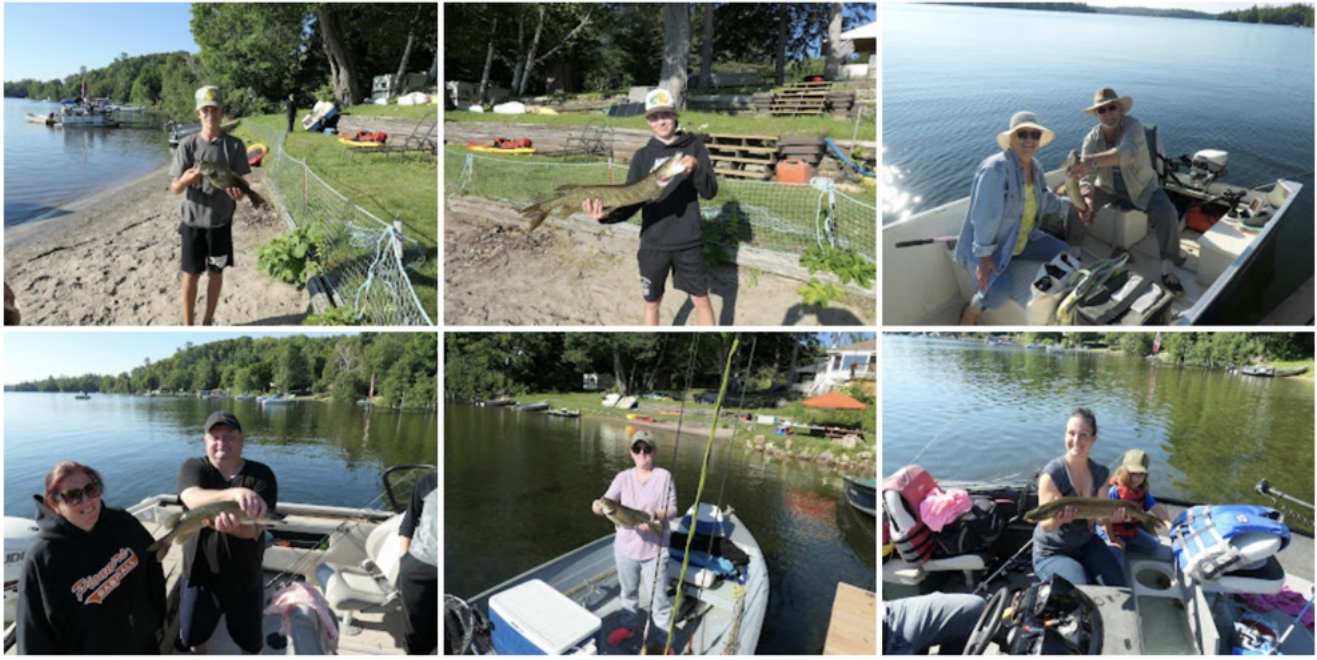
Adult pike – 1<sup>st</sup> Mélanie Chartrand; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Séguin; 3<sup>rd</sup> Loik Paquette

Adult smallmouth bass – 1<sup>st</sup> Perry Goulet; 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Roy; 3<sup>rd</sup> tie – Jean-Claude Côté/Marc-André Roussel

Thank you to all who participated, to the Lafrances and to the volunteer organizers (Jocelyne Alain – registrations; Paul Gauthier – prizes; Colin Chesterman – weighing; Brian Le Conte – ordering trophies). And thanks to a member family who donated several trophies from previous years which we were able to recycle and so save on costs. Most were the old style with fisherman figurine. Unfortunately, over the years, our supplier has exhausted his stock of fish figurines and so, for next year, if members have previously enjoyed trophies with fish figurines they would like to recycle, please let Brian know so that we can have them updated and reduce costs. Until next year.....

Please note that we are looking for an organizer for the next tournament. Please contact Jocelyne Alain at the following email address: [jocelyne2855@gmail.com](mailto:jocelyne2855@gmail.com)

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# **Association du Lac Sinclair Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 10h00**

**Ste-Sophie d'Aldfield Community Centre**

## **1. Opening of the meeting and establishment of quorum.**

22 members were present including the following executive members: Jocelyne Alain, David Hallman, Luc Vézina, Craig Bater, Colin Chesterman, Kathryn Hill; Executive members Megan Farrell and Mark Farrell sent their regrets. Quorum was met, and the meeting was declared open.

## **2. Introduction of Executive Committee and guests**

The President introduced the Executive Committee members and also thanked other key volunteers: Yvon Prigent and Louise Bellefeuille, Roger Smith, Kevin Scott and Chantal Vaillancourt.

## **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

No comments or changes to the agenda; motion to approve made by Roger Smith; seconded by Joanne O'Byrne. Motion Carried

## **4. Adoption of the 25 June 2022 AGM minutes**

There were no comments on the Minutes of the June 25, 2022 AGM. Motion to approve made by Craig Bater; seconded by Brian Le Conte. Motion Carried

Follow-up action from 2022 AGM minutes: it was suggested the Association might find lower insurance by using the same one as the Municipality of La Pêche. This was investigated and the Association opted to keep BFL Canada as their insurer since the Municipality of La Pêche was considering changing to BFL Canada also. Hence no cost savings to be found.

## **5. Adoption of the Financial Report (Attached)**

Roger Smith was thanked for auditing the annual financial statement.

Craig Bater moved the acceptance of the final report; LoriAnn Girvan seconded. Motion Carried.

## **6. President's Report (see below).**

The President delivered her report as per the attached.

## **7. Information Session**

Special invited guests Jean-François Patry, Inspector of the Municipality of Low and Quentin Liautaud, Civil Engineering Technician- waterflow intervention component, MRC des Collines-de-L'Outaouais presented on proper water maintenance and the regulations that guide what is permitted and not permitted regarding protecting the lake's waterfront. Attendees asked a wide range of questions regarding restrictions, conditions, water levels, dams (note: they

confirmed that following a complaint and their review, that no man-made dams were found on the lake this Spring). They encouraged residents to contact them with any questions or concerns as we are all working together to protect the lake and ensure water quality is maintained.

## 8. Active Association Files

- Activities:
  - Jocelyne informed us that the Fishing Tournament is confirmed for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Details and registration information are posted on the website: [lacsinclair.ca](http://lacsinclair.ca)
  - The regatta is cancelled for 2023 as there are no volunteers available to organize it this year and the site is also not available.
  
- Water Testing and Buoys (Jocelyne delivered the report provided in advance by Mark Farrel):
  - First of two E.coli water sample tests were completed on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Same 25 test sites as always and reflected on the lake map which is on the website.
  - Highest measurement was 9 parts E.coli per 100ml of lake water. This is very low and of no concern. Water quality on this metric remains excellent and steady compared to previous years.
  - We will conduct the second E.coli tests on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - First of three provincial water tests will be done this Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Water is pulled at the same location in the centre of the largest bay. Samples will be pulled middle of July and August as well with results available in the fall newsletter.
  - 21 buoys are in place on the lake and have been since the Saturday of the long weekend in May. We have 3 spare buoys. All buoys are in very good condition so we will not need to purchase any new ones this year.
  - I'm going to put a request out on our Facebook page asking for donations of old boat bumpers that we can use to mark the chains in the fall. The smaller units we purchased two years ago sink and are difficult to locate in the spring. We'll have to purchase whatever number we don't get donated to reach a total of 21.
  - Kevin Scott performed the first Secchi disk tests on June 15 and will do so twice a month through to October. The Secchi disk test measures water transparency.
  - Chantal Vaillancourt has been measuring the water levels since early May weekly and will do so through to end of September.
  - Any buoys found floating in the lake should be dropped off on Mark's dock.
  
- Website and Facebook
  - Luc provided an update on the website: [lacsinclair.ca](http://lacsinclair.ca) and the Facebook group, noting that the Facebook group is very popular and active and that it is a good place to connect with neighbours and get updates on happenings around the lake. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/455917824786194> .

## **9. Other business:**

- Internet update:
  - Craig provided a brief update, confirming that there is still very little verified information available regarding the new internet/fibre cable options that should be available in the Fall. The cable is being installed/workers have been on the local roads since early Spring, but when it will be available/operational is unknown.

## **10. Election of new members of the Executive Committee for 2023-2024**

Craig Bater reminded everyone that as per the Association constitution, which sets out term limits of 2 consecutive terms of 2 years; Jocelyne has served above and beyond, and on behalf of everyone in the Association, he thanked her for her tremendous contributions, devotion and the many improvements she has implemented.

The Executive Committee will need a new member; there were no nominations at the meeting. Craig encouraged anyone that wished to volunteer to contact any member of the Executive Committee for more information.

The Executive Committee will address the election of a new president at its next meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11h00.

## **President's Report – 17 June 2023 AGM**

I was elected President of the Lac Sinclair Association in July 2017 so I have now completed 6 years as President and it has been a great honor for me. This said, I wish to inform you that it is time for me to step down, and I would like to thank you all for your support, encouragement and above all, your nice comments towards me and towards the Association for our work.

- We held two executive committee meetings: one on October 22, 2022 and the other on May 6, 2023.
- We have published two newsletters: the fall 2022 newsletter published in mid-December 2022 and the spring 2023 newsletter which will be published very soon this June 2023.
- We held one of the most successful fishing tournament and a fabulous regatta but unfortunately, mother nature did not allow us to hold our great winter activity. Let's hope winter 2024 will be more cooperative.
- We have made our usual grant applications to the Municipality of La Pêche to help us offset the expenses incurred during our various 2023-24 activities: The Fishing Tournament, The Regatta and our Winter Activities but unfortunately, we are no longer eligible to receive these grants because they are not open to the public of La Pêche.
- We will once again be carrying out various water quality tests such as: e-coli, phosphate, chlorophyll and organic dissolved carbon along with transparency tests this summer. The ABV des 7 tests measured the oxygen level three times last summer; results were excellent.

- The next meeting of lake associations is scheduled for September. The purpose of these annual get-togethers, now in our 5th year, is to share information, discuss common issues and find solutions. These meetings are very beneficial for all of us as we can learn from each other and bring information back to our respective associations.
- Again, remember that all of our work is done entirely on a voluntary basis; I would like to warmly thank all the volunteers for their invaluable contributions.

Jocelyne Alain,

President



Rapport financier annuel 2022 Annual Financial Report  
Association du Lac Sinclair

<u>Actif</u>	
Encaisse au 31 déc 2021	\$ 5,157.41
<u>Revenus - Revenues</u>	
Incriptions 2022 - Total	\$ 4,565.00
Subvention - Municipalité	\$ 2,058.42
Subvention - Provincial	\$ 0.00
Articles promotionnel	\$ 0.00
Commanditaires	\$ 1,110.00
Inscriptions pour activités	\$ 95.00
Autres (dons,remboursement,)	\$ 3.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,832.31</b>
<b>Total de l'actif</b>	<b>\$ 12,989.72</b>
<u>Passif</u>	
<u>Dépenses - Expenditures</u>	
Activités d'Hiver	\$ 200.00
Administration	\$ 97.65
Assemblée	\$ 190.00
Assurance responsabilité	\$ 512.18
Boîte postale	\$ 220.75
Enregistrement	\$ 137.00
Affiche	\$ 319.23
Environment	\$ 30.00
Maintenance Bouées	\$ 607.50
Papeterie	\$ 1,076.95
Régates	\$ 402.42
Bateau Lave Station	\$ 480.00
Test d'eau	\$ 1,844.62
Tournoi de pêche	\$ 327.13
Traduction	\$ 0.00
PayPal	\$ 101.80
Autre	\$ 0.00
<b>Total du passif</b>	<b>\$ 6,547.23</b>
<b>Sous-total</b>	<b>\$ 6,442.49</b>
<u>Recevable/Payables</u>	
Réserve	6,442.49
<b>Avoir Net</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

verifier: Roger Smith

27-05-2023



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**2024**  
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You can also join or renew your membership online by following this link:

<http://lacsinclair.ca/membership/membership.htm>

OR by e-transfer at [lacsinclairinfo@aol.com](mailto:lacsinclairinfo@aol.com)

Renewal: \_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address at Lac Sinclair: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Preference: English \_\_\_ Français \_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (How can the Association help you?)

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In what way might you be interested in assisting the Association as a volunteer? What type of activity would interest you? (Executive, Environment, Social activities, etc)

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