

S.L.A.C.A.R

Mission Statement

The South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents (SLACAR) is a volunteer community organization committed to representing the interests of the waterfront property owners and all those who have deeded access to the lake.

We are committed to promoting:

- The environmental protection and water quality of the lake
- Prudent use of our lake
- Appropriate land and shoreline development
- Affiliation with other organizations with similar interests
- Providing a forum for all members to voice and discuss common concerns and issues

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President's Message

We are now firmly in the end of the fall season. Winter is on the way! Many cottagers are closing up for the winter, while more and more residents, are staying year round. Please talk to your year-round neighbours and ask them to keep a watch on your place during winter if you are closed. That's what good neighbours are for!

If you have had people accessing your property during winter to get to the lake, consider posting **No Trespassing** signs to ensure you are not liable for their actions.

SLACAR's Annual General Meeting is in early June. The actual date and place to be confirmed in the Spring 2025 newsletter, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. (We are aiming for June 7th/2025).

Wishing you and yours a safe and enjoyable fall/winter season!

FROM YOUR SLACAR BOARD MEMBERS

Membership

All waterfront property owners and those with deeded access to South Lake are automatically eligible members of SLACAR, but only members that have paid the annual membership fee are eligible to vote.

We encourage all residents --- permanent and seasonal --- to join SLACAR

Your membership form for 2025 is attached. The annual fee is \$35.00

We need your support! Your interest and participation in SLACAR is vital to retaining and improving the quality of life you currently enjoy on South Lake.

New property owners are especially encouraged to join and become involved in the association.

Why you should be a S.L.A.C.A.R member

SLACAR has been around for many years (36+), and has a long history of working for our lake community. Much of our focus is on environmental issues, with the aim of maintaining and improving the overall quality of life on South Lake for now and for the generations to come.

We are organized to support: Environmental issues and the education of these, Lake Stewardship, Membership, Communication and Social Programs.

The following is a list of some of the things SLACAR has accomplished over the years:

Monitoring and advocating reasonable lake levels. This has included building a “beaver baffle” years ago and recently clearing and monitoring the dam --- all with the consent of the MNRF.

Monitoring the water quality of the lake through frequent sechi disc and temperature testing.

Participating in the Love Your Lake Program to conduct a shoreline evaluation of all properties on South Lake, to determine overall lake health and provide individuals with confidential information on how to help preserve our water quality.

We urge all property owners to please take a long look at your Love Your Lake shoreline assessment, and make **even small corrections** to start, to naturalize your shoreline. If everyone participates, our lake will appreciate it. Little by little, we can make South Lake a little better every year!

Why you should be a SLACAR member ~ Continued

Supporting the local community with charitable donations at different times in the past, to the following: Places For People, Minden Food Bank, Point in Time – Archie Stouffer Breakfast Club & Send a Kid to Camp, YMCA, Minden Riverwalk, Minden Library, Haliburton Land Trust, Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery and a local resident when his home was destroyed by fire.

Help a local author develop a South Lake history book.

Distributing bi-annual newsletters: focusing on environmental concerns and current issues affecting property owners.

Social events: Annual non-motorized poker run for all ages, South Lake Mystery Snail removal etc..

Conducting an Annual General Meeting: to provide members with up to date information regarding current issues, financial information and inviting guest speakers to discuss informative and pertinent issues.

We work with and support other groups: including The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) and The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) and participate in various Stewardship workshops.

Reminder: Fires are now only permitted between 7pm and 7am. No permits outside of these hours are available any more.

We do our best to keep to keep our members informed and up to date, on happenings on and around the lake we all love!

Annual General Meeting

Early June 2025 ----- 10 a.m. Coffee beginning at 9:30am

Location ---- To Be Announced in Spring Newsletter

GUEST SPEAKERS: We are currently in the process of lining up a couple of guest speakers. More on this in our spring newsletter.

Paul Prentice will have an update on our water quality as well as the status of Eurasian Milfoil in South Lake.

Important dates 2024:

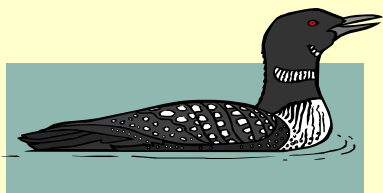
Saturday June 14th – Mystery Snail removal. Please use 2 clear garbage bags (double-bag them) and put them at the end of your driveway. **All paid SLACAR members** are eligible to have them picked up by SLACAR volunteers. If some bags are accidentally missed, then you will need to take them to the dump yourself. We cannot totally get rid of this invader, but we can at least reduce its' numbers!

Saturday July 19th, 10am to 12pm – non-motorized Poker Run and annual food drive. Open to all and can include guests as well in 2025! More information will be available at the AGM.

We are looking to provide updates on STR's (short term rentals), the state of fire permits, cottage succession plans with potentially a guest speaker among other topics.

We are looking for new board members. It's not a lot of your time, but acquiring new members brings new ideas. Please consider offering to serve on the Slacar board.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT SLACAR'S WEB- SITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION --- www.slacar.ca



2025 SLACAR MEMBERSHIP DUES
\$35.00

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Cottage or Cell: () _____

South Lake Civic Address: **Same as above or:** _____

_____ (e.g. 1111 Hospitality Road)

Email Address: _____

Dues: \$ _____

Lake Management: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Cheques payable to "SLACAR"

Mail or deliver to 1049 Whispering Pines Trail, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

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