

S.L.A.C.A.R



Mission Statement

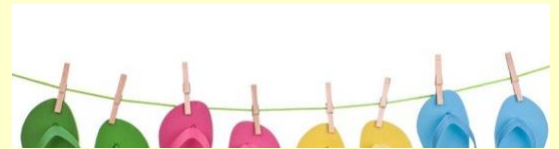
The South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents (SLACAR) is a volunteer community organization committed to representing the interests of the waterfront property owners and all those who have deeded access to the lake.

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

After what seemed like a winter that would not begin or end, spring has finally arrived. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter season. Now that the weather is changing, our thoughts turn to South Lake and the projects and activities that spring/summer entail.

It's comforting to know that our lake is healthy --- TODAY. It is up to us to keep it that way! As your executive we continue to monitor issues to ensure South Lake remains a safe, sustainable waterfront community.

SLACAR's Annual General Meeting is on Saturday, June 7th, 10 am, at the Highland Hills United Church, located at 21 Newcastle St. Minden, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Coffee begins at 9:30am!

Wishing you and yours a safe and enjoyable spring/summer season.

Membership

All waterfront property owners and those with deeded access to South Lake are automatically 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

We are looking for new members for the SLACAR board! Please inquire.

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 (37+), 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, among other tests.

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 water quality 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 a bi-annual newsletter: 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.

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!

2025 Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th ----- 10 a.m. Coffee beginning at 9:30am

Location ---- Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Minden

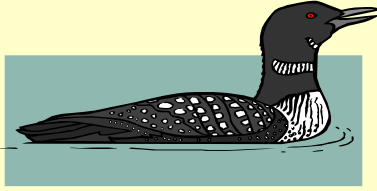
GUEST SPEAKERS: To be announced

Paul Prentice with an update on “Mystery Snails” and Eurasian watermilfoil. Both of these problems have been brought in most likely by boats coming in from other lakes and not being cleaned properly before launching into South Lake! We must be more vigilant in future and what to do if you are boating in another body of water before launching your boat. The milfoil is getting worse and spreading. Paul will provide a further update on this at the AGM.

Important dates 2025:

Sunday June 29th, and again Sunday August 3rd– Mystery Snail removal. Please use 2 clear garbage bags (double-bag them) and put them at the end of your driveway on Hamilton Rd., Hospitality Rd. and Kendrick Creek Rd. only. **All SLACAR members** are eligible to have them picked up by SLACAR volunteers. Please have bags ready by 1 p.m. If something is 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! More information will be available at the AGM.

Saturday July 19th, 10am to 12pm – non-motorized Poker Run and annual food drive now open to everyone. A donation for the Minden Food bank is appreciated! More information will be available at the AGM.



**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

You may now pay your membership dues using Interac e-Transfer. If you already bank online, e-Transfer is an easy and quick way to make your payment. To make an Interac e-Transfer, log in to your online banking, locate interac e-transfer, fill in the interac e-transfer information – **RECIPIENT'S email address:** slacarexec@gmail.com. It is set to auto-deposit so no password is needed. Please make sure you put your name and lot number on the deposit.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT SLACAR'S WEB- SITE FOR UPDATED
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