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## **BBLCA Virtual Annual General Meeting Sunday, October 15, 2021**

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## President's Report

2020/2021 continued to be another challenging year while dealing with a pandemic but unlike last year we were able to accomplish quite a bit while practicing the appropriate COVID-19 protocols.

The board of directors has not met in person since COVID-19 began but we do continue to communicate through email as required. If you would like to join the board we are looking for two new members.

### ENVIRONMENTAL:

#### WATER TESTING:

I would like to thank Rich Corbin & John Boyce for continuing to test our water, please refer below to Rich's and John's reports.

#### INVASIVE PLANTS:

We would like to form a committee to work with the local authorities in dealing with Starry Stonewort. Our Cottage Association has the funds to help finance whatever needs to be done, whether that is the eradication of this invasive plant (if possible) or an education program, BUT we require someone to spearhead the project. If you are interested in sitting on this committee or chairing it please let us know. We've been able to identify many locations in Big Bald Lake, Catalina Bay is unfortunately full of it. I would like to thank Nancy Boyce on all the articles in our recent newsletters that she compiled including the idea to create the map of locations where it's been sighted.

#### GYPSY MOTHS:

June into July was a nightmare for many with the never ending infestation of caterpillars eating everywhere. The oaks and birch all came back but many pine trees may have been killed from having their entire foliage removed. It made living on the lake most uncomfortable for about 6 weeks as you couldn't sit out because the chewing was so off-putting not to mention the caterpillar poop that got everywhere and stained everything. 2022 will see the return of the caterpillars so please speak with your neighbours regarding spraying, try to scrape the eggs off before they hatch and lets hope they aren't as bad next year.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

We started to collect them again this year after giving everyone a year off last fiscal year. Please see Nancy's report below regarding this. I would like to thank Nancy who continues to run our website, organize our membership and on line directory.

#### DIRECTORY:

With the distribution of the welcome baskets we are officially out of printed directories. Directories are often out of date the moment we receive them as so many cottages change hands every year. Therefore I am proposing that we stop printing directories and just use the online locked PDFs which Nancy keeps up to date.

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

We continue to be financially independent with the sourcing of donations and the selling of advertising. Membership dues will continue to be only \$35.00 a year that pays for our insurance, FOCA membership, website, water testing and social committee items not donated. See Tabatha's report below.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We require a social committee director, duties include working with the social committee, building and distributing welcome baskets, helping if available with hosts of current planned annual events and potentially hosting a new event should they wish to but it's not necessary, sourcing prizes for contests.

Looking for volunteers for the social committee or for specific events. Also looking for individual to take over coordinating the kayak water polo games. I failed to get this happening this year.

## 2020/21 EVENTS

The Witches of Philrick gathered to have a safe socially distanced walk on Halloween. And we'll be gathering again this year, time dependent on the weather forecast, stay informed by following our Facebook page or checking the website.

2020 Santa Claus Parade was cancelled due to the lockdown last December but we are optimistic to host one again this year on Sunday December 26, 2021.

In lieu of the Winter Carnival we hosted a scavenger hunt allowing people a month to walk the lake a find the items in the photos. Dean & Tracy won a great gift basket with donations from The Bobcaygeon Brewing Company, Garden of Eden, Cottage Country Connections, Sues Flanagan Creates, Barb Knill and the Boyce's. The lake was a fabulous place to walk on because Matt Logan continued to groom a pathway that we were able to enjoy throughout the season.

2022 we are optimistic to host the winter carnival again on the Family Day long weekend. Tabatha & Theresa have volunteered to host. Get your Chili recipes mastered for an outdoor event.

NEW: Canada Day Week Capture the Flag scavenger hunt was unfortunately mostly rained out but we are grateful to Huck's for the \$75.00 gift certificate to our winners Monika & Trevor. And thanks to our MPP Dave Smith for the donation of two flags.

Arr'some Pirate Regatta was a huge success with 8 locations and over 50 participants. Depending on what the summer of 2022 brings us we will definitely host another water event again and if possible land events too. Lots of people donated and there is a complete list on our website of all items donated.

Outdoor Movie Night has been taken over completely by Michelle & Drew. They chose the children's movie which played on a television and then the main event played on the big screen. I unfortunately missed it but I heard good things about it.

## 2020/21 CONTESTS

We added a lot more contests in 2021 thanks to donations from many individuals.

We continued with our Beaver Dunk contest, and added many other contests thanks to the very generous donations of many individuals. We had an Earth Day Road clean up draw, a natural plant draw, Easter Draw, a Pet Photo draw, Mother's Day draw, Recipe Contest draw and lately a monthly hoodie draw which we will continue until we run out. We gave away a prize this past week to celebrate having over 600 Likes on the BBLCA Facebook page.

## WELCOME BASKETS

We sourced items for 30 Welcome Baskets that volunteers are delivering this month. If you are new since 2019 and haven't received your Welcome Basket by the end of October please reach out as we may have missed you.

## NEW: GARMENTS

I have wanted to create printed garments for several years now and I am thrilled it finally came to fruition. It was a lot more work than I anticipated with offering so many colour choices but that allowed everyone to hopefully get the garment of their choice. Because it was such a great success we were able to order extra hoodies for monthly draws. We then had many requests for Little Bald Lake garments so we offered them again in black only this time. And with the profits we were able to get 3 more hoodies for future prizes.

T-shirts costs Tax Included were \$20.00 each and we broke even on them

Hoodies costs Tax Included were \$35.00 each and we charged \$40.00 which enabled us to cover the set up costs and give us extra funds to purchase the prizes.

Sue Flanagan

President and Acting Social Committee Chair

October 15, 2021

## Treasurer Report

We have received quite a few new advertisers who are listed on our website. We encourage you to support companies that support us.

We also supported local with donations to The Buckhorn Community Centre, the Chamber of Commerce, the Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association, and District Lions Club.

Tabatha Dean  
October 15, 2021

2020/21 Year-End Financials follow

## BBLCA 2020/21 Year-End Financials

<b>General Operating Fund</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Beginning Balance	\$15,502.48	15,688.18	13,820.29
2018/19 Memberships			2,685.00
2019/20 Memberships			2,135.00
2020/21 Memberships			1,675.00
2021/22 Memberships	455.00	1,635.26	715.00
2022/23 Memberships	210.00	1,045.00	
2023/24 Memberships	40.00	90.00	
Raffles, Donations, Bank	367.33		1,500.00
Clothing	4,340.00		
Directories			
Advertising Revenue	\$ 210.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,124.81</b>	<b>\$ 18,458.44</b>	<b>\$ 22,530.29</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
FOCA Membership	125.00		545.00
FOCA on line fees	0.00		
Website Hosting/Security	287.76		159.98
Website Domain/Hosting/Security	22.59	199.98	191.76
AGM 2019		146.59	94.32
Insurance 2019		1,058.27	
Water Testing	350.00	350.00	350.00
Supplies 2019			19.11
Donations	625.00		450.00
Recycle Bags Cleanup			14.67
Regatta Shirts 2018			2,462.94
Regatta Supplies 2019		574.96	606.95
Regatta	244.99		
Movie Nite 2018			237.61
Welcome Baskets	413.46		371.16
Welcome Baskets			502.27
Turtle Crossing Signs			78.00
Photo Contest 2018			18.49
Nature Walk			41.91
Facebook Contest			18.70
Winter Carnival - Chili		200.23	438.99
Prizes Various	350.00		220.00
BCC Dinner Theatre & Dance		275.00	
Rock the Locks		100.00	
Sponsorship TY Cards-Choco		49.43	20.25
Sweatshirts	4,224.74		
Misc		1.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,643.54</b>	<b>\$ 2,955.96</b>	<b>\$ 6,842.11</b>
<b>Total BBLCA Assets</b>	<b>\$14,457.13</b>	<b>\$15,502.48</b>	<b>\$ 15,688.18</b>

**As of June 30, 2021    As of June 30, 2020    As of June 30, 2019**

## **2020 AGM Minutes**

Minutes for 2020 were included in their entirety. Please refer to the Minutes as posted to the Documents page on the BBLCA website.

## **Board of Directors**

The list of board members, which takes effect on Monday, October 25, 2021 was noted.

Board of Directors

President: Sue Flanagan

Treasurer: Tabatha Dean (acclaimed for 2 year term)

Social Director: Vacant (Sue Flanagan - acting)

Environment Director: Rich Corbin

Secretary: Brenda Thomas (acclaimed for 2 year term)

Director: vacant

Social Committee Director: vacant

## **Voting and Input**

Residents were given a link to a Google form which also requested input.

APPROVALS: of Financial Statements, Minutes and Board Members

COMMENTS: Do you have comments or questions about the material as presented?

VOLUNTEERING: I am interested in volunteering for the following:

EVENTS: List existing or new events that you would be interested in participating in.

HOSTING EVENT: If you're interested in hosting an event, briefly describe your idea.

DONATION: Would you like to donate a prize for future contests?

NEWSLETTER: What topics would you liked covered in the newsletters?

What are we doing well?

What can we do better?

## **Membership Report**

We currently have 130 members.

My goal is always 140 members. It's reasonable to think we'll have 135 members by the end of this calendar year.

We have 257 households (approx. 51% are members). We had 119 members in 2017; 118 in 2018 and 132 in 2019. We did not collect membership in 2020.

Almost 40% of members paid by e-transfer. That's up 8% over a couple of years ago. That has saved us money because the association did not incur any cost and the money went directly into our bank account. FOCA has discontinued their payment option for our members. We are no longer accepting cash because of the pandemic, but we accept cheques and payment by PayPal. We pay an administration fee for PayPal, but feel it's important to offer options.

I believe that having such a variety of events and contests and opening them up to everyone regardless of membership status, has allowed us to reach more people all over the lake and has resulted in a healthy membership total.

Nancy Boyce  
October 15, 2021

## Environmental Report

E.coli and Phosphorus testing are complete. Please see the results below.

Additionally, we are looking for someone to investigate starry stonewort, an invasive species in some of our bays, especially in Catalina Bay.

Rich Corbin  
October 15, 2021

## BIG BALD LAKE e-COLI RESULTS- 2021

Location5	05-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	03-Aug	16-Aug	07-Sep	Average
10. Saunders Bay	10	9	18	15	0	3	9.17
1. Catalina Bay	42	25	18	12	4	7	18.00
3. Jump Rock	9	10	7	3	5	14	8.00
9. Big Bald Narrows	16	11	5	0	2	1	5.83
12. Philrick Bay	2	4	3	1	0	1	1.83

### Phosphorus & Secchi Depth (Water Clarity)

Phosphorus testing is complete for 2021, but results will not be available until spring 2022. Phosphorus testing was not done in 2020, because the labs were not accepting non-essential tests.

Secchi Depth testing was also done. This indicates how clear the water is. The depths listed below are how deep the disk can be seen. Testing is done mid-lake. Conditions and temperature are noted.

Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity				
Date	Time	Depth -Metres	Conditions	Water Temperature
Oct 6	10:50	3.3	Calm	63°F
Sept 10	11:00	3.7	Calm	71°F
Aug 16	14:00	2.6	Windy	77°F
July 20	11:00	3.5	Calm/Hazy	78°F
June 28	13.30	4.9	Windy	80°F
May 27	10:30	3.1	Windy	70°F

John Boyce  
October 15, 2021