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WANTED: New Board Members with  
fresh ideas and or computer skills.

## 2022 Annual General Meeting

### Your 2023-24 Board of Directors

**President:** Sue Flanagan (1 year remaining in her term)

**Vice President:** Nancy Boyce (1 year remaining in her term,  
will finish term as Membership Coordinator)

**Treasurer:** Tabatha Dean (Standing for 2 year term)

**Environmental Director:** Lucianna Adragna (1 year remaining in her term)

**Secretary Director:** Brenda Thomas (Standing for 2 year term)

**Social Director:** Vacant

**Director:** Vacant

### Voting

You will be asked to vote on the following:

- Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes
- Approval of 2022-23 Financial Statements
- Election of Board Members

[Link to 2021 AGM Minutes](#)

[President Report](#)

and we had to do a governance webinar recently and I learned that a board member is at their prime for the first 2-6 years, and that they lose interest and inspiration for every year afterwards maxing out at 9 years as they become complacent.

I can honestly say I have become complacent, which is obvious in the lateness of this AGM. I absolutely loved creating the annual regatta that I had been planning in my head since my kids went to one at our old cottage. I have accomplished everything I set out to do on the board, creating the monthly newsletter, getting people to meet each other on the lake, etc. BUT It's time for some fresh ideas. We will be looking for a new nominating committee this year to find a replacement by next September.

I will, however continue to be Admiral Sue at the regatta for a while longer as I am still fairly passionate about that event, plus I have been trying unsuccessfully to replace myself in that capacity since I became the president.

***So please give me a wave if you are interested in joining the board or the nominating committee.***

**Thank you** to all the board members who help run this organization on a volunteer basis, special mention to:

**Nancy Boyce**, our Vice President, who has continually worked tirelessly on all aspects for the association. Nancy manages our website, keeping it current and we are very proud of said website. Additionally Nancy does everything membership wise, including membership renewals and the on line directory, plus so much more.

**Tabatha Dean**, our Treasurer has delivered financials for the last 3 years now and secured and worked with our auditor this year.

**Lucianna Adragna**, our environmental board member who sits on the Starry Stonewort committee, writes articles for our monthly newsletter and votes on issues.

**Brenda Thomas** for taking our minutes and voting on issues

My duties have continued to include the monthly emails that Nancy and others have also taken an active role in, keeping you posted on what we're working on, what's happening in the neighbourhood and green news. I am very proud of

I share Facebook duties with Nancy, posting any and all local activities that we feel people could be interested in, additionally I took over our Instagram account this summer in time for the regatta.

I have continued to wear both hats of president and social director BUT certain social events have been taken over by others, I want to thank:

**Michelle and Drew Heming** for their ownership of the outdoor movie night for the last two years. This year's featured movies were Missing Link and Super Mario Bros.

Tabatha Dean and Theresa Kowall who have taken ownership of the winter carnival, with skating at Randy and Ria's.

I will continue to organize the regatta for at least the next two years as I speculate this could be the reason we haven't had anyone step up to take over as the social director.

This year's regatta was a huge success with 12 locations and multiple people donating prizes. We had three locations with challenges and we'd like to have even more next year. We ended at the Heming's where we had a hotdog bbq, ice cream bars, cookie awards and the much loved donut eating contest. We had lots of business and individual sponsors and raised: \$3,000 towards the t-shirts and had extra that allowed us to have all the extra treats at the last location. We hope to expand next year with potentially a couple more challenges at the end. Special thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who make this event possible.

We need someone to either step up as the social director or to step up to take over some of the responsibilities, i.e., *someone to take over the welcome baskets, etc.*

Special thanks to Rich Corbin, former board member who continues the water testing and John Boyce who does the phosphorus testing.

Sue Flanagan  
sue.bblca@gmail.com

## Treasurer Report

I worked with an auditor to review how we do our financials and to provide direction to ensure we are transparent with all of our members. Hopefully you find the financials easier to read.

If you have not paid this year, please consider supporting your community by paying for a membership or take time to volunteer with us!

If you are looking for a cost effective way to advertise, please consider choosing Big Bald Lake Cottagers' Association. We also thank all of our members who support our advertisers. Cost is \$40.00 for the first ad and \$15.00 for additional ads in the same calendar year.

Hope to see you all at our next event.

Tabatha Dean

Click on the image below if you would like to see a larger version as a PDF which is posted to our website.

## 2022/23 Year-End Financials

June 30, 2023

General Operating Fund	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
Beginning Balance	15,296.64	14,457.13	\$15,502.48	15,688.18
Membership fees collected	5,191.07	2,830.83	705.00	2,770.26
Raffles, Donations, sponsors	2,939.78	599.38	367.33	
Clothing		1,678.43	4,340.00	
Advertising Revenue	\$ 565.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 210.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,992.49</b>	<b>\$ 19,885.77</b>	<b>\$ 21,124.81</b>	<b>\$ 18,458.44</b>

Expenditures	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
BBLCA Clothing		\$ 1,449.90	\$ 4,224.74	
Prizes/contests	\$ 650.34	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
Welcome baskets	\$ 42.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 413.46	
BBLCA Expenses (email, insurance, foca, and website)	\$ 2,559.45	\$ 1,653.63	\$ 435.35	\$ 1,403.34
Community Sponsorship	\$ 350.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 424.43
Activities	\$ 327.43	\$ 210.60	\$ 244.99	\$ 775.19
Water Testing		\$ 450.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,979.22</b>	<b>\$ 4,589.13</b>	<b>\$ 6,667.68</b>	<b>\$ 2,952.96</b>

<b>Total BBLCA Assets</b>	<b>\$20,013.27</b>	<b>\$15,296.64</b>	<b>\$14,457.13</b>	<b>\$15,502.48</b>
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As of June 30, 2023

As of June 30, 2022

As of June 30, 2021

As of June 30, 2020

Vote on Minutes, Financials, Board Members as presented

**Voting deadline is Saturday, November 11, 2023**

## Membership Report

As of October 21st we have 100 members. Our numbers are down considerably because I sent out renewals late. If you're not sure if you've paid, just ask. If we receive payment and you've already paid, I'll apply the payment to subsequent fiscal years.

**We are keeping membership fees low through advertising.** Sue and I will be approaching potential advertisers in November about 2024 advertising as it makes sense for advertisers to place an ad with us early in the year and take advantage of repeat ads for \$15 in the same calendar year. Initial ads are \$40. This includes advertising on our home page, advertising page, newsletters and Facebook.

We appreciate that the majority of members paid their fees by e-transfer. These payments were automatically deposited into our bank account and did not result in any cost to the association. We continue to accept payment by cheque and PayPal because it is important to offer convenient options. Multiple year renewals reduce our administrative time and normally result in no lapse in membership. If you pay by e-transfer, please be sure to include your local address under the comments.

### **\$35 per year or \$100 for 3 years (\$5 savings)**

If you haven't already done so, please check the **directories** that I've posted to the website Membership page to ensure your information is correct. Please contact us at [info@bblca.ca](mailto:info@bblca.ca) if you don't have the password. I cannot put the password in this notice as all our newsletters get automatically published to the internet and can be accessed through our home page.

[Directory by Road Name](#)

[Directory by Last Name](#)

**Are you interested in taking over the Membership Coordinator position?** I looked after membership during my first 4 years on the lake and then again the past 12 years since retiring. I cannot step down until someone is fully trained and I do not plan to do this much longer, so please let us know if you can help out in this position or in one of the other roles needed to keep the association

## Website

I recreated the BBLCA website in 2014 and have been maintaining it since then. Website costs are for the bblca.ca domain name, hosting on the internet and for a security certificate to keep us protected from malware. There have been absolutely no costs associated with the recreation and maintenance as I work in Notepad and volunteer my time.

**Are you interested in maintaining the website?** We will eventually have to pay for this service without a volunteer. Even with a volunteer, we may have to pay for software. From what I've observed, cottage associations who have to pay for maintenance do not have sites that are kept current due to the cost.

**Volunteers do not have to be board members.**

Nancy Boyce

## Membership Payment Page

## Enviromental Report

Click on the image below if you would like to see a larger version on our website.

## BIG BALD LAKE e-COLI RESULTS - 2023

Location	04-Jul	17-Jul	10-Aug	21-Aug	06-Sep	Average
10. Saunders Bay	2	14	14	8	1	7.80
1. Catalina Bay	8	12	6	8	0	6.80
3. Jump Rock	1	16	14	1	7	7.80
9. Big Bald Narrows	4	4	1	4	4	3.40
12. Philrick Bay	1	1	0	1	0	0.60

Phosphorus results for 2022 and 2023 are not yet available on the Ontario government's Lake Partner Program site yet. Supplies for 2022 were received from the ministry mid summer, so we will only have 2022 results for August to October. Testing was done for the full season, May to October, 2023.

<b>Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity - 2023</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Depth – Metres</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Water Temperature</b>
Oct 17	10:00 am	5.2	Sunny/Calm	54°F
Sept 27	1:30 pm	2.7	Sunny/Windy	66°F
Aug 31	1:30 pm	2.8	Sunny/Calm	72°F
July 25	11:00 am	3.0	Hazy/Calm	77°F
June 29	1:00 pm	2.7	Hazy/Calm	75°F
May 26	9:40 am	4.1	Sunny/Calm	63°F

## Green Updates

Our eColi results continue to be well within the government limit (100 cfu/100ml) and well within our self-imposed limit of 50 cfu/100ml. Thank you to Rich Corbin for continuing to conduct the regular testing of our lake.

Starry Stonewort continues to be an issue through 2023, with some spread observed outside of Catalina Bay. In the spring, we shared some information for boaters on how to help prevent spread, and will do so again when we approach boating season. Unfortunately, there are no known effective biological or chemical control agents. Some residents have tried manual removal, but we must stress that this must be done carefully – abundant bulbs can disperse and cause further spread. The focus is on education and spread prevention (e.g. clearly mark areas of infestation, actively promote “Clean, Drain and Dry” practices to prevent spread to other areas). We continue to monitor any new developments in the management of this invasive species.

Lucianna Adragna

## Social Committee Report

What a great year we had on the lake. We had many great events, contests and draws throughout the year. We have the best community and the best volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming the social director please let me know.

*contact me sue.bblca@gmail.com*

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**Witches of Philrick Walk:** Saturday, October 28th, (so weekend warriors can attend), dress as a witch and walk Saunders at approximately 2pm, time to be confirmed based on weather forecast.

**Road Clean Up and Witch Birdhouse Draw:** come to an end of October 31

**BCC Festival of Trees:** We are once again accepting homemade ornaments for our tree we enter, this year's theme is woodland animals with buffalo plaid. We are decorating the tree on November 15th, so need contributions in advance.

**Santa Claus Parade:** Canceled for the last three years, we are optimistic that Sunday **December 30** will be a go ahead, dress up your vehicle, yourselves your dogs and walk the Philrick area and back to the Flanagan's for hot chocolate and bonfire to warm by.

**Winter Carnival:** This event will be hosted again by Tabatha and Will with skating at Randy and Ria's. Next event will be **Sunday February 18, 2024**

**Arr'some Pirate Regatta:** This event will be on **Sunday August 4, 2024**. Similar plans to this year, we will be looking for sponsors again next year.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** This event will be **Saturday August 31, 2024**. Thanks again Michelle and Drew for not only hosting but completely organizing it.

### **2023-24 Draws:**

**Beaver Dunk Contest:** once again we will be guessing when the beaver takes a dunk in the lake, the winner receives a \$100 gift certificate to any local Buckhorn business of their choice.

There are currently no other contests or draws so please give us a wave if you have an idea or something to donate or if you want to sponsor a draw.

Sue Flanagan





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