

## President's Report

It has been a privilege to serve on the board for the past 10 years. I have accomplished what I set out to do including creating the annual regatta, newsletters and getting people to meet each other on the lake, and much more.

I want to thank the following volunteers: Nancy Boyce, Vice President, for managing the website and membership and brainstorming with me on everything; Tabatha Dean, our Treasurer for delivering financials for the last 4 years; for Lucianna Adragna, who writes environmental articles for our monthly newsletter; and Brenda Thomas for taking board minutes and for Ria Whatman for joining our board and taking over membership from Nancy.

I also want to express a special thanks to Rich Corbin, former board member who continues to do water testing and John Boyce who does the phosphorus testing.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who hosts and helps out with the social events hosted on the lake each year.

I will now be considered the past president and will be called on to help the new president and other board members with my 10 years of experience as they settle into their new roles.

Because Nancy and I are both stepping down we had to make some adjustments so someone would step up. Additionally we wanted to leave a clean house for our new board members so we did some housekeeping.

### Adjustments and Accomplishments

- **Streamlining**, This year we reduced the number of newsletters to quarterly to try to encourage someone to take over from us, Nancy and I wrote all the newsletters with help from Lucianna. We eliminated all the extra contests, sponsorship and paid advertising as the website had to be updated after every newsletter and it was very labour intensive.
- **Website**, We decided to outsource the website, as we tried to get someone to volunteer to take it over without success. We have a \$500/year budget in place and if any additional expenses are required the board will vote on that. The website will only be updated when events are happening. Nancy streamlined the website, so everything is down to 4 pages, it still has lots of the same great resources but on fewer pages and all the sponsors and links have been removed.

- **ONCA (Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act) bylaws**, we are voting today to pass our ONCA compliant bylaws. As a not for profit the bylaws are a new requirement and Nancy, our vice president chaired this committee and ensured we were legally compliant with the new regulations which must be in place by October 18, 2024. Once this AGM is over, the minutes will be written and sent with the new board members information to the lawyer we have been working with, then the bylaws and a list of the board of directors will be sent to the Provincial Government. On going, everytime we change board members we will need to send updates to the Government. This can be done through the lawyer for a cost, or my the president directly.
- **Documents**, Additionally, Tabatha went through the financial statements and Nancy went through all the other old paperwork that we have been storing and we have reduced it to a reasonable folder size. We are required to keep the board and AGM minutes since incorporation therefore all old minutes are being scanned and will be uploaded to our google drive, another ONCA requirement.
- **Communication**, During Covid times we had to make adjustments as a board as to how we communicate. I turned to google drive and created a Folder that all board members have access to. I will be removing myself a month after the new president has settled in. In this folder we have our financial records, our minutes, our directory, etc. We have found using shared documents we can easily work together without having to meet together. Although we started having in person board meetings again in 2024. Additionally we have a Facebook messenger group chat where we can make decisions quickly on issues such as sponsoring the BCC events, etc. It's been very effective and is in real time.

***Sue Flanagan***

***President of the BBLCA***

## **Social Director Report**

It has been a privilege to help create almost all the events on the lake.

Witches Walk was another fun day for the grownups to dress up and laugh together.

Flanagan's have been hosting the Santa Claus Parade for many years now, we were happy to host again last year.

The Winter Carnival aka Chili Contest had a bit of a twist this year with soups being entered.

The St. Patrick's Day walk had a smaller turn out as the weather wasn't great but still a good excuse to gather and wear green

Regatta had 70 kids sign up and over 60 start the regatta with almost all going to all locations. Once again the donut eating contest was a huge success. I will continue to organize this event until someone is willing to take it over. We did not seek sponsorship for the costs associated with this event and it is the board's intention to continue this event without sponsors for as long as we can financially justify it. Previously we raised more money than the event cost so we are okay financially for a few years. We never want to charge for this event so all children can participate, the biggest expense financially and also very labour intensive are the t-shirts, therefore one day, they may have to be phased out.

Movie night was another great evening with lots of laughter and kids having a great time together.

We only had one contest this year, our annual beaver dunk contest. We are doing fewer contests and newsletters because we don't have the volunteers to continue them monthly. Should anyone wish to take over or help with this part please speak to the ongoing board.

***Sue Flanagan***

***President of the BBLCA***

## Treasurer's Report

Tabatha Dean prepared the Financial Statements for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The financials this year were done with the recommendations from our auditor. Our board decided to exit FOCA this year as we did not see the value of the expense. FOCA use to collect membership fees for us and no longer provides this service. The majority of our clients now pay through e-transfer and a few by cheque. With the limited volunteers on our board we have tried to streamline our roles. In years previous we collected revenue for advertising and sponsorship of the Regatta. This year we choose not to do this as it made more work for many of the board members and we wanted to reduce the commitment to enlist new volunteers to our board. In the future, we hope to bring this back.

Tabatha Dean

2023/2024 Year-End Financials				
June 30, 2023				
General Operating Fund	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	
Beginning Balance	20,013.27	15,296.64	15,502.48	
Membership fees collected	4,326.71	5,191.07	2,830.83	
Raffles, Donations, sponsors	895.05	2,939.78	599.38	
Clothing			1,678.43	
Advertising Revenue		\$ 565.00	\$ 320.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,235.03</b>	<b>\$ 23,992.49</b>	<b>\$ 19,885.77</b>	
Expenditures	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	
BBLCA Clothing			\$ 1,449.90	
Prizes/contests		\$ 650.34	\$ 350.00	
Welcome baskets	\$ 41.87	\$ 42.00	\$ 250.00	
BBLCA Expenses (email, insurance, water, prizes and website)	\$ 2,072.42	\$ 2,559.45	\$ 1,653.63	
Community Sponsorship	\$ 293.25	\$ 350.00	\$ 225.00	
Activities	\$ 2,945.61	\$ 327.43	\$ 210.60	
			\$ 450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,353.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,979.22</b>	<b>\$ 4,589.13</b>	
<b>Total BBLCA Assets</b>	<b>\$19,881.88</b>	<b>\$20,013.27</b>	<b>\$15,296.64</b>	

## Membership Report

Welcome to Ria Whatman, our new Membership Coordinator. Ria took over from Nancy Boyce. Ria is meticulous, which is very important and appreciated. It is a critical role for our association as membership is our primary source of income.

As of September 18<sup>th</sup>, we had 106 members, which is slightly more than where we were last year at this time. We made it up to 123 members in 2023.

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)

We will be posting updated directories to the Membership page after the AGM. Please ensure your information is correct. The password is: bblca123Dir. If you forget the password, then email [info@bblca.ca](mailto:info@bblca.ca).

## BIG BALD LAKE e-COLI RESULTS- 2024

Location	02-Jul	15-Jul	06-Aug	19-Aug	03-Sep	Average
10. Saunders Bay	7	7	0	35	21	14.00
1. Catalina Bay	3	12	20	12	2	9.80
3. Jump Rock	2	3	3	44	1	10.60
9. Big Bald Narrows	2	1	2	6	0	2.20
12. Philrick Bay	1	2	0	113	1	23.40

Philrick Bay Retest – 08/23 1,0,0

From Rich Corbin, E.coli water tester: You will note that on Monday August 19th, we had very high readings at all sites. In my years of testing, I have never seen consistently high E.coli readings across the board. I asked our KLSA Coordinator whether other lake associations had also seen similar high readings and he confirmed that they did. I believe that this can be attributed to the unusual amount of rain that we had in the days prior to testing. Heavy rains can cause turbidity in the surface water, excessive runoff from nearby lots and possible leaching from older or damaged septic systems. The retest samples taken on Friday the 23rd yielded our expected negligible E.coli levels.

Lake	Date	P (µg/L)	Ca mg/L	Cl mg/L	Secchi Depth (m)
BIG BALD LAKE	28Aug22	12.2	37.8	22.3	1.9
BIG BALD LAKE	30Sep22	10.7	34.5	21.9	3.1
BIG BALD LAKE	24Oct22	9.7	36.6	22.1	5.2

## 2024/2023 Secchi Depth Testing Results

Secchi Depth testing indicates how clear the water is.

The depths listed below are how deep the disk can be seen.

<b>Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity - 2024</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Depth – Metres</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Water Temperature</b>
Oct				
Sept 26	10:00 am	5.2	Sunny/Breezy	66°F
Aug 26	1:15 pm	3.5	Sunny/Calm	74°F
July 26	10:15 am	2.3	Sunny/Breezy	75°F
June 28	11:00 am	3.4	Slightly Choppy	71°F
May 26	10:30 am	4.2	Sunny/Calm	70°F

<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

