



BIG BALD LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: September 27 2014

Opening Statement:

Interim President: Kim Letto

Welcome new and old members! It's been a great year for BBLCA growth and expansion and that is much to do with Nancy Boyce and her dedication and drive, she is like a dog with a bone. We didn't know what we were getting ourselves in for by soliciting her to become more involved, now she is our membership champion and all around slave driver. We now have a pretty small but solid foundation of board members from which we hope to build a stronger and more effective association, engaging more cottage owners by offering more of what they want to hear and see and do on the lake. While a cottage association is fundamentally intended to inform and investigate and report on mainly municipal and environmental concerns that many cottage owners may be peripherally aware of, we hope to proceed with these core goals, but in the meantime provide more social and community interaction to help make your experience more enjoyable and memorable. This is an environment where you really should know your neighbours, after all when you're away who better to keep you informed of any issues that may arise with your property. And, for many long time cottage goers isn't your most fondest memories of meeting up with old friends summer after summer and we think this gift could be fostered with the help of the cottage association introducing and facilitating a few social situations.

2013 AGM Minutes

We have gone paperless this year to save costs.

Last year's minutes may be found on the website www.bblca.ca

Approval by Bruce Barnes and seconded by Ray St. Onge

2013-2014 Financials

Treasurer: Glenn Joray,

History of spending more than taking in, combined bank accounts, no fees, everything with TD now. Commitment to reduce expenditures. We are paid up with everything, involved in community. Expenses went from almost \$4,000 to \$15.00 mainly by going paperless. 2015 assets grown 27% July 1st start of fiscal year so we are back strong financially.

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President's Report

Interim President: Kim Letto

- continuing with water quality testing
- recreated and re-launched website
- restarted newsletter
- issuing regular news email updates
- started spring educational meetings
- recruited volunteers
- established social planning committee
- planning social events for 2015
- obtained prizes for spring meeting and fall AGM
- monitoring and reporting on environmental meetings
- establishing contact with other local cottage associations
- working with Kawartha Land Trust and North Pigeon Lake Ratepayers' Association to preserve Boyd Island in Pigeon Lake
- became members of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)
- obtaining and posting important information from KLSA and FOCA
- soliciting web and directory advertising to help maintain low membership dues
- posted on-line directory and updated map with new 911#s
- creating a new printed directory
- fixing the sign boards and posting notices

Membership Report

Interim Membership & Volunteer Director: Nancy Boyce

Membership increased, a good association will sell itself.

16 road reps this year chance to get to know your neighbours

Still need road reps

Door to door campaign was very successful

We want to emulate Buckhorn Community Centre, which has over 300 volunteers, buy in, talk to their neighbours, etc. we want to ensure not going to burn anyone out. Need lots of volunteers to ensure this. Just volunteer to help with an event, you don't have to sit on the board.

Q. how many cottages on lake

A. approx 250 properties on lake and 120 are members

Lake Water Quality Testing Report

Environmental Committee Member: Doug Eddy

Discussion: Harvey Lakeland Estates developing, need to make contact as they are affecting our water quality with increased use. Bruce advised that area was auctioned off Little Bald docking system resulting in many big boats, we need to contact them to pay dues

Susan Isles complained about float plane leaking oil into the water system

Doug thanked Colin Hoag for his hard work in the past, Bruce and Doug took over, new this year and still in the learning curve. It takes them approximately 40 minutes to collect the water samples. Doug suggested changing the water testing area for next year. Testing is done every two weeks, weekly during busy season. Samples submitted within 24 hours.

Water Testing Results:

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E. Coli testing:

Highest results are in Saunders Bay for e. Coli on one particular result only, overall highest is Catalina Bay & Richards Bay which are shallow, narrow bays, high density residence, weed growth, wildlife, geese, north east shores, prevailing winds take things there. Catalina Bay however is much reduced from last years results.

Water clarity good:

Weeds less this year due to colder winter.

Phosphorus results:

which relate back to septic, fertilizer, and naturally from weeds

Q. How do we compare to other lakes

A. Nancy: You can view statistics for our lake and other lakes on the Lake Partner Program website: <http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/lake-partner-program>, which is also posted to our Environment page.

Max depth 40 feet, so these are issues for shallow lakes

If it goes over 100 we post and advise everyone,

Social Committee Report

Interim President: Kim Letto *Draw for prizes*

New Members:

Peter and Tracy Edwards won Kawartha Winery Gift Basket

Renewing Members:

Bernice and Peter Lindemann \$25.00 gift card for Pizza Alloro

Peter and Tina Bucci gift from Gilstorf and Grey donated by Robin Burrows

John and Bev Balenko free driveway plow donated by Rod Ciccale

Road rep draw

Bob Quinn won \$25.00 Visa gift card

50-50 draw: winning ticket # 194176

Duncan & Elaine Durham donated the \$55 prize back to the association, resulting in a total of \$110 raised.

Interim Social Director: Sue Flanagan

Spring educational meeting was very successful and well received by all that attended. The only issue was that it was time consuming and some people could not stay for it all. It was decided that in 2015 it will be the 3rd weekend of June and there will only be two guest speakers. Currently we are proposing two of the following three choices: septic guy, the weed guy or the OPP to discuss boat safety. Should you prefer alternative speakers please let us know. In addition we will have tables set up for the other guests who can speak to people interested in their specific topics. This will be followed by a BBQ.

Proposed budget of maximum \$600.00 for food & speakers

The winter carnival in 2013 was a spur of the moment event and was well received by all that attended. Its cost was approximately \$300.00 and we have decided to do this again on the family day long weekend on Saturday February 14, 2015. Kim & Glenn have kindly offered to host it again. There will be a chilli cook off, skating, curling, and other fun winter activities.

Proposed budget of maximum \$400.00

We are working on creating a scavenger hunt regatta to be held on Saturday August 1, 2015. We would need 4-5 cottages to volunteer to host. Participants of all ages would be encouraged and they would be expected to use small watercraft, paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks to participate. At each cottage there would be games for all ages, and minimal snack type food. They would need to find something for their scavenger hunt at each location and in the end there would be prizes for the first to complete the hunt and prizes for each activity at each cottage.

Proposed budget of maximum \$50.00 for each cottage participating towards food & game materials and additional \$300.00 for T-shirts & prizes

In addition we are in the process of getting an interactive tab created on the website so that likeminded people can get together, i.e. if you need a 4th for golf, if you have the children up and you want to see if there are any similar aged on the lake, etc.

In conclusion, we require volunteers to accomplish these tasks, if you are interested in joining either the social committee or just volunteering for one of these planned activities please let Nancy know & she will provide you with my contact information. And as we know students need volunteer hours, and what better way to earn them but by helping at one or all of these events at the cottage.

Board Elections

Volunteer: Diane Gardner officiated the nominations.

President: Brian Pitt nominated Kim Letto for president and Bill Fowler seconded

Treasure: No volunteers, Glenn will stay on until one is found

Secretary: Open position Duties: minutes at AGM board meetings,

Director: Bruce Barnes nominated Doug Eddy, Brian Pitt seconded

Membership & Volunteer Director: Bruce Barnes nominated Nancy Boyce and Kim Letto seconded

Social Committee Director: Doug Eddy nominated Sue Flanagan and Paul Flanagan seconded.

Environmental Director: Open position

Bruce nominated Rich Corbin, however Rich rejected due to time restraints at this time, but he will sit on environmental committee and in 2 years take a bigger part.

Nancy explained what is expected, water quality testing, quarry, report, Lake Plan, joining and attending meetings of other like organizations

Questions / Issues

Earlier ticks report, sounded like ticks, not probable as they couldn't fly

Vote: we want to be impartial; information is on the website so this committee will not be endorsing any candidates

Phone Township office or check on-line how to vote with mail link to voter

Mailing packaging being sent on Monday, no advance poll

Doug 120 members, if you see your neighbour, tell them about the event.

If you see boaters breaking the law & polluting our lake, take down their Boat hull number and tell OPP of people littering off of boats, shorelines being hurt by wakes, etc.

Q. high water issue of last spring:

A. Bruce asked about this at all candidates meeting, Rick Aube was only candidate who wanted to address it. Bruce is taking that on. About 4-5 years ago computer system to determine when the logs come out, money invested in computer system, man made not a natural problem. Not working. Last spring they took logs out of Mississauga dam, when they weren't flooding above, first priority navigation system

BCC donates their space for our meetings, last year we donated to their solar panel efforts. We would encourage all members to support the BCC, 1st ever gun show at BCC Sunday September 28, Craft show on the long weekend coming, Dinner theatre starting again in November.

Kim Letto put forward the motion to close the meeting; Diane Gardner seconded it.