

## BBLCA AGM Minutes of Sept. 26, 2015

The meeting was held at the Buckhorn Community Centre with approximately 35 persons attending. Guests were Peter Raymond, Councillor for Harvey Ward, Municipality of Trent Lakes, and Chris Appleton from the Kawartha Land Trust.

### President's Report:

Kim Letto welcomed the attendees and led off with the President's Report. Highlights for the BBLCA this year were:

- introduced on-line payment and 3 year membership discount
- continued with E.coli water quality testing
- promoted safe boating practices
- monitored and reported on environmental and municipal issues
- started calendar of local events on website and issued regular posts , emails and Facebook updates
- hosted popular social events. Note there were over 100 people at the educational meeting!
- held a Scavenger Hunt/regatta; provided prizes at AGM and educational meeting
- conducted contests for boat show and cottage show tickets, BBL Beaver, composting
- produced and distributed Kids at Play signs for all roads (more are available for the asking)
- worked with other cottage associations: North Pigeon Lake Ratepayers' Association, Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Inc., Harvey Lakelands Common Land Owners Association
- worked with other organizations: Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA), Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), Kawartha Conservation Blue Canoe Program

Kim welcomed Sharron Curley (79A) as secretary. Kudos to Nancy Boyce for making online payment possible, her timely news alerts and posts and keeping everyone organized.

The minutes for the previous AGM 2014 were adopted. Proposed by Diane Gardner, seconded by Sue Flanagan.

### Treasurer's Report

Janie Zaitz presented a view of the financials for 2014 and the year to date for 2015. The goal of the BBLCA is for income to match expenditures keeping \$15,000 in the reserve fund.

Bank Balance As of Sept 2015 \$15,981.43 (additional income expected)

As of Sept 2014 \$16,788.98

The executive team foresee expenditures decreasing for next year by trimming some costs eg. the regatta and increased donations. Think of making a donation if you have an unused item or something to regift. Perfect as prizes or for auction!

The Treasurer's report was adopted - proposed by Paul Flangan, seconded by Bruce Barnes.

### Boyd Island Land Trust:

Chris Appleton, KLT gave a very interesting presentation on Boyd Island and the work of the Kawartha Land Trust to raise \$1,000,000 so that continued annual expenses could be covered in perpetuity. Having already raised \$500,000 they are seeking donors who may “pledge to sponsor an acre”. This large island of 1200 acres will be kept free of development and open to the public to explore its shoreline and trails. There is evidence of early Indian encampments. Chris mentioned the upcoming Boyd Island Fall Colour Cruise on Sunday Oct. 11th. Nancy Boyce proposed the BBLCA pledge \$1000 for an acre; seconded by Kim Letto and approved by the attendees.

### Membership & Volunteer Director:

Nancy Boyce reported that as of today the BBLCA has 112 memberships and that the online payment for memberships is proving an attractive feature being used by 1/3 of members. Historically there were 72 Members in 2012, 86 Members in 2013 and 126 Members in 2014. There are 257 households on Big Bald Lake which works out to approximately 43% who are members. To increase membership we need Road Reps and plans are for a door-to-door campaign in July/August and an email in September. There are currently 167 persons on our email list.

A second topic was [FOCA](#) (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association). BBLCA is a member and this entitles all our members to FOCA offerings from a number of sponsors. FOCA is an umbrella organization and is widely consulted by Natural Resources and Conservation Authorities, governments and Hydro One to name a few. Their head office is in Peterborough and their website is worth a visit. They have a number of very useful publications. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for FOCA Alerts which are packed with facts of interest to cottagers. Look for them monthly all year long, usually coinciding in the summer with long weekends.

### Phosphorus Testing:

Nancy noted that we did not have a volunteer for Phosphorus testing in 2015 and welcomed David Stanyar from Elbow Pt. Road who has come on board as a member of the environment committee to take on this role. Results for last year showed slightly decreased levels. Increased phosphorus contributes to the growth of algae and less water clarity. More detail is provided in the presentation slides.

### E-Coli testing

Doug Eddy was unable to attend and provided this report. “We have had several quite high readings at a few of our sample sites over July and August. The samples were taken roughly every 10 days for an 8 week period.

Samples are taken at Catalina Bay, Richards Bay, Jump Rock, Narrows, Saunders Bay and May Bay. For the month of July the readings were low across the six sample locations.

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Following July, there was then a spike in counts at all sites with the exception of May Bay. Keep in mind that all of the high readings for the most part were below the standards for municipal beach closings but may have been above our acceptable lake standards. The higher readings ranging from 31 to 136 took place at Saunders Bay, Catalina Bay, Richards Bay and Jump Rock Bay. These levels fluctuated over the August weeks and Saunders Bay was actually retested within two days of a high result and scored below 10 in the 5 samples drawn. As to an explanation from a layman's viewpoint, I suggest the following could be indicators: Warmer weather period prior to sampling; Wind speed and post heavy rainfall (runoff); High concentration of waterfowl in certain locations; Heavy human leisure use (Jump Rock Bay); Density of weeds and algae."

### Social Committee

Sue Flanagan reported on this year's activities which were many and well received.

In particular the new format of individual booths at the Education Meeting was a winner. Hosts for this activity were Doug & Mel Eddy. Nancy & John Boyce are on tap for next year.

The Scavenger Hunt was a hit and a learning experience as well. Thank you to Kim Letto for donating the Kawartha Dairy ice cream. For next year:

- it will be shorter and it will be possible to boat or walk
- the theme will be Pirates
- costs will be cut by increased donations, business sponsors & cost cutting .
- Diane Gardner suggested the association have a donation box.

Six families participated in Rummage Day. No cost to BBLCA just an ad in Kijiji.

The Movie night was hosted by Ray & Jeanette St. Onge. Thanks to John & Nancy Boyce who were able to provide the movie screen and ice cream and to Pete & Annelise Crawford for use of their projector, sound equipment, popcorn machine AND for donating the popcorn. Sue & Paul Flanagan donated the musical instruments for the children.

Plans are for a photo contest. Categories: Fun in the Sun, Landscape, Wildlife and Pets.

The social committee needs volunteers so consider helping out, even if only on an event basis or by donating food or prizes. Other ways to help - decorating, baking, making sure you mention to neighbours. Sue would like to get younger people involved (20's) and welcomes ideas.

### **Election of Officers:** (2 year term) as follows:

Treasurer: Janie Zaitz.	Nominated by Kim Letto, seconded by Sue Flanagan.
Social Director: Sue Flanagan:	Nominated by Kim Letto, seconded by Paul Flanagan
Membership Director: Nancy Boyce.	Nominated by Kim Letto, seconded by John Boyce

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING EVENTS**

Fall Road Clean-up	Saturday, October 3, 2015
Santa Claus Parade	Saturday, December 26, 2015
Winter Carnival & Chili Cookoff	Saturday, February 13, 2016
Earth Day Weekend Road Clean-up	Saturday, April 23, 2016
Educational Meeting	Saturday, June 25, 2016
Community Yard Sale	Saturday, July 2, 2016
Scavenger Hunt Regatta	Sunday, July 31, 2016
Outdoor Movie Night	Saturday, September 3, 2016
Annual General Meeting	Saturday, September 24, 2016
Photo Contest Winner Reveal	Saturday, September 24, 2016

**Questions & Suggestions:**

1. Bruce Barnes expressed interest in seeing sweatshirts and other wearables with the BBLCA logo and name. Kim Letto volunteered to have some samples made and post pictures to the website asking for feedback.
2. Susan Isles asked if others had concerns about the docks in the landing near Hall Crescent. It was noted that originally there was to be one common dock only but now it seems there is one for every 15ft of shoreline. Kim Letto thought it was an issue for their cottage association (Harvey Lakeland Cottage Owners Association). Bruce Barnes noted that theirs is a designated boating area and regulations are being totally ignored. Councillor Raymond made note of this issue.
3. Earl Hughson suggested a large colourful donation box could be used at all BBLCA functions. Well received by attendees,
4. There was a question as to whether there were any plans for a hard copy directory? Kim says she will see what can be done. For now, members can print a PDF copy from the members area of the website.

In closing, Kim thanked everyone for attending and asked we keep in mind that businesses can have their ads posted to the website for \$35 annually. Donors will have their name on the donor thank you list. Congratulations to Sandra Linton, Philrick Drive, who won \$43 in the 50/50 draw. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.