

BBLCA AGM Minutes of Sept. 17, 2016

The meeting was held at the Buckhorn Community Centre with 20 persons attending and got underway at 10:20 am.

The top 20 photos out of 50 were displayed on the walls and all attendees got to vote for their top choice in each category. Educational Brochures were available. Coffee, tea, juice and home baked goodies were welcome on a rainy morning.

Kim Letto, BBLCA President, welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda for the day.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The minutes of the Sept. 2015 AGM were approved as posted to the BBLCA website. Moved by Sue Flanagan and seconded by Diane Gardner.

Financials & Membership Report - Nancy Boyce

Nancy Boyce led off with the financials covering the last fiscal year (June 30/15 to June 30/16) and the calendar year- 2016.

Expenditures: FY 2015/16

Expenditures: Calendar Year 2016

FOCA Membership	\$ 531.25	FOCA Membership	\$ 579.84
Website Host/Domain	\$ 180.57	Website Hosting & Domain	\$ 180.57
Insurance	\$ 999.00	Website Advertising	\$ -35.00
Water Testing (2 yrs)	\$ 710.00	Insurance	\$1,048.68
Safety Signs	\$ 689.30	Water Testing	\$ 300.00
Prizes (BBL Beaver)	\$ 75.00	Directories	\$ -362.78
Directories	\$2,027.22	Donations (Boyd, KLSA)	\$1,060.00
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Road Cleanup	\$ 20.27	Spring Road Cleanup	\$ 20.27
Spring 2015 BBQ	\$ 430.00	Regatta	\$ -58.46
Regatta	\$1,238.62	Movie Night	\$ 178.85
Movie Night	\$ 40.73	Photo Contest	\$ 83.80
Total 2015/16 Expenses	\$8,001.96	Total 2016 Expenses	\$3,070.77

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	FY 2015/2016	FY to Date 2016/2017
Beginning Balance	\$15883.68	\$13,934.60
Income	\$3758.47	\$5925.15
Expenditures	\$5707.55	\$3070.77
Balance Forwarded	\$13,934.60	\$16,788.98

2015-16 Fiscal year financial report was approved as presented.

- Income is up due to increased membership, Website ads \$35, Directory ads \$457.78, donations, and Regatta \$58.46 and sponsorship \$1,000.
- Expenditures are down as the donation to Boyd Island Trust was a one-time cost, the educational meeting had no cost, and the Regatta paid for itself - even turned a profit.

Nancy Boyce reported that membership continues to rise.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
72	86	126	131	131 ->

- Since the introduction of online payment and the 3 year discount last year, 75 online payments were made, 42 members signed up for a 3 year term.
 - 60 pre-paid for 2017; 20 for 2018
 - With 260 households on the lake, approximately 50% are members.
 - There are over 200 subscribers to the email distribution list.
 - It is estimated that 25% of property owners are full time residents.

Special thanks to Bruce Barnes, our “Road Rep at large” for taking the time to visit numerous property owners and his most successful membership efforts.

President’s Report: Kim Letto

Kim noted that the accomplishments of the BBLCA are due to the team of dedicated and enthusiastic Directors and the many, many volunteers that made so much possible by their donations of time, energy, items and hosting of events.

Accomplishments

- Printed and distributed Directory
- Continued with Phosphorus and E.coli water quality testing
- Posted E.coli results within days to website and Facebook
- Notified affected residents immediately when E.coli levels peaked
- Promoted good environmental and safe boating practices

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- Monitored and reported on environmental and municipal issues
- Posted explanations about floating weeds issue to website and Facebook
- Issued regular news emails and Facebook updates
- Provided popular social events with approximately 100 participants including 56 children at the regatta
- Hosted an educational meeting with 10 exhibitors, guest speaker (The Land Between, Buckeye Marine and the OPP. Raised \$291 with 50/50 draw, donations and silent Auction
- Conducted contests: cottage show, BBL Beaver, composting, and our photo contest which helped promote our website and Facebook page
- Ongoing work with other organizations: such as ...the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), Kawartha Lake Stewards Association(KLSA), Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), Kawartha Conservation Blue Canoe Program, The Land Between, Trent Lakes Waste Management Committee

Water Quality Testing - Dave Stanyar & Rich Corbin

Phosphorus Results and Analysis

Date	Sample 1 ug/L	Sample 2 ug/L	Sample 3 ug/L
2015-05-16	8.2	8.6	8.4
2015-06-12	11	10.6	10.8
2015-07-23	12	11	11.5
2015-08-22	10.8	10.2	10.5

ug/L = microgram per Litre

Phosphates are nutrients to weeds and algae and are deposited by agricultural and household runoff of fertilizers. Levels are rated as milligrams per litre where

- 0.01 - 0.03 mg/L - the level in uncontaminated lakes
- 0.025 - 0.1 mg/L - level at which plant growth is stimulated
- 0.1 mg/L - maximum acceptable to avoid accelerated eutrophication
- > 0.1 mg/L - accelerated growth and consequent problems

Note that .01 mg is 10 ug/L. The highest level in Big Bald Lake was 11.5 ug/L = **.0115 mg**
Other low phosphorus lakes are Balsam, Sand and Upper Stoney Lakes with levels between 6 and 13 ug/L.

Most lakes start out in the spring with low phosphorus levels, probably due to a spring flush of water from the north moving through the system. Levels then rise to a peak in early August, decreasing somewhat in September. A few lakes, including Big Bald Lake are exceptions. They remain low in phosphorus throughout the summer.

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This is due to:

- Upper Stoney Lake and Balsam Lake receive their water directly from the north through rivers. These rivers contribute low phosphorus water because they come from an area of granitic rock, little soil, and sparse human population.
- Big Bald Lake and Sandy Lake have a local watershed that provides water high in calcium carbonate. During warm weather, photosynthesis by aquatic plants and algae removes carbon dioxide from the lake water and causes calcium carbonate to precipitate, giving the lake a milky, turquoise appearance. The phosphorus in the water is co-precipitated, transporting it out of the water and into the sediments.

2015 Secchi Depth Measurements

Date	Secchi - Metres
2015-05-17	6.7
2015-06-13	4.2
2015-07-24	5.0
2015-08-23	4.3

The Secchi depth is a measurement of how far one can see down into the lake water. Therefore, a small Secchi measurement indicates murky water; a larger Secchi depth number indicates clear water. There are a number of factors affecting Secchi depth:

- Phosphorus levels. Usually lakes with higher phosphorus levels have more algal growth, making them less clear. For example, the average Secchi reading in early August of three sites on low phosphorus Upper Stoney Lake was 5.7 m while the average August reading for three sites on high phosphorus Pigeon Lake was 3.1 m.
- Tea-coloured runoff (coloured by degraded plant tannins) from wetlands. This is most noticeable in the spring, but this colour can be seen in Cameron Lake and Little Bald Lake year-round due to the many wetlands in their watersheds.
- Marl precipitation. In hard-water lakes such as Chemong, Sandy, and Big Bald, a milky-looking precipitate forms in the water in warm weather. In cooler weather, this sinks to the bottom as powdery marl.
- Zebra mussels. These filter out large quantities of algae, clearing the water.

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E-Coli Testing and Analysis

Site	Catalina Bay	Richards Bay	Jump Rock	Narrows	Saunders
Average E Coli/100ml	6.67	3.16	2.66	1.0	34.5

- 5 tests were done from July 4 to Sept.6
- 100 e coli/100ml is the public beach closure level
 - Influences are high human activity and presence of geese such as Saunders Bay
 - Warmer than usual summer
 - Density of weeds & algae

Blue-Green Algae

Blue-Green Algae is not really an algae but actually a type of bacteria called cyanobacteria. Some varieties can produce harmful toxins. Blue-green algae is not normally visible in the water but as populations grow it can progress to a “pea soup” looking surface scum and eventually to an actual clump of “bloom”. Blooms most commonly occur in late summer and thrive in areas where the water is shallow, slow-moving and warm.

Causes: Nutrients such as phosphorous and nitrogen entering our lakes through runoff and septic systems

Prevention: Use phosphate-free products; avoid lawn fertilizers containing phosphates; maintain your septic system and naturalize your shoreline.

Reporting: Call the Ministry of the Environment Spills Centre at 1-800-268-6060.

Final points were that good shoreline was essential to control runoff, prevent erosion and to keep geese off the property. Weed growth is affected by the amount of sun (equal heat), wind and boat traffic. Remove floating weeds from your property. They can be taken to the dump if you’ve no place on shore for them. It was pointed out that the weeds are good to put in the garden.

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Social Committee Report - Sue Flanagan

Santa Claus Parade: The 2nd annual Santa Claus Parade on Boxing Day was another great day to have fun with neighbours. Everyone came back to the Flanagan's for hot chocolate & cookies afterwards. We're moving the parade to December 31st this year.

Winter Carnival: The 3rd winter carnival was well received by all that attended. Once again unbearably cold weather did not deter attendance. In 2017 there will be skating, curling, and other fun winter activities once again and we hope the weather is warmer to participate in. Thanks to Glenn & Kim for hosting. The beaver ice contest was won by me! (Sue Flanagan) and we enjoyed dining at Fredrick's on the Labour Day weekend! Glenn keeps this rink open all winter each year for skaters and puts out and retrieves the Big Bald Lake Beaver.

Clean up Days: Fall Clean up on Philrick – good turn out. We hosted a Fall & Spring Clean up last year and we have decided to just do it once a year in the Spring.

Educational Meeting & Social: Spring educational meeting was a beautiful weekend and attendance was not very good although a great event that was well received by all that attended. The pot-luck lunch was a great success and resulted in no costs for this event. Thanks to John & Nancy for hosting. The silent auction helped to raise funds for the regatta. We have decided due to poor turnout that we will cancel this event in 2017 and try to combine parts of it with the AGM in September. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts about this decision we encourage them.

Yard Sale: We are discontinuing the yard sale as well as only 2 participants.

Scavenger Hunt Regatta: The 2nd annual regatta was a resounding success and a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who hosted. We successfully fundraised for this event and we ended up making a profit. The pirate themed regatta was organized into 2 teams - the Green Gators and the Purple Parrots. The Green team won and everyone enjoyed the different activities. In 2017, we will continue the Pirate theme but with different team colours and extra T-shirts will be bought for last minute entries. There were 10 sponsors for this event and 4 of the sponsors participated!

Movie Night: Our 2nd annual Movie night was a great evening. We watched "Minions" for the little ones and then we watched "ET". We are most thankful for the Crawford's projector and popcorn maker which made this event come together very quickly. Popcorn was provided to all, followed by ice cream bars donated by Tina & Peter Bucci. Thanks to Ray & Jeanette for hosting. We even had two boats anchor to watch! In 2017, the movie will be Princess Bride, a pirate themed movie.

Photo Contest: Sue announced the results of the photo contest. Winners by category were:

Landscape	Catherine Selinger
Fun in the Sun	Melanie Leutz
Pets	Lynn Corbin
Wildlife	John Boyce

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Social Expenses and Budget: In 2015, we were over budget by approximately \$1500.00; it was mainly the Regatta expenses and we made a plan to reduce those costs by half. Instead the regatta costs were nil due to fundraising. With so much donated in 2016 our entire costs for the social committee were only \$300.00. I think that is remarkable & a big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped achieve this goal.

50/50 Draw: Susan Iles won \$130 and then most generously donated her winnings.

Upcoming Events

Santa Claus Parade New Year's Eve Day Sunday, December 31, 2016	Arr'some Pirate Regatta Civic Holiday weekend Sunday, August 6, 2017
Winter Carnival and Chili Cook-off Sunday, February 19, 2017	Outdoor Movie Night Saturday, September 2, 2017
Shoreline Garden Workshop Saturday, April 22, 2017	Annual General Meeting Saturday, September 16 or 23 - tbd, 2017
Road Clean-up Saturday, April 29, 2017	

Volunteers

BBLCA are on the lookout for volunteers to join a committee such as environment or social, work on an event or project, serve as a road rep or just give suggestions and feedback. Please consider helping! [See our wish list.](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions: What about....?

Burn Ban

This year a Burn Ban was in effect from Aug 3rd to Aug. 18th.

Burn Bans prohibit all burning, including fireworks, recreational & agricultural fires, open air cooking and use of incinerators.

Emergencies: Call 911

Non-emergencies call the OPP: 1-888-310-1122

Excessive Wake

Excessive wake can cause property damage and endanger small craft. There is a 10 kph speed limit within 30 metres (100') of shore. If possible speak to offenders and try to resolve issues. If necessary call the OPP non-emergency line. To wake proof your property use river rock and/or plants with an extensive root structure such as Dogwood or Sweet Gale.

“Kids being Kids” signs are available by contacting Kim.

Elected or re-elected for a two year term were:

Kim Letto - President (Nominated by Rich Corbin, nomination accepted, acclaimed.)

Rich Corbin - Director (Nominated by Kim Letto, nomination accepted, acclaimed.)

Dave Stanyar -Director (Nominated by Sue Flanagan, nomination accepted, acclaimed.)

Q & A

A general discussion began where it was agreed that information is needed in the following areas.

- Sue Flanagan wants input on ways to engage teens.
- Clarification needed between the [BBLCA Facebook](#) and the Big Bald and Little Bald Lake Facebook page as sometimes postings are made in error. In future, BBLCA will post to their Facebook page only.
- Where can one find listings of municipal land for sale? (Betty Wood) Kim noted they are posted on the municipal sites.
- Why are individual docks being built on Elbow Pt. road when there is only deeded access points?
- Nancy Boyce worked with Leora Berman of [The Land Between](#) and spoke to the group about a project she would like to undertake next year to promote natural shorelines using the recommended techniques and plantings. She felt we could tap into Leora's knowledge to make this happen. It was suggested that a workshop might be a viable route and was met with a great deal of interest.

Mike Brown congratulated the executive on a great year of achievements. Endorsed by all and a special thank you to Nancy on the vibrant website she is continually updating and improving.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Moved by Paul Flanagan, seconded by Diane Gardner.