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Minutes for the BBLCA Virtual Annual General Meeting Sunday, October 2, 2022

The BBLCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held virtually via email on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Members voted and provided input via an online form and voting closed on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Meeting presentation materials are posted on our website Documents page.

2022-23 Board of Directors

Board Positions were presented and approved by a membership vote. The list of board members took effect on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

President: Sue Flanagan (Standing for another 2 year term)

Vice President: Nancy Boyce (Standing for 2 year term)

Treasurer: Tabatha Dean (1 year remaining in her term)

Environmental Director: Lucianna Adragna (Standing for 2 year term)

Secretary Director: Brenda Thomas (1 year remaining in her term)

Social Director: Vacant

Director: Vacant

2021 AGM Minutes

All minutes can be found on the website Documents page.

https://bblca.ca/PDFs/BBLCA_AGM_2021_Minutes.pdf

Responding Members voted to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes as presented.

President's Report

Sue Flanagan thanked board members for their volunteer time including Rich Corbin, who does water testing and was stepping down as Environment Director; Nancy Boyce who rejoined the board as Vice President, Tabatha Dean for doing the financials through the difficult pandemic; and Brenda Thomas for taking board meeting minutes. Sue talked about how we have kept all of us connected, despite COVID, with monthly newsletters and Facebook and Instagram. Sue keeps an eye on current issues that may directly affect our membership, including FOCA, KLSA, quarries issues, etc., and how we are currently working to become compliant with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). A Starry

Stonewort committee was created with Dawn Griffin and Lucianna Adragna. Lucianna agreed to step forward for nomination for the Environmental Director. Although Sue is doing double duty as President and Social Director she was thankful to our community for taking over specific events including Michelle and Drew Hemming for their ownership of the outdoor movie night for the last two years and Tabatha Dean and Theresa Kowall who have taken ownership of the winter carnival. Sue will continue to organize the regatta for at least the next three years. We need someone to either step up as the social director or to take over some of the responsibilities, i.e., welcome baskets, setting up and taking down the clothesline for the regatta and hiking group, etc. Everyone is always welcome to come up with any new social events, contests, etc., e.g., Kathy Mako created the word search puzzle and came up with words and hints for the crossword puzzle for us.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Boyce rejoined the board as Vice President and, along with Sue Flanagan, took on the review of the current by-laws in accordance with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). **A summary of proposed by-law changes were presented and responding members voted to approve the changes.** Nancy and Sue realized there needs to be notifications to the Ontario government on behalf of the association such as the association address and current board members. Nancy will deal with the government on our behalf.

Treasurer's Report

Tabatha Dean prepared the Financial Statements for the 2021-22 fiscal year and stated that we have very healthy financials considering we did not collect membership fees in 2020. The 2021-22 Financial Statements included past years for comparison and were included as an image in the notice. **Responding members voted to approve the 2021-22 Financial Statements as presented.**

Tabatha stated that we switched insurance companies to Cade Insurance, which was arranged through FOCA. We have better coverage through Cade including a legal helpline and are saving money by no longer requiring a rider for water events. She also mentioned that our association offers very reasonable advertising.

It was recommended that an audit be done every 5 years or sooner if there is a change in Treasurer. **Responding members voted to approve the new auditing frequency and this approval will be asked for each year at the AGM.**

Sabrina Vinelli, CA (Chartered Accountant), was recommended as Auditor in 2022. **The Responding members voted to approve the auditor and this approval will be asked for each year at the AGM.**

Voting and Input

Residents were given a link to a Google form which also requested input.

APPROVALS: of Minutes, Financial Statements, Auditing Frequency, Appointment of Auditor, Board Members and By-law Changes.

COMMENTS: Do you have comments or questions about the material as presented?

VOLUNTEERING: I am interested in volunteering for the following:

EVENTS: List existing or new events that you would be interested in participating in.

HOSTING EVENT: If you're interested in hosting an event, briefly describe your idea.

DONATION: Would you like to donate a prize for future contests?

NEWSLETTER: What topics would you liked covered in the newsletters?

What are we doing well?

What can we do better?

Responses to Questions

COMMENTS: Do you have comments or questions about the material as presented? How do we get our portion of Bald Narrows officially added/recognized by the Association?

President Response: I agree that some additional areas could be considered to be part of Big Bald Lake and some areas we do include are actually on Little Bald Lake. I have no objection of including the Bald Narrows in our on line directory, however we don't have the manpower to do the research. We already do water testing in this area. Anyone on Little Bald can be an associate member with all the same rights and privileges as other members.

VOLUNTEERING: I am interested in volunteering for the following: Zero Response

EVENTS: List existing or new events that you would be interested in participating in: Zero Response

HOSTING EVENT: If you're interested in hosting an event, briefly describe your idea. Zero Response

DONATION: Would you like to donate a prize for future contests? Zero Response

NEWSLETTER: What topics would you liked covered in the newsletters: environment, municipal affairs, social events and Ice fishing impacts on the lake and fish.

President Response: We will continue to include in our monthly newsletter, the BBLCA news, community news and environmental news. We welcome everyone to message us with any suggestions that we should include, we also welcome anyone to write an article for

the newsletter. I too am concerned about the amount of ice fishing that occurs but we need volunteers to step up to research how we can monitor this.

What are we doing well: Sponsors, social events, updates, water testing; Communication and organization of social events, especially for children; Great work...thank you to all the hardworking volunteers!

Thank you all for your hard work!

Well done AGM presentation

President Response: Thank you for your kind words.

What can we do better: Better communication of water testing results, take more of a leadership role in invasive species issues, more info on quarry development.

President Response: We have a policy of reporting water issues only when they are in a dangerous position, an email is sent to all residents who live in the affected area and we post on our Facebook page.

In 2021 we started the Starry Stonewort committee and now Lucianna has stepped up to become our Environmental Director. From my own research and discussion with KLSA they are implementing a program that involves raking weeds in areas to identify what weeds are in our lakes. We are a small volunteer committee and we need volunteers to help tackle the issues that we face.

Our quarry committee has not met since we successfully kept our covenant in place and prevented aggregate from being removed prematurely. However, a quarry committee member stays in contact with many individuals who are on exterior quarry committees to limit our damage to our roads and water tables. And I get regular reports, as yet I have not felt there was anything to report directly on in a newsletter. I think it's safe to say that we're not fans of quarries but there is not much we can do as an association to prevent them. I hope everyone voted wisely during the recent municipal elections for candidates who will keep quarries monitored to the best of their capacity.

Membership Report

Membership information was summarized by Nancy Boyce, noting that there were 124 members which is down from last year, but more paid members are expected before calendar year end. We stopped accepting cash during the pandemic to make sure our Treasurer could do contactless deposits at the bank. For the current fiscal year, 75% of all payments were 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. 58% of payments were for 3 year terms, which saved our members \$5 each over the 3 years. Multiple year renewals reduce our administrative time and normally result in no lapse in membership.

Environmental Report

The Environmental Report was presented including E.coli results from Rich Corbin and Phosphorus and Secchi Depth (water clarity) testing from John Boyce. E.coli was within acceptable limits, but was high in Saunders Bay mid-July. Rich retested in 3 spots in the bay. New results were fine, but found to be higher at mouth of the bay than the foot of the bay. Phosphorus Results are always available the year after testing is done and were presented for 2021. Unfortunately supplies for 2022 were received mid-summer this year rather than in the spring, so results for next year will only be for a few months.

Starry Stonewort Report

Dawn Griffin and Lucianna Adragna worked on better understanding the invasive Starry Stonewort situation. There is a lot of research into how to control starry stonewort (SSW), but there is currently no way to permanently evict it from our lake, so stopping the spread is the most important thing we can do. We have included a map on our website Environment page to show confirmed locations of Starry Stonewort and would like residents to notify us if they see it in other locations.

Social Committee Report

As Acting Social Committee Director, Sue Flanagan presented the Social Committee Report.

In an effort to create a safe and easy way for the kids to connect with each other, Sue suggested a Facebook messenger group to bring children together to share in activities. Sue noted this year's events including the Witches of Philrick Walk, the Santa Claus Parade which was canceled for last two years over Covid outbreak concerns, but is planned for Boxing Day 2022 with hot chocolate and a bonfire at the Flanagan's afterwards. The Winter Carnival, also canceled for the last two years, is planned for family day weekend on Sunday February 19, 2023. The Arr'some Pirate Regatta was a huge success with 14 locations and three challenges. Sue would like a group challenge and a BBQ at the end of the 2023 Regatta. Outdoor Movie Night was warm for a change, but a storm brought the 2nd movie to an end. Thanks again to Michelle and Drew for not only hosting but completely organizing the event. We had lots of contests, draws and activities in 2022 and ordered Big Bald Lake Garments. We supported our community by decorating a Christmas tree for raffle draw at the BCC.