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Minutes for the BBLCA Virtual Annual General Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2023

The BBLCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held virtually via email on Tuesday, October 24, 2024. Members voted and provided input via an online form and voting closed on Saturday, November 11, 2023. 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, November 11, 2023.

President: Sue Flanagan (1 year remaining in her term)

Vice President: Nancy Boyce (1 year remaining in her term)

Treasurer: Tabatha Dean (Standing for 2 year term)

Environmental Director: Lucianna Adragna (1 year remaining in her term)

Secretary Director: Brenda Thomas (Standing for 2 year term)

Social Director: Vacant

Director: Vacant

2022 AGM Minutes

All minutes can be found on the website Documents page.

https://bblca.ca/PDFs/BBLCA_AGM_2022_Minutes.pdf

Responding Members voted to approve the 2022 AGM Minutes as presented.

President's Report

Sue Flanagan said it had been a privilege to serve on the board for the past 9 years and that this would be her last year. Sue has accomplished what she set out to do including creating the annual regatta and monthly newsletters and getting people to meet each other on the lake, etc. Sue will continue to organize the regatta. Sue asked for volunteers to join the board of directors. Sue thanked the following: Nancy Boyce, Vice President, for managing the website and membership; Tabatha Dean, our Treasurer for delivering financials for the last 3 years and for securing and working with our auditor this year; Lucianna Adragna, who

writes articles for our monthly newsletter; and Brenda Thomas for taking board minutes. Sue shares Newsletter and Facebook duties with Nancy and looks after the Instagram account. Sue acts as both president and social director, but certain social events have been taken over by others, and she thanked the following: Michelle and Drew Heming 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, with skating at Randy and Ria Whatman's. The 2023 regatta was a huge success with 12 locations. There were three locations with challenges. The regatta ended at the Heming's with a hotdog bbq, ice cream bars, cookie awards and the much loved donut eating contest. There were many business and individual sponsors and \$3,000 was raised for regatta expenses. Sue expressed special thanks to Rich Corbin, former board member who continued to do water testing and John Boyce who did the phosphorus testing.

Treasurer's Report

Tabatha Dean prepared the Financial Statements for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Tabatha worked with an auditor to review how we do our financials and to provide direction to ensure we are transparent with all of our members. She hoped that the financials were easier to read.

The 2022-23 Financial Statements included past years for comparison and were included as an image in the notice. **Responding members voted to approve the 2022-23 Financial Statements as presented.**

Voting and Input

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

APPROVALS: of AGM Minutes - 2022, Financial Statements - 2022-23, Board Members

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?

Responses to Questions

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

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. One response from Ria Whatman. Releasing Monarch Butterflies: I can post it on our FB page when we have butterflies to release, during the month of August. Then cottagers can canoe, kayak/drive over to help release the butterflies. For example, I will post at 10:30 am to welcome visitors at 1:00 pm the same day. Once hatched they need 4 hours to strengthen their wings.

DONATION: Would you like to donate a prize for future contests? Two positive responses.

NEWSLETTER: What topics would you liked covered in the newsletters: Local wildlife on the lake.

Membership Report

Membership information was summarized by Nancy Boyce, noting that there were 100 members which is down considerably. Nancy asked if anyone was interested in taking over membership. She also asked for a volunteer to maintain the website.

Environmental Report

The Environmental Report was presented including E.coli results from Rich Corbin and Secchi Depth (water clarity) testing from John Boyce. E.coli was within acceptable limits. Phosphorus results for 2022 and 2023 were not available on the Ontario government's Lake Partner Program site.

Starry Stonewort Report

Lucianna Adragna, Environmental Director, presented her report. Starry Stonewort continues to be an issue through 2023, with some spread observed outside of Catalina Bay. In the spring, we shared some information for boaters on how to help prevent spread. There are no known effective biological or chemical control agents. The focus is on education and spread. We continue to monitor any new developments in the management of this invasive species.

Social Committee Report

As Acting Social Committee Director, Sue Flanagan presented the Social Committee Report. There were many great events, contests and draws throughout the year. Planned events and contests for 2023 included Witches of Philrick Walk, Road Clean Up and Witch Birdhouse Draw, BCC Festival of Trees and Santa Claus Parade. For 2024 - Winter Carnival, Arr'some Pirate Regatta, Outdoor Movie Night, Beaver Dunk Contest with a \$100 gift certificate for any local Buckhorn business.