

Big Bald Lake Cottagers Association

Annual General Meeting

Sunday October 6, 2024

Call to order by Sue Flanagan was at 11.02 am.

Present:

Sue and Paul Flanagan

Nancy and John Boyce

Tabatha Dean

Brenda Thomas

Ria Whatman

Matthew Speight

Pam Dickey

Rich Corbin

Jim Bouchard

Elaine Hensen

John Curley

As a result of the online voting quorum was accomplished.

- Sue motioned for approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes. Tabatha Dean and Pam Dickey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Tabatha reviewed the financial reports. The BBLCA is no longer doing sponsorship and advertising due to the cost of maintaining the website now that we do not have a volunteer webmaster. The BBLCA will maintain a bank balance that could be used for lake protection, etc. considering our adverse weather conditions. Statements have been reviewed by an outside auditor and account balanced. Sue motioned for approval of the 2023-24 Financial Statements. Paul Flanagan seconded. Motion carried.
- BBLCA By Laws and ONCA – Sue and Nancy attended a FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) sponsored ONCA (Ontario Not-For-Profit Act) webinar. Then they worked with a lawyer in Bobcaygeon to review and update the by laws. ONCA now allows for a range in the number of board members. A change was made to the required number of board members. In the by laws the number of board members had been 7. The BBLCA has struggled to get individuals to step up and sit on the board. As a result the by laws have been amended to 4-7 board members. Quorum is 15% of paid membership with one vote per household. At the AGM 11 attendees voted, 2 votes by proxy and 22 online for a total of 35 votes. With a

membership of 120 this equates to 29% who voted and quorum was achieved and the revised by laws approved with no oppositions. Rich Corbin enquired about revising the voting process for board meetings to bring it in line with the KLSA (Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association). Sue Flanagan explained that the board of directors has always had the ability to make decisions without going to the membership for approval. Nancy Boyce added that the board only needs to go to the membership for approval of AGM minutes, financial statements and by law changes. Sue added that the board would go to the membership for decisions that affect everyone. It was felt that no revision was required for the BBLCA as the KLSA is more wide reaching due to the area that it governs. The BBLCA does provide advice to the membership of Board Meetings with date, time and location for anyone wishing to attend. Attendance has been minimal. Nancy Boyce motion for approval. Tabatha Dean seconded. All in favour.

- Election of Board Members:

Matthew Speight – President

Sue motioned for approval and seconded by Paul Flanagan.

Lucianna Adragna – Environmental

Sue motion for approval for a 2 year term and was seconded by Nancy Boyce.

Ria Whatman – Membership

Sue motion for approval for a 2 year term and was seconded by Pam Dickey.

- New Business:

A motion was made by John Curley to thank long term retiring members Sue Flanagan and Nancy Boyce. Sue Flanagan has volunteered to continue with the organization of the regatta and she has also volunteered to coordinate the ordering of BBLCA hoodies and t shirts in a couple of years.

Pam Dickey advised that approximately 3 years ago Buckhorn Community Care stopped providing Christmas Hampers. As a result Santa's Elf Patrol was formed by Pam and is funded through donations. Trent Lakes has donated annually and last year donated \$1100. Five full days of Meals on Wheels is provided to each household. Foodland in Buckhorn was given \$100 per family and asked to make food hampers. It was felt that Foodland went well beyond the \$100 that they had been given. The goal is to provide food for a month. Delivery date is December 10th. Last year they were able to provide for 20 household on a confidential basis. This year they are hoping to provide for 25-30. Majority of the households are in Buckhorn but also reaches to Selwyn. Last year the Buckhorn Public School children made Christmas cards to be included with the hampers which was very touching to the recipients. Lakehurst Hall was volunteered space to coordinate the hampers. Village Pet Supply provides pet supplies to homes with pets. Sue will make and donate an ornament to each family. It was motioned by Sue Flanagan that the BBLCA make a \$500 annual donation. Seconded by Ria Whatman. Approved by attendees. Matthew will include this information in the next newsletter.

Volunteers as well as a social director are still required.

John Curley enquired about the BBLCA no longer being a member of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations). The BBLCA had been a member in order to facilitate the payment of membership dues and insurance for the association. This is no longer required through FOCA. To be a member it was felt that it was too costly considering the annual fee and then an additional fee based on the number of members in the association registering when the BBLCA is a non-profit organization. The benefit was the webinars provided. It was put forward that if there was something specific that FOCA provided the association would review the decision not to be a member.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11.32 am. Seconded by Nancy Boyce.