

## President's Report

### Board Members:

Tabatha Dean, VP & Finance, 5 yrs in role, 1 year remaining

Matthew Speight, President, 1yr in role, 1 year remaining

Ria Whatman, Membership, 1 year remaining 1yr in role, 1 year remaining

Brenda Thomas, Secretary, 4 yrs in role, expiring this yr

We're so grateful for the folks who keep our little community going. A special thank you to:

- Tabatha Dean, our VP & Treasurer, for keeping us on track with financials the last 5 years.
- Ria Whatman, for taking on membership and welcome baskets with such warmth.
- Rich Corbin, for handling our water testing with KLSA.
- John Boyce, for keeping up with phosphorus testing.
- Lucianna Adragna, for writing such thoughtful environmental articles for our newsletter.
- Brenda Thomas, for keeping our board minutes clear and organized.

We truly couldn't do this without you!

This year we hired Jonathan Whatman to update our website in 2025. To reduce costs the website will only be updated when events are happening. We welcome more volunteers so we could bring back advertising, more contests, more frequent updates on our website, and other features that would help connect and engage our members.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who hosts and helps out with the social events hosted on the lake each year. Our previous President Sue Flanagan and former board member Nancy Boyce do an excellent job running the annual Regatta. It is clearly a winner on our Lake with our children and grandchildren. Thanks to all those who host the children and provide treats and prizes. Unfortunately, due to large amounts of snow we were unable to do our Winterfest, but we are looking forward to trying your chili & soup recipes in 2026.

***Matthew Speight***

***President of the BBLCA***

## Social Report

Witches Walk, Santa Claus Parade and Winterfest were all cancelled this year due to weather. This year's Regatta saw 74 kids sign up and participate in the event. Once again the donut eating contest was a huge success. Sue Flanagan will continue to organize this event until someone is willing to take it over. However, both her and Paul are away for a wedding for this event in 2026. Pete has offered to take on the BBQ role in Paul's absence. We did not seek sponsorship for the costs associated with this event, but in 2026 we will be seeking at least 3 sponsors to help out with the costs. We want to continue to offer this event free of charge so that *every child* can take part. The biggest cost we face each year is the t-shirts, which are such a fun part of the day. To keep this tradition alive, we will need to rely on sponsors. Without them, there may come a time when we have to phase out the shirts. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor or help us cover this cost, it would make a world of difference. Together, we can keep the event going for all our kids. This year's outdoor movie night was one to remember! We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was a beautiful evening with the perfect temperature to enjoy a film under the stars. We had about 40 people come out and join the fun, with back to the future lighting up the screen. The evening went off without a hitch, and it was wonderful to see our neighbours gathered together, some even enjoying the show from the comfort of their boat. Thank you to everyone who came out and made the night so special. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's event. It will take place on the **Saturday of the Labour Day long weekend** and we cannot wait to see you there!



We did have our annual beaver dunk contest this winter. Unfortunately, we are doing fewer contests and newsletters since we need more volunteers to help run our association. Should anyone wish to help with this part please reach out to Tabatha or Matthew.

## Treasurer's Report by Tabatha Dean

Tabatha Dean prepared the Financial Statements for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The financials this year were done with the recommendations from our auditor in 2024. She has done this role for us for 5 years now. The majority of our clients now pay through e-transfer and a few by cheque. If you have not paid for your membership, please consider. Our membership collection is down 21%, but this fluctuates due to members paying the 3 year option. Our financials overall dropped significantly due to higher operational costs like licences and website upkeep, lawyer fees to update our non profit bylaws and governance, and not having sponsorship for the Regatta.

### Financial Report:

General Operating Fund			2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023
Beginning Balance			\$19,881.88	20,013.27	15,296.54
Membership fees collected			\$3,393.68	4,326.71	5,191.07
Raffles, Donations, sponsors			\$619.40	895.05	2,939.78
Clothing					
Advertising Revenue					\$ 565.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 23,894.96</b>	<b>\$ 25,235.03</b>	<b>\$ 23,992.49</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
BBLCA Clothing					
Prizes/contests			\$ 50.00		\$ 650.34
Welcome baskets			\$ 49.00	\$ 41.87	\$ 42.00
BBLCA Expenses (email,insurance, water,prizes and website)			\$5,384.51	\$ 2,072.42	\$ 2,559.45
Community Sponsorship			\$1,350.00	\$ 293.25	\$ 350.00
Activities			\$ 3,087.20	\$ 2,945.61	\$ 327.43
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 9,920.71</b>	<b>\$ 5,353.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,979.22</b>
	Final Balance		13,974.25	19,881.88	<b>\$20,013.27</b>

## **Membership Report**

Ria Whatman, our new Membership Coordinator, took over from Nancy Boyce. Ria is meticulous, which is very important and appreciated. It is a critical role for our association as membership is our primary source of income.

At our year end we had 127 members and 123 members last year.

We appreciate that the majority of members paid their fees 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. Multiple year renewals reduce our administrative time and normally result in no lapse in membership. If you pay by e-transfer, please be sure to include your local address under the comments.

\$35 per year, or \$100 for 3 years (\$5 savings)

E-transfers can be sent to: [info@bblca.ca](mailto:info@bblca.ca)

We will be posting updated directories to the Membership page after the AGM. Please ensure your information is correct. The password is: bblca123Dir. If you forget the password, please email [info@bblca.ca](mailto:info@bblca.ca).

If you have any questions about your membership, please include the word, "Membership" in the subject line when you email to our association. Thank you for your financial support to the Big Bald Lake Cottage Association. With your help, we can make a greater difference in our community.

**Ria Whatman**

**Membership Coordinator**

## BIG BALD LAKE e-COLI RESULTS- 2025

Location	02-Jul	14-Jul	05-Aug	18-Aug	02-Sep	Average
10 Saunders Bay	6	5	2	0	1	2.80
1 Catalina Bay	2	11	2	0	0	3.00
3 Jump Rock	5	6	6	2	0	3.80
12 Philrick Bay	20	3	7	2	1	6.60
13 Northeast Bay	4	7	19	52	0	16.40

## Secchi Depth Testing Results

Secchi Depth testing indicates how clear the water is.

The depths listed below are how deep the disk can be seen.

Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity - 2025				
Date	Time	Depth – Metres	Conditions	Water Temperature
Oct				
Sept 18	10:00 am	4.6	Sunny/Calm	68°F
Aug 22	11:00 am	3.3	Sunny	76°F
July 22	3:00 pm	3.1	Sunny	77.7°F
July 2	10:00 am	2.9	Sunny	74.8°F
May 27	1:00 pm	4.2	Sunny/Breezy	63°F

Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity - 2024				
Date	Time	Depth – Metres	Conditions	Water Temperature
Oct 18	11:30 am	7.4	Sunny/Calm	53°F
Sept 26	10:00 am	5.2	Sunny/Breezy	66°F
Aug 26	1:15 pm	3.5	Sunny/Calm	74°F
July 26	10:15 am	2.3	Sunny/Breezy	75°F
June 28	11:00 am	3.4	Slightly Choppy	71°F
May 26	10:30 am	4.2	Sunny/Calm	70°F

Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity - 2023				
Date	Time	Depth – Metres	Conditions	Water Temperature
Oct 17	10:00 am	5.2	Sunny/Calm	54°F
Sept 27	1:30 pm	2.7	Sunny/Windy	66°F
Aug 31	1:30 pm	2.8	Sunny/Calm	72°F
July 25	11:00 am	3.0	Hazy/Calm	77°F
June 29	1:00 pm	2.7	Hazy/Calm	75°F
May 26	9:40 am	4.1	Sunny/Calm	63°F