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## **BBLCA Virtual Annual General Meeting Sunday, October 2, 2022**

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### **2022-23 Board of Directors**

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](https://bblca.ca/PDFs/BBLCA_AGM_2021_Minutes.pdf)

## President's Report

Thank you to all the board members who help run this organization on a volunteer basis, special mention to:

Rich Corbin who after 6 years is stepping down as our Environmental board member but continuing the water testing.

Nancy Boyce who has rejoined as our Vice President, but who has continually worked tirelessly on all aspects for the association even after stepping down previously. Nancy manages our website, keeping it current and we are very proud of said website. Additionally Nancy does everything membership wise, including the on line directory, plus so much more

Tabatha Dean, our Treasurer who took over these duties during Covid so her training was lacking but Tab has stepped up and delivered financials for the last 2 years now.

Brenda Thomas for taking our minutes, and we actually met this summer for the first time since Covid so there were minutes to take.

My duties have continued to include the monthly emails that Nancy and others have also taken an active role in, keeping you posted on what we're working on, what's happening in the neighbourhood and green news. I am very proud of said eblasts as I think they helped keep us all connected during Covid when not everyone could come to the cottage or connect with other people locally.

Additionally I keep my eye on current issues that may directly affect our membership, including FOCA, KLSA, quarries issues, etc. We are currently working to become compliant with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

We initiated the Starry Stonewort committee that Dawn Griffin and Lucianna Adragna sit on and will be reporting on. Lucianna has agreed to step forward for nomination for the environmental board membership position, please vote for her and all returning board members on link below. The KLSA has been doing research in all invasive species to our lakes and we will continue to watch closely.

I share Facebook duties with Nancy, posting any and all local activities that we feel people could be interested in, additionally I took over our Instagram account this summer in time for the regatta.

I have continued to wear both hats of president and social director BUT certain social events have been taken over by others, I want to thank:

Michelle and Drew Hemming for their ownership of the outdoor movie night for the last two years.

Tabatha Dean and Theresa Kowall who have taken ownership of the winter carnival, unfortunately it was cancelled this year due to Covid concerns.

I will continue to organize the regatta for at least the next three years as I speculate this could be the reason we haven't had anyone step up to take over as the social director.

We need someone to either step up as the social director or to step up to take over some of the responsibilities, i.e., someone to take over the welcome baskets, 2 people to take over setting up and taking down the clothesline for the regatta, take over the hiking group, etc.

Everyone is always welcome to come up with any new social events, contests, etc., i.e., Kathy Mako created the word search puzzle and questions for the crossword puzzle for us.

Sue Flanagan  
sue.bblca@gmail.com

## **Vice President Report**

I rejoined the board in the spring as Vice President to better support Sue as President. I have taken over PayPal since I use it to update payment links on the website, but also to transfer money to our bank account. I thought it important to be a board member and covered by insurance if I had access to financial information.

Along with Sue, I took on the review of the current by-laws in accordance with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) and Sue and I discovered a couple things we need to remedy as far as notifications to the Ontario government such as the association address and current board members. I'll look after dealing with the government on our behalf. The other issue was financial audits, but Tabatha will cover that in her report.

Nancy Boyce

## **By-law Changes**

The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) was proclaimed on October 19, 2021. We have 3 years from that date to comply with the act. Sue Flanagan and Nancy Boyce attended a FOCA webinar about ONCA on April 6, 2022.

Two important issues came to light during the webinar.

1. Our Corporation is required to have an audit done every year unless the membership votes at the AGM to not have an audit done. We are proposing that an audit be done every 5 years or whenever there is a new Treasurer.
2. We need to notify the Ontario government each time there is:
  - a. a change of directors
  - b. an address change

Sue and Nancy conducted a by-law review and discussed the changes at the August 8th board meeting. As a result of that meeting, the following changes are recommended. Other changes may be incorporated once the document is reviewed by a lawyer.

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES:**

- 1.1 "SMR" means Service Map and Registry – This mapping is no longer in effect. Update with 911street addresses.
  - 2.1 Head Office – The address is to be updated to 344 Elbow Point Road, Buckhorn, Ontario, K0L 1J0
  - 3.7.1 Member Resignation – Delete.
  - 3.8 Termination of Membership – Delete.
  - 4.3 Notice – Amend to include email.
  - 5.3.3 (a) – Refers to old mapping of the lake which is no longer in effect due to the new 911 street addresses. Delete.
  - 5.6 Letters Patent – should read Articles of Incorporation.
- Replace Chairman with Chair throughout document

## **Treasurer Report**

Things are getting back to a state of normalcy and a few events occurred in 2021.

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.

We have very healthy financials when you consider the fact that we did not collect membership fees in 2020.

If you have not paid this year, please consider supporting your community by paying for a membership.

If you are looking for a cost effective way to advertise, please consider choosing Big Bald Lake Cottagers' Association. We also thank all of our members who support our advertisers. Cost is \$40.00 for the first ad and \$15.00 for additional ads in the same calendar year.

Tabatha Dean

### **Auditing Frequency**

We are recommending that an audit be done every 5 years or sooner if there is a change in Treasurer. You'll be asked for your agreement on this change. We are required to ask for your agreement each year.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

We recommend the appointment of Sabrina Vinelli, CA (Chartered Accountant) as Auditor in 2022.

## 2021/22 Year-End Financials

General Operating Fund	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
Beginning Balance	14,457.13	\$15,502.48	15,688.18
2021/22 Memberships	1,698.20	455.00	1,635.26
2022/23 Memberships	665.00	210.00	1,045.00
2023/24 Memberships	397.63	40.00	90.00
Raffles, Donations, fees, foca	599.38	367.33	
Clothing	1,678.43	4,340.00	
Advertising Revenue	\$ 320.00	\$ 210.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,085.77</b>	<b>\$ 21,124.81</b>	<b>\$ 18,458.44</b>
Expenditures	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
FOCA Membership	1,246.00	125.00	
bank fees	59.40	0.00	
Website	325.64	287.76	
Website Domain	22.59	22.59	199.98
AGM			146.59
Insurance			1,058.27
Water Testing	450.00	350.00	350.00
Donations		625.00	
Regatta Shirts			
Regatta Supplies			574.96
Regatta	210.60	244.99	
Movie Nite			
Land Between			
Welcome Baskets	250.00	413.46	
BBC Festival of trees	75.00		
Facebook Contest			
Winter Carnival - Chili			200.23
Prizes Various	350.00	350.00	
BCC Dinner Theatre or golf	150.00		275.00
Rock the Locks			100.00
Sponsorship TY Cards-Choco			49.43
Sweatshirts	1,449.90	4,224.74	
membership refund	200.00		1.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,578.53</b>	<b>\$ 6,643.54</b>	<b>\$ 2,955.96</b>
<b>Total BBLCA Assets</b>	<b>\$15,294.64</b>	<b>\$14,457.13</b>	<b>\$15,502.48</b>
	<b>As of June 30, 2022</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2021</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2020</b>

## **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?

## **Membership Report**

As of October 1st we have 124 members. We had 130 members this time last year and 133 by fiscal year end. We very much appreciate the support of our members and we know there a few cheques on the way. Sometimes people just don't get around to renewing. I've sent two renewal notices and won't be sending anymore this fiscal, so if you're not sure if you've paid, just ask. If we receive payment and you've already paid, I'll apply the payment to subsequent fiscal years.

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.

Nancy Boyce



## BIG BALD LAKE e-COLI RESULTS- 2022

Location	04-Jul	19-Jul	02-Aug	15-Aug	06-Sep	Average
10. Saunders Bay	6	** 56	13	2	1	15.60
1. Catalina Bay	7	16	21	6	5	11.00
3. Jump Rock	3	9	9	1	1	4.60
9. Big Bald Narrows	2	2	4	9	1	3.60
12. Phirick Bay	10	1	24	2	0	7.40

\*\* Saunders Bay Retest – 25-Jul      top of bay – 10      middle of bay – 6      bottom of bay - 23

Phosphorus Results are available the year after testing is done. 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.

### Phosphorus Results for 2021 for Big Bald Lake

STN	Site ID	Lake Name	Site Description	Date	TP1 (µg/L)	TP2 (µg/L)	Avg. TP (µg/L)
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	27-May-21	11.00	11.00	11.00
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	28-Jun-21	11.00	12.00	11.50
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	20-Jul-21	11.30	11.60	11.45
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	16-Aug-21	10.70	12.20	11.45
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	10-Sep-21	8.60	8.90	8.75
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	06-Oct-21	8.50	8.70	8.60

STN	Site ID	Lake	Site Description	Date	Secchi Depth (m)	Calcium (mg/L)
6941	1	BIG BALD LAKE	Mid Lake, deep spot	2021 Avg.	3.5	36.9

Secchi Depth Testing – Water Clarity				
Date	Time	Depth -Metres	Conditions	Water Temperature
Oct 6	10:50	3.3	Calm	63°F
Sept 10	11:00	3.7	Calm	71°F
Aug 16	14:00	2.6	Windy	77°F
July 20	11:00	3.5	Calm/Hazy	78°F
June 28	13.30	4.9	Windy	80°F
May 27	10:30	3.1	Windy	70°F

## **Starry Stonewort Report**

Dawn Griffin and Lucianna Adragna have 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.

The short story is that SSW is an invasive plant that:

- creates thick matted "deserts" where native aquatic plant species, fish, insects, etc. cannot survive
- establishes new colonies from just a tiny fragment of the plant so it spreads very easily (e.g. by swimming or boating through infested areas)
- is difficult to impossible to eradicate; and
- is spreading quickly through Ontario waterways.

We have included a map on our website Environment page to show confirmed locations of Starry Stonewort. If you see it in other locations, let us know. We'll investigate and add it to the map.

## **Social Committee Report**

When I joined the board in 2014 I had one requirement which was permission to create the regatta. There weren't any planned kid activities at that point and I had an idea in my head from our previous cottage that I wanted to do, a movable location regatta. At our old cottage I couldn't get anyone on board with this idea when my kids were little and I felt they missed out on meeting other kids on the lake and making lifelong memories and friendships and stopped wanting to come to the cottage as they got older.

Sue's Goal: I want to help all the kids on the lake make lake friendships, (so for mom and dad they continue to want to come to the cottage)

Sue's Wish List: A safe and easy way for the kids to connect with each other.

Sue's Concept: Currently we have a Facebook messenger witch's walk group chat that has morphed into an adult play date organizer, when we're going kayaking, golfing, etc. I would love to be able to get something similar set up for the younger people on the lake. So if you have young kids and want to set up play dates, we need someone to start it up on Messenger, WhatsApp or similar. With the regatta only being on water for last two years, kids aren't meeting like they used to.

Interested in spearheading this? contact me [sue.bblca@gmail.com](mailto:sue.bblca@gmail.com)

## **2022 Events Review and Plans for 2023**

Witches of Philrick Walk: Sunday October 30th, (so weekend warriors can attend), dress as a witch and walk Saunders at approximately 2pm, time to be confirmed based on weather forecast. New this year, I am hosting a soup lunch at noon at my home on FR87.

Santa Claus Parade: Canceled for last two years over Covid outbreaks concerns, we will wait to confirm closer to the date, potentially Tuesday December 27, dress up your vehicle, your selves your dogs and walk the Philrick area and back to the Flanagan's for hot chocolate and bon fire to warm by.

Winter Carnival: Also canceled for the last two years, potentially on Sunday February 19th.

Arr'some Pirate Regatta: this year's regatta was a huge success with 14 locations and multiple people donating prizes. We had three locations with challenges and we'd like to have even more next year.

Sue's 2023 regatta goals: Similar water route BUT be able end on land with donut eating challenge, water bucket challenge and a BBQ End Goal: kids meeting each other.

Outdoor Movie Night: the weather was warmer this year and the rains held off for the kids movie of Luck and after Transformers began the sky opened up and the last holdouts made a run for it. Let's hope the weather is better in 2023. Thanks again Michelle and Drew for not only hosting but completely organizing it.

## **2022 Contests Review and Plans for 2023**

We had lots of contests, draws and activities in 2022, which included the Winter Bingo and Summer Bingo activities with prizes donated by Sue Flanagan and Nancy Boyce. We had items donated, the beautiful coasters made by Stephen DeBarros of [www.buckhornstudio.com](http://www.buckhornstudio.com) and Mary Kay items donated by Barb Knill, [www.Mary Kay.ca/bknill](http://www.MaryKay.ca/bknill)

The association has also purchased items for draws, an assortment of honey for the road clean up participants, regatta items, boat safety kit, the monarch friendly milkweed seeds and shoreline plants.

### **2022-23 Draws:**

**Buckhorn Hoodie Draw:** Our Big Bald Lake Hoodies were a popular draw but we didn't have everyone's size so this fall starting in November to February we will have 4 draws of a \$75.00 voucher that you can get Buckhorn hoodies or other swag from the Buckhorn Tourism Welcome Centre (beside the LCBO) look for the announcement in the next newsletter.

**Beaver Dunk Contest:** once again we will be guessing when the beaver takes a dunk in the lake, the winner receives a \$100 gift certificate to any local Buckhorn business of their choice.

There are currently no other contests or draws so please give us a wave if you have an idea or something to donate or if you want to sponsor a draw.

### **Other Business:**

**Big Bald Lake Garments:** the undertaking of organizing, ordering and distribution of the hoodies and t-shirts in 2021 was immense. It was done with the thought that it was a one time event. If we were to do this again, when would we do it next? Would once every 4-5 years be sufficient? Should we do another design contest or stick with the current designs?

**Buckhorn Community Centre Festival of Trees:** in 2021 we supported our community by decorating a Christmas tree for raffle draw at the BCC. Last year our tree theme was fish as I had leftover fish ornaments from the regatta. This year our theme will be birds as we will be using the leftover bird ornaments I made for the bingo prizes. If anyone has any bird themed items to donate or want to purchase for under the tree. We are looking for items like squirrel buster bird feeders, books about birds, binoculars, etc. for under the tree, and home made or store bought bird, birdhouse, bird nest ornaments and a tree topper.

Sue Flanagan