

BCLSA Annual General Meeting
Monday, June 9th, 7:00pm – Minutes

Attendees:

25 BCLSA Members

Agenda:

- Welcome & Opening
- Election of Directors
- Financials
- Healthy Lake Update
- Community Updates
- Sponsorship Announcement
- Call for Volunteers & Logo Contest
- Open Discussion & Close

Reminders/Actions:

- Membership renewal for 2025; <https://www.bclsa.ca/membership/>. By e-transfer or check.
- Call for volunteers to help with Starry Stonewort containment, Spring Clean-up, Tire Disposal Program and/or summer social events.
- All boaters, please follow the Boat Launch Protocol (paddle in and out, stay in the boat lanes) to help prevent the spread of Starry Stonewort.
- Consider engaging our Association sponsors for work around your property or when visiting Lakefield and let us know if there are companies who could be interested in becoming sponsors (only \$100/year).
- Take advantage of the many benefits of your FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) membership (contact bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com).
- **Call for Logo Contest submissions! By the end of July. Create your simple designs for Big Cedar Lake!**

Election of Directors:

Nominations were acclaimed since there are no more than ten (10) Board Members nominated. List of 2025 Board Members available in the AGM presentation: <https://www.bclsa.ca/agm/>.

2024 Financial Statements:

Presented by Michael Stone, Treasurer and approved by all members present. Financial Statements are in the AGM presentation at <https://www.bclsa.ca/agm/>.

Healthy Lake Updates:

Lake Water Quality Testing Program

Diane Trauzzi discussed the continuation of the testing program for 2025. See water

quality result for Big Cedar: <https://www.bclsa.ca/lake-data/> .

Spring Cleanup and Environmental Initiatives

Leo DeSorcy presented details of the upcoming Spring Cleanup event and volunteer appreciation BBQ, June 21, 2025 (rain date June 22).

The new 2025 Tire Disposal Program was presented. This is aimed at removing old tires from the lake and shoreline to prevent toxic seepage. Approximately 30 tires have been found in the lake for clean up this summer. Volunteers who can assist on this project or anyone who finds more tires please contact Leo at ldesorcy@aol.com. Details are in the AGM presentation <https://www.bclsa.ca/agm/>.

Polystyrene cubes from old docks were also highlighted as a potential future cleanup project.

Community Events:

1. Annual **Canada Day Boat Parade July 1st, 2:00pm**. Meet at Clam Bay in boats or on docks for spectators. Co-ordinated by Diane Trauzzi.
Prizes for the best decorated boat, most patriotic costume, and most enthusiastic 'Cheermeisters' on land.
2. **PaddleFest** will take place on **August 16th** (time tbd). Meet in Clam Bay in your 'paddle craft' or volunteer your dock. Floating/wading social time and refreshments to follow. Forms come out early July. Co-ordinated by LauraJean Brand.
To volunteer email: laura.j.brand@gmail.com
3. **Summer Paddle Groups**, starting **July 13** (time tbd. Aug. Sept. dates to follow).
Gather for a group paddle, open to anyone. Details (time and gathering spot) will be shared closer to the actual dates.

Sponsors:

The Association received support from both established and several new sponsors for 2025. We encourage members to consider using these companies as they have demonstrated their interest in and support of our community. Find our valued sponsors at <https://www.bclsa.ca/service-providers/> .

Logo Contest:

- Make it simple. Use letters and simple pictures.
- Send entries attention Norma Piggott by **July 31st** to bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com
- Prize: **Fame!** And a free tee shirt with your logo design. 😊

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm