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# Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association - Communication

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting



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### ***Our 6<sup>th</sup> AGM was held at Wilson Park***

We covered the following topics:

- Weevil (Lake Program) report on last year and plan for this year.
- Election of Board Members
- Small Group brainstorming for BCL ideas
- Update re Paddlefest – [confirmed for August 6<sup>th</sup>](#)
- Water Quality Report

### **Board Members, Directors & Committee Leads**

- Brian Stock, President & Weevil (Lake program)
- John Graham, Vice President & Associations
- Don Austin, Treasurer
- Darcy Wefers, Secretary & Communications
- Heather McCarten, Membership
- Meg Luxton, Assisting Membership
- Leo Desorcy
- Mike Mulgrew, Fundraising & Assisting Lake program

## Weevil Project (Lake Program Update)

Report for 2015 will be posted on the website shortly.

***It is not too late to contribute for this years program - \$375***

*Mail your payment to –*  
Don Austin  
85 Somerset Road  
London Ontario N6K 3M6

*Email bank transfer:*  
Don Austin at [dbaustin@rogers.com](mailto:dbaustin@rogers.com)

## Funding Applications Update

The BCLSA will be submitting a funding/grant application to the following:

- Trillium Foundation



## “BCLSA Website Updates”

We will soon have a function on the website that allows you to sign up for automatic notifications when something is added or updated on the website. Stay tuned for more information.

## Big Cedar Lake Facebook Page – Like Us !!

A Big Cedar Lake Facebook page is up and running. To join search for **Big Cedar Lake Residents and Cottage Owners** and click the “join this group” The group administrator will approve your request.

Thank you to Edith Moore for starting this page. This will allow us all to share pictures, lake updates, announcements etc.

## Township of North Kawartha – Be notified...

### Receive Township Notices and Information Online

The Township continues to work towards a goal to improve and expand your access to the work reported by both Council and staff in order to be informative and transparent.

We encourage everyone, who is interested in following Council activities and decisions, to subscribe @ <http://enews.northkawartha.on.ca/maillinglist/> . You can request to be notified of: Announcements, Council News, Media Releases & Public Notices

## Advertise with Us

Our website has a local provider section that allows companies to advertise their services for \$25/year.

Check it out: <http://www.bclsa.ca/service-providers/>

## Social Mark your Calendars...



Paddlefest is confirmed for another year. All forms will be available on the BCLSA website soon.

Chris Liedtke and Family will be hosting for a final year.

We are in search of a new host cottage for 2017 – so please consider taking this on, either on your own or together with a neighbour.

RCMP



Musical Ride

Apsley will host the RCMP Musical ride on Labour Day Monday, September 5, 2016.

The world famous RCMP Musical Ride is coming to the Apsley Lions Park for what is likely a once in a lifetime presentation in our community. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate. Children 5 and under will be admitted free. We do not have details on ticket purchases as yet but Lions Park # is 705 656-1880

## AGM Small Group Topics...

A number of topics were tabled from our small group exercise at the AGM. During the last Board call, each topic was discussed. Please see a summary below of the suggestions we will be addressing.

### Communication

- Increased information sharing on Lake Program etc. **Darcy to initiate sign up on our website for members to get automatic updates**
- Share communication on what the BCLSA is doing with the head of each road committee, so they can share it with their members. **Brian to organize a conf. call of Road Committee leads & any other board members.**

### Membership

- Emphasize the fact that you can be a member without supporting the milfoil project – **Membership Committee to keep this in mind and offer as option**
- Clarify that membership fees are not used to fund the milfoil program – **this is the case and membership fees are a separate line item on financials**
- Ensure only board members, who are truly speaking on behalf of the association, present themselves as representing the BCLSA. **A statement will be posted on the website. Darcy and Brian to decide on wording**

### Milfoil Project

- Would like to have Dr. Sager join one of these meetings to be able to ask questions directly – **Brian to push harder for this to happen at next years AGM.**
- Consider having a payment plan that allows people to spread payments out rather than having lump sum payments – **Agreed.**
- Be open to people giving what they are able to (vs. 'all or nothing') – **this has been and will continue to be the case**

### Lake Level

- Suggested that the BCLSA could report lake levels – **Board agreed not to get involved with lake level – not enough expertise in this area.**

### Garbage on the roads

- Suggestion that students looking for volunteer hours could pick up garbage, and get credit for hours by getting a letter signed by BCLSA President – **will add to the website that this is an opportunity**

### Web site & Social Media

- Would like to add info onto the website about the app can be used to record nature sightings for Nature Ontario – **Darcy to research**
- Facebook group "Big Cedar Lake Residents and Cottage Owners" exists today - **See earlier in newsletter for sign up.**