

Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association (BCLSA) 2023 Annual General Meeting

On Monday April 17, 2023, we held the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association (BCLSA) via a Zoom call.

The following were items that all members should note/consider. Following the noteworthy items are the Meeting Minutes.

- If anyone is interested in connecting with other people on the lake with similar interests (e.g. those that enjoy Nature Walks may want to get together, those that like playing board games etc.) please send an email to bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com indicating for which of the activities listed on the Whiteboard (or any others that were not be listed) you would like to find like-minded people.
- Don Austin will be retiring from his role as Treasurer after this year, so we are looking for someone who can step into this role. Preferably sooner than later so they can learn from Don during the year. If anyone has any interest / ability to take over the role of Treasurer, please contact any member of the Board.
- If any member is interested in purchasing mats to install in their beach area, then the Board can help with information on suppliers and methods of installing.
- Please try to avoid the channel behind the Big Island, in order to ensure you are not picking up fragments of Starry Stonewort and spreading it to other areas of the Lake. If using the Public Boat Launch, then please make sure you stay between the channel that is marked by the white bottles.
- If you know of good contractors / services in the area perhaps you (or we) could approach them so that our sponsor section on our website can be used by cottagers to find recommended vendors.
- Send an email to Leo DeSorcy (ldesorcy@aol.com) if you are able to help out with the new Annual Spring Cleanup effort on Saturday June 3 (rain date is June 4).
- Roads committees are encouraged to hold Wildfire Preparedness information sessions (\$500 grant available).
- Please meet up with us in Clam Bay just before 2 pm on Saturday July 1, with your boat decorated as much as you want, to commemorate Canada Day for the Canada Day boat parade
- Encourage your neighbours to provide their e-mails to bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com to be added to the lake distribution list, even if they are not interested in paying the BCLSA Fee contribution. We try to always send messages using "BCC" option so people's private e-mail addresses are not compromised.

Minutes of Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association (BCLSA) 2021 Annual General Meeting

Held: Monday April 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm via Zoom Call

33 Attendees

Brian called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brian reviewed some meeting logistics and the agenda, then conducted a couple of quick polls. The first was to determine how often members in attendance have attended the AGM in the past and the second poll was to determine where members attending the meeting are located on the Lake. Brian welcomed the new attendee and indicated that it was good to see that there was good representation around the entire lake.

A third activity to brainstorm Activities that people enjoy while at Big Cedar was prevented by technical issues. Thus the Whiteboard is shown here. If anyone is interested in connecting with other people on the lake with similar interests (e.g. those that enjoy Nature Walks may want to get together, those that like playing board

games etc.) please [send an email to BigCedarLakeSA@gmail.com](mailto:BigCedarLakeSA@gmail.com) indicating for which of these activities (or any others that may not be listed) you would like to find like-minded people:

ACTIVITIES ENJOYED AT BIG CEDAR LAKE

Types of Boating Enjoyed	Tally	Water Activities Enjoyed	Tally	Non-Water Activities Enjoyed	Tally	Winter Activities Enjoyed	Tally	Other Enjoyments	Tally
Motorboat	1	Skiing		Nature Walks		Snowmobiling		Socialize with friends / family	1
Jetski		Tubing		Gardening		X-country Skiing		Playing board/card games	F
Sailboat	111	Wakeboarding		Bird Watching	1 F 1			Sun tanning on the beach / dock	
Canoe	1	Wake Surfing		Playing badminton					
Kayak	11	Fishing		Campfires/singing	1				
Paddleboat	1	Swimming	1						
Paddleboard		Snorkeling							
Windsurf		Scuba Diving							

Brian then proceeded into the Business portion of the AGM meeting.

Financials & Election of Directors

Brian thanked Don Austin for his great work with the Financials, ever since the BCLSA was formed. Brian announced that Don will be retiring from his role as Treasurer after this year, so we are looking for someone who can step into this role. Preferably sooner than later so they can learn from Don during the year. **If anyone has any interest / ability in taking over the role of Treasurer, please contact any member of the Board.**

Brian reviewed the Income Statement and Balance Sheet. Brian pointed out that as a not-for-profit organization, each year there must be zero profit, thus any funds left over must be marked as unearned contributions and moved to the following year. From 2022, we had excess funds of \$573 from the Membership fees and \$11,080 from the Healthy Lake contributions. This money will be moved to 2023 and, along with this year's BCLSA Fee contributions, will be used to fund our programs this year. Brian indicated that going forward we will not be spitting the Fee contributions into Healthy Lake separate from a Membership fee as each year most people pay both fees, so this will be amalgamated into one BCLSA Fee for simplicity's sake.

Brian reviewed the history of numbers of contributions to the annual Membership and Healthy Lake fees.

The financial statements were accepted by a vote of the membership, all were in favour.

Election of Directors

There are currently 8 directors on the BCLSA Board: John Graham, Leo DeSorcy, Mike Mulgrew, Don Austin, Doug Colmer, Chris Graham, Diane Trauzzi, and Brian Stock. The directors normally serve a 2 year term. Don Austin, Doug Colmer, Chris Graham, Brian Stock and Diane Trauzzi are entering their 2nd year term; and John, Leo and Mike were nominated for re-election this year for another 2 year term and have graciously agreed to run. Laura Brand is a new member whose name was put forward, and she is welcomed to the Board. No other names were put forward, so all nominations were acclaimed. Brian thanked all the Board members for their service and the work that they do. He also encouraged other members to consider joining the board to help us

with new ideas. Election of the officers will be held at the next Board of Director meeting with election of officers and formation of committee leads.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting.

For the remainder of the meeting content, please watch the video recording of the meeting, which is posted on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/1Urs0D9fwY?si=1>.

After watching the video, please fill in our Feedback Survey to provide us feedback about the meeting at the following link: <https://forms.gle/KGatTPnSesgJtW8A>

The following topics were covered:

- Update on the “Healthy Lake” program
 - Eurasian Milfoil
 - Starry Stonewort
 - Water Quality – high eColi counts in 2022 due to testing done after heavy rainfall on a date in July. Answer to question raised in chat of meeting: *“Just wondering how quickly the ecoli results come back. So if it is at 300 do you get it in time to notify people that it was that high?”*
Answer: It takes 3-5 days after the test is completed to get the results of an eColi test. By that time the high eColi counts are not likely to be still high. Thus it is not possible to warn people of high counts until it is after the fact. This is why cottagers need to ensure their shorelines have a “natural” buffer of vegetation that will absorb and filter rain run-off and keep geese off their shore (geese like to have a clear sight-line to the water). Consideration should also be given to keeping the vulnerable (young children, elderly, immune-compromised) out of the lake for 24 hours after a really heavy downpour and warn them not to swallow lake water.
- Your Lake Community – General Updates
 - Natural Shoreline
 - Spring Cleanup Day – if willing to volunteer, email Leo DeSorcy at ldesorcy@aol.com
 - Spongy Moth Update
 - Wildfire Preparedness – Roads committees encouraged to hold Preparedness info sessions (\$500 grant available). Jeremy Kozelj is a firefighter and is willing to attend if available.
 - Fishing Resources
 - Canada Day Boat Parade – Meet at Clam Bay on Saturday, July 1 at 2 pm
- Member Engagement
- Open Discussion & Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.