

Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association - Communication



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Annual General Meeting

Approximately 90 cottagers/residents of Big Cedar Lake representing about 53 cottages gathered at Wilson Park Community Centre on May 22nd for our first Annual General Meeting.

Our Wilson Park Meeting Space was Standing Room Only!

Brian Stock presented a slide presentation with background and work to date done by the Association.

8 Director Nominations were shared and a special resolution passed to have 8 members form the Board of Directors vs. the 10 specified in our bylaws. Judith Powell seconded the motion and all present were in favour.

The Board of Directors (BoFD) had their first meeting on June 13 via conference call to determine who will serve for one and two year terms as well as election of Officers.

List of Board of Directors on page 2.

Eurasian Milfoil Project

Brian continued the slide presentation outlining the Enviroscience solution to the Milfoil problem on BCL.

Brian also presented the cottager/resident commitments to date that have allowed us to reach our financial goal to make the project a "go".

Financial commitments from cottagers/residents on the lake total 67 cottages to date.

We are strongly encouraging those cottagers/residents who have not made a financial commitment to the project to please do so as it will only make the cost per cottage decrease. Please contact Darcy Wefers – darcy.wefers@sympatico.ca to offer your financial support.

Next Steps:

Payment is due by June 19th. Details regarding payment will be provided in an email.

Enviroscience plans to stock the weevils in mid July.

Funding Opportunities

Brian also spoke to possible funding opportunities to assist in financing the Milfoil project. David Clutton Jr. has spent considerable time investigating a large list of possible options and has short-listed 3:

- Cottage Life
- Environment Canada
- MNR

We have missed all application due dates for funds this year but will be applying for possible funding next year



All those who attended the AGM were encouraged to "plot" their cottage on a map of Big Cedar Lake

Volunteers & BCLSA Website – www.bclsa.ca

Volunteers for committee work provided their names to Darcy Wefers and the BofD will be contacting those offering their help in the near future.

JoAnne Graham
Shirley Ireland
Julia Madden
Linda Anders
Lee Kirkby

Cliff Homewood offered his Web Designer expertise and has registered our domain

name as www.bclsa.ca

The website will continue to be updated and improved and we hope to have it serve as a central point for Big Cedar Lake cottagers/residents to obtain information, share information and access links to other important Associations or Organizations offering information pertinent to cottaging, lake quality etc.

A huge thank you to Cliff Homewood for his expertise and assistance in creating a wonderful website for all of us to access.

Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association website

www.bclsa.ca

Board of Directors

Don Austin
David Clutton Jr
Leo Desorcy
Christine Elser
John Graham
Meg Luxton
Brian Stock
Darcy Wefers

Suggested Additional BCLSA Initiatives

Those attending the meeting were asked to suggest other BCLSA initiatives that they would like to see investigated. Here is the list in no particular order...

- Boat Launches / Landing Sites – signage encouraging boat clean of

- Good neighbours initiative – cut down on excessive flood lighting
- Solar power?
- Blog to share information
- Lake level – control
- Education/Information – native species, shoreline, safety and first aid training
- Regatta
- Lake marking of rocks with buoys
- Flyers for campers to educate them on Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive species
- Signage about the Association and Eurasian Milfoil program at the landings
- Lake wide Garage Sale / Dock Sale

Kawartha Lakes Stewardship Association

John Graham attended the KLSA meeting in Bobcaygeon on May 7th. Robert Hogg was also at the KLSA representing his Big Cedar Road group; they have had an association with the KLSA for some time. John watched a presentation by Kyle Borrowman from Trent U. and Darryl Mitchell from Fleming College on "Biological Control of Eurasian Water Milfoil". Dr. Sager also attended the meeting from Trent U. and expressed interest in visiting BCL.