

Buckshot Lake Association

Spring 2022 Newsletter

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Hello from Roy,

Spring is finally here: warm weather, and of course those dreaded blackflies! I hope everyone enjoyed this past winter. Even with the cold and snow, Buckshot Lake is so beautiful in the winter months. I did however look forward to March as this brought maple syrup season. Personally, I collected over 300L of sap and made approximately 8L of syrup- a great way to teach ratios to the grandchildren. On another personal note, I have decided to run for Ward 2 council in North Frontenac this October. I have worked in municipal government for 11 years before retiring and enjoy public service. More information on my campaign to come.

The executive committee continues its work for you. Boaters may have noticed the buoy markers are already in. Thanks again to Bob Haynes for doing this difficult task. Another exciting project that will be

launching in the next week is our new and improved website. Please take a look and let us know your thoughts.

Our AGM has been scheduled for July 2nd at 10am. This will be an in-person meeting held at Clar-Mill Hall in Plevna. I look forward to meeting everyone in person.



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AGM

Our annual AGM will be held on July 2nd from 10am to noon at Clar-Mills Hall in Plevna. This meeting will be in-person with presentations from some of our board members. We have also invited our local council members from both North Frontenac and Addington Highlands to join us. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions, as municipal elections are scheduled for October this year. Remember that all property owners can vote locally even if they are not permanent residents.

Originally we had planned a bbq after the meeting; however, since it will be a long weekend, we thought that most members would prefer a shorter meeting to then spend time with friends and family. A social gathering, such as a corn roast, is a possibility in late August. We are looking for input from our members, and this topic will be discussed during the AGM.

An agenda for the AGM will be sent out 2 weeks before the meeting. If you have an item you wish to add to the agenda, please let us know.

Board Update

After many years of volunteering on the Board and contributing in various capacities, both Bob Haynes and David Farquharson are stepping down from their duties. We thank them for all they have done to ensure our lake and surrounding area continues to thrive. Both Bob and David have committed their continuing support for the BLA by helping in their areas of expertise. At our last board meeting, Leslie Hoyt and Vikram Joshi accepted nominations as directors; this will be confirmed at our AGM.

Membership

Our membership numbers from last year were very strong which indicates that so many of us feel the importance of the BLA to advocate for our lake and surrounding area. We remind everyone to renew their membership this year, and update your contact information, as we have found old phone numbers and email addresses. Also, please encourage non-member friends and neighbours to join.

Environmental

The Mazinaw Lanark Forest Management 10 year plan has been delayed due to COVID and thus they are operating on the previous plan. Bob has

had some communication concerning the plan and will provide an update at the AGM.

Additional information concerning lake quality and invasive species will be discussed at the AGM. The good news is that our lake continues to have encouraging sample results for invasive species and water quality.

NFLAA Update

The North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance continues to advocate on your behalf. Two areas of concern are mandatory septic inspections and Airbnb rentals in the area. There continues to be good discussion with the municipality concerning Airbnbs. On the other hand, North Frontenac Council has voted against a motion to investigate the need to develop a program for mandatory inspections. This means that the status quo for voluntary inspections will remain in place.

Another area of concern is a new development concerning floating cottages. We have not seen this arise in North Frontenac as of yet, but other cottage areas have seen some activity. Hopefully proper regulations will be created before problems arise.

The NFLAA will be promoting the municipal elections this fall (October 24th) and as mentioned above, reminding seasonal owners of their right to vote: you can vote at both your home and cottage. Voting in North Frontenac can be done by phone or online.

Photo Contest

Our photo contest has been such a success and everyone looks forward to the amazing photos every year. We will once again be running the contest: thanks so much to Donna Crome for her involvement not only this year, but in the past as well.

See below for detailed information.

Buckshot Lake Association Photo Contest 2022

All Buckshot Lake Association members are invited to participate in our seventh annual Buckshot Lake Amateur Photo Contest.

Send us your best photos of this year's cottage fun and quiet times on Buckshot Lake and you could win a prize.

Enter in 4 Categories

1. Landscapes
2. Nature / Wildlife
3. Cottage Life
4. Young Photographer - open category for photographers age 12 and under



Guidelines

- Four Seasons: photos must be taken between Sept.13, 2021 and Sept. 11, 2022
- Maximum entries per photographer: 4 per category
- *Submission Deadline:* Sunday, September 11, 2022

Submission

- Email your .jpg photo entries to **buckshotlakephotos@yahoo.com**
- For each photo (identify by file#) name the category for which it is being submitted
- Include your name, age if you are a Young Photographer, lake address, and release forms for any people who are included in a submitted photo. Release forms can be downloaded from the BLA website.

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You Be The Judge

- Finalist photos for each category will be posted on the BLA website at **buckshotlakeassociation.com** by Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.
 - Follow the instructions on the website to cast your votes for the prize winning photo in each category no later than Sunday, September 25, 2022.
 - Winners will be announced on the website by Saturday October 1, 2022, and in our fall newsletter.
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BLA (Buckshot Lake Association)

Your BLA Executive Members:

- Roy Huetl President
- Russ Brown Past President
- Paul Asselin Treasurer
- Jim Bacon Secretary
- David Farquharson Director (retiring)
- Bob Haynes Director (retiring)
- Peter Lorenz Director
- Arthur McGregor Director

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