

# BUCKSHOT LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

## MINUTES OF Sept. 20, 2015

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### Present

Bob Haynes	Past President
Jim Bacon	Secretary
Guy Lefebvre	Director
Russ Brown	President
Kevin Quartermain	Director
Dave Farquharson	Director

### Absent

Paul Asselin

### Agenda

#### 1. Website

- Storage and access issues should be addressed. Links to other sites and larger files may need addressing. Through discussion it was determined that a member of the executive, Russ Brown, be accountable for access and content.

#### 2. Action Points

- See updated spreadsheet dated Sept. 20, 2015.

#### 3. Finances

- Our member revenue is currently \$1200. annually. Insurance and FOCA annually cost about \$1400. The social event and new marker buoys, this year, cost an additional \$2300. Through discussion it was determined that we should purchase another 5 marker buoys, with 3 being positioned in East Bay and 2 as spares. This significantly reduces our bank balance resulting in a need to increase revenue through new members and increased annual dues. It was agreed through motion to increase 2016 dues to \$30. Through executive involvement in other lake association issues we have learned that \$25 - \$50 annual dues are the norm. We also discussed asking our members if they are in favour of making a donation to BEARAT(leading the fight against wind turbines). This would also have a bearing on future dues increases. It was felt to be worthwhile to solicit a new member of the Executive from East Bay Road to provide better representation for the entire lake, as well as assisting in a membership drive. This would be part of a plan to deal with future financial needs, lake activities, and issues related to wind turbine projects. An end of season communication to members detailing some of the above topics will be sent by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

- **Membership**

- A member of the executive will formulate a plan for addressing the steps to be taken to effectively solicit lake property owners to become members of BLCA. It was felt that 5 to 6 volunteers would be needed to approach the 80 – 100 non members in the spring. Our goal is to increase membership from 60 to 100 members. We have also identified an individual to become

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a member of the executive and assist in this project.

#### **4. Boat Launch**

- Over the course of the summer it has come to our attention that issues around the turnaround continue to be a problem. We have since trimmed the perimeter to make it wider but at times parking has blocked the approach for incoming trailers. Also, some property owners are storing docks etc. over the winter. Our next communication will highlight these concerns as this is township property and additional signage would require their approval.

#### **Next Meeting**

January 2016. Exact date to be determined.