



**Owners' and Residents' Association of Lac Bernard  
Fall Meeting of Members**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.  
By Zoom, average of 65 Members attending**

**President's Welcome and Remarks (Kevin Radford)**

Meeting opened at 7:32pm with welcoming remarks and the Land Acknowledgement of the Algonquin nation. Board has met 7 times since election and each Director has signed the Confidentiality Agreement guidelines and approved the FY21 Financial Statements in August. Significant investments in 2022 included Transport Canada Buoys to mark heavy Milfoil areas (approx. \$5,000+), cottager milfoil kit subsidy (approx. \$2,000+), burlap kits at 2 boat slips (approx. \$2,000+) and residual legal expenses (approx. \$5,000+). Paul Hays was thanked for his years of work on our website which will now be upgraded and renewed (forecasted 2023; \$5,000+). The 2022 Financial Statements will be ready for the Spring AGM and the Membership will also vote on the 2023 budget. Board is focused on good governance, fiduciary responsibility, monitoring and protection the environment, and Community Development. Members with ideas and feedback are encouraged to reach out to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report (Don McLean)**

Short presentation on overall Association financial governance, including managing the 2022 expenses. All government reporting is up to date and 2021 Financial Statements were formally submitted for information to Members in accordance with the new bylaws. Year-to-date financial snapshot shows a \$5.8K loss, driven by several large one-time and mandatory expenses and residual legal fees. A loss for the year is expected which will be covered by reserves and not recur in 2023. 2023 budget will be presented at the Spring AGM for membership approval.

**Environment Committee Report (Paul Saunders)**

Short presentation thanking the numerous members of the Environment Committee and the Yellow Buoy volunteers for their significant work. Close cooperation with Lac Notre Dame Association quickly remedied a beaver damn problem, and water levels were good this year. 2022 water testing showed excellent results. To sustain this result, cottagers are encouraged to keep trees near the shoreline, not use fertilizers, and fully maintain septic tanks. Report on Milfoil was grim: infestation has grown from 2.7% coverage in 2012 to 16% in 2022 and is the dominant species in the lake. Cannot be eradicated so slowing and controlling its progress is crucial. Burlap kits were deployed at boat slips and cottagers are encouraged to buy subsidized kits for their own property. Boats must stay out of the marked high density milfoil areas! The **Lac Bernard in the ABV des 7 Biology Report** was presented and three of five recommendations were deployed. Board is reviewing how all five might be realized and considering how to access the Quebec \$150M protection fund.

**Website Renewal (Kevin Radford, for Blair Patacairk)**

Board has authorized Blair Patacairk to spend \$5k to upgrade and modernize the website. Work has now started and volunteers to assist in this effort are needed. A progress update will be provided at the Spring AGM.

**Document / Records Management (John McDonald)**

Short presentation on Document and Records Management with an overview of the current process. 4 of 6 recommendations were approved and the remaining two will be addressed by the Website Renewal project. The overall vision for Document and Records management is to ensure authentic, complete, accurate, reliable records easily accessible to 1) Support accountability and transparency, 2) Contribute to decision making, and 3) Foster a rich and deep appreciation of the history of our lake.

### **Lac Bernard – Membership Update – (Steve Kulba)**

Association Membership stands at 293. 48 Members have signed on through 2023 and 13 for 2024. 192 members renewed online this year and the intent is to expand this easier form of membership renewal. Web Renewal will accelerate this, including reminders to renew. PayPal was stopped, as Interac proved much easier to use.

### **Member Communications (Jeff Stubbins)**

Several methods are used to maintain a healthy, respectful, and two-way dialogue is our goal, especially email exchanges and face to face meetings with members. Board finds all exchanges highly valuable and are enriched by different perspectives. Email continues to be the dominant form, and the Web Renewal program will provide an additional means for information exchange.

### **Regatta Report (Kevin Radford)**

A short presentation on the 2022 Regatta noted the enjoyment experience by all who attended. Given the environmental concerns of the Regatta Bay cottagers the Regatta was moved to the Radford's cottage this year. After a few years hiatus, a fantastic community event was held. The large army of volunteers created an outstanding day for our Lac Bernard community, with a particular focus on the next generation of cottagers

## **Question and Answer Session**

### **Question – Burlap in Sawmill Bay was a bit of a mess and challenged pulling boats out. Can it be improved?**

The small army of volunteers learned several lessons which will be incorporated into the future attempts. The burlap that was causing problems was removed and we will try again in the Spring.

### **Question – Could the Environment Committee talk about what is planned to address the milfoil issue in 2023?**

Currently focused on the burlap initiatives discussed during meeting. Quebec government has \$150M fund for environmental issues at lakes and rivers which we hope to tap into which could support any industrial solution we use.

### **Question – Is it time to consider raising the annual membership dues?**

The change in bylaws will potentially impact membership levels. Board will look at how best to manage this including potentially new membership classes. More will be discussed at Spring AGM.

### **Question – Describe industrial solutions for Milfoil, their delivery and cost?**

At this time no industrial solution for Milfoil has been legalized for use in Quebec, and they are also cost-prohibitive. Presumably when funding is available, so too will be the means for industrial solution.

### **Question – Can we hope for a return to live meetings?**

The Board will examine a potential hybrid meeting but will keep the online forum in place.

### **Question – Are the divers very expensive?**

The Board understands divers are very expensive, but will investigate if this type of diving, which is low intensity, can be done more cheaply, specifically with those working on diving certification.

### **Question – Members have been able to vote on reports, especially financial reports, why not now?**

Under the new bylaws, Members only vote on the Fiscal Year Budget presented at the AGM. The financial statements are submitted for information only. This can be reviewed at the Spring AGM.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM**

## VOLUNTEERS

“Volunteering is a fundamental act of good citizenship.” Volunteers Canada website.

We aren't going to wait until April 16<sup>th</sup> when National Volunteer Week begins in Canada. This is a list that you should read right now. It contains the names of volunteers who lent their talent and expertise to us all in 2022. Thankfully they live amongst us; Lac Bernard neighbours and friends who value our lake and its community.

Shouting their names from the rooftops seems appropriate but it's slippery up there. Their names are listed below instead. Much safer this way:

### Environment Committee:

- Jane Barton
- Blair Patacairk
- Kevin Radford
- Jeff Stubbins

### Yellow Buoy Volunteers

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| • Jean Charles Hudon       | • Steve Chapman                | • Scott Duncan      |
| • Dick and Mary Jane Green | • Dominique Quesnel            | • Leigh Sullivan    |
| • Hilary and Liam Casey    | • Steve Adams                  | • Paul Warriner     |
| • Laurence McClelland      | • Alain Marcil and Julie Roger | • Raymond Kotchorek |
| • Jane Barton              | • Paul Hays                    | • Dani Kennedy      |
| • Andrew Floyd             | • John Pearson                 | • Liane Benoit      |

### Regatta Volunteers

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| • Food: Pat & Tish Tilley                             | • Road / Parking: Paul Saunders, Blair Patacairk                       |
| • BBQ: Walter Hoekstra, Andy Leduc, Pat & Tish Tilley | • Face Painting: Evelyn Patroquin                                      |
| • Raffle: Fatima Hoekstra, Kathy Saunders, Wendy Carr | • Boat Drivers: Chris Ault, Rob Perrins, Jim Clarke, Anne Marie Steele |
| • Tickets: Sherry & Sasha Patacairk                   | • Awards: Carrie Ault  |
| • Membership: Jacqui Fitzpatrick                      | • Swimming: Clare Radford, Vanessa Huddleson                           |
| • Port-A-Potties: Kevin Kennedy                       | • Tiki Bar: Brian Perrins  |
| • Master of Ceremonies: Rob Butler                    | • Lifeguard / Paramedic: Shane Trobridge                               |
| • Games: Marlene Stubbins, Clare & Linda Radford      |  |

### Raffle Prize Donations

- Beyond the Pale Brewing Company (Value: \$55.00)
- Homemade Jams & Biscotti Gift Basket (Value: \$50.00 – Marlene Stubbins)
- Boreal Farm Pickles (Value: \$20.00)
- Lisa Moir's Fashion Collection - Gift certificate (Value: \$125.00 US – Lisa Moir)
- Magasin General La Pêche in Lascelles - Gift Certificate (Value: \$25.00)
- Le Hibou Kitchen & Bar in Wakefield Gift Certificate (Value: \$75.00 – Serafini Family)
- 4 Water Guns for fun in the sun (Anonymous)
- Giant Size Jenga Jumbling Tower (Anonymous)
- Ottawa Senators vs. Edmonton Oilers ticket (Value: \$500.00 – Gifford Carr Insurance Group)
- Mont Cascades Golf Club Passes (Value: \$160.00)
- Ashton Brewery Pub Adventure (Value: \$100.00)
- Ferme L'eau du ruisseau - Farm-to-Table lunch for 4 + guided tour of our farm. (Value: \$150.00)
- HO Sports Striker Three Person Tube (Value: \$280.00 – Anonymous Donor)