



AGM reports (2020-2021)

Reference documents

The documents linked here are in the "Members Only" section of the website, which requires login. Membership Committee Chair Steve Kulba has emailed login information to all members. Please check your emails for reference.

[2020 Financial Statements](#) by Melissa Saunders, Treasurer

[Minutes of the 2020 spring AGM](#)

[Minutes of the 2020 fall meeting](#)

Environment Report

prepared by Paul Saunders

May 2021

Eurasian Milfoil

In 2012, the findings of a study we commissioned regarding the milfoil issue in our lake indicated that about 2% of Lac Bernard was covered with Eurasian Milfoil. In 2015, the Association commissioned a second study indicating that 15% or 525,000 square meters of milfoil covered the lake. We are undertaking a study this year to evaluate to what degree the problem has spread and how much of the lake is now covered by Eurasian Milfoil.

Why is Eurasian Milfoil a Problem for our lake?

First and foremost, it takes over the ecology of the lake blocking out light and crowding out aquatic life required for a healthy fishery. In short, the ecology of the lake and the biodiversity are declining as this invasive weed continues to spread. As a result, it reduces the ability for everyone to enjoy swimming, boating and other water sports. In time, it will hurt the real estate values of our properties.

What is the Association doing?

To start, we have commissioned an environmental consultant to conduct a new study (July 2021) of the milfoil problem. Thankfully, we have sought and received 50% funding for this study from the Municipality of La Pêche.

Our consultant (ABV des 7) has recommended that yellow buoys be put out again this year to reduce boat traffic in heavily infested areas in order to slow down the spread of milfoil. ABV des 7 will be doing the research at our lake in early July and this study will form the basis to our submission to the Québec government to make application for a permit to lay burlap in heavily infested areas of the lake. We chose burlap over other alternatives such as harvesting, vacuum suction, chemical alternatives and using weevils since burlap is the only approved method eligible for a permit (and funding).

The application for permit will be submitted by the fall with expected approval for our plan by early 2022. Once the permit is approved, we will be submitting our plan to the Quebec, federal and municipal governments and seeking financial assistance to aid in the costs for the roll out. Once funding is approved, we expect to roll out the initiative by spring of 2022. The roll out plan is designed to cover the highest density milfoil areas of the lake within five years.

Once we have covered the high density, heavy boat traffic areas with burlap, we will be in a position to remove and decommission the yellow buoys.

Membership report
as of May 7th, 2021

2021	193 members
2022	63 members

Funds:

Clubhouse	\$ 265
Environment	\$870
Security	\$145

Security Report

By Rick Soderstrom

Neighbors of the Association's Regatta Bay property have pointed out that outsiders have used the property to access the lake and have been using the Porta Potties. In response, we have agreed to put "No Trespassing" signs at the property, a locked chain at the roadside entrance, and we will empty and put locks on the Porta Potties.

The Clubhouse Report for 2020

Presented to the Lac Bernard Association

AGM on May 12th, 2021.

The COVID 19 virus prevented us from attending BINGOs in person at The Clubhouse in 2020. Gaye Moffett hosted the BINGOS VIRTUALLY on Saturday evenings throughout the summer. We had a round robin winner each evening who chose an association logo item of their choice for their prize. Clubhouse fun was had by all.

**Communications report
for the May 12 2021 Spring meeting
Prepared by Francine Filion**

Coffee Table book - The objective of the project was to remember 2020 at Lac Bernard as a beautiful year through the lens of members instead of a pandemic year. Members were invited to share their photos of the year 2020 in the fall, and 116 photo books were ordered late November (in time for the Holiday Season) and in February, an additional 20 were ordered because of popular demand. Special thanks go to all the photographers who shared their talents with us and to the many volunteers who helped to move the project along its way.

Thanks to our wonderful photographers:

Leslie LeMesurier Cooper Ewen Crook Becky Dolan Rupert Duchesne Audrey Duncan Châtelain Scott Duncan Marilyn Evans Stephen Hamel Jock Hurst Dani Kennedy	Maryse Laflamme Sandra Lillico Will Lockhart Alain Marcil Michelle Matthieu Higgins John McDonald Nathan Millard Bryce Moir Cedric Nowell	Julie Pohlman-Brogee Paul Rodier Doug Russell Jeff and Marlene Stubbins Gus and Lynn Theodoropoulos Dominique Skarzenski Angelea van Veen Kathy Vogt Lynn timer Zunder
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Thank you to these people for working behind the scenes!

Judges Scott Duncan Stephen Hamel	Translation Bruno Loblrichon	Financials Melissa Saunders
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Thank you to these members who offered their homes as pick-up centres

Pierre Chartrand Mary Crook Robin Higgins Sandra Lillico	David Muir Doug Russell Melissa Saunders Anne-Marie Steele Lynn timer Zunder
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In other communication-related activities, [the Fall-winter issue of the newsletter](#) went out and we are currently working on the Spring issue of the newsletter. Do you have an idea, or even better, do you wish to contribute an article to the newsletter? So please send us an email to communications@lacbernard.ca