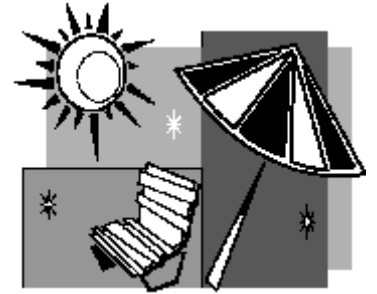


Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

SUMMER

2005



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is time once again to get together at the **Annual General Meeting**. This is where you will have the opportunity to:

- *Hear a report from the Executive on its activities in the past year,*
- *Voice your opinions and suggestions,*
- *Vote where your Association's efforts will be directed in the coming year.*

This year we have two amendments to the constitution to propose:

Executive Position Replacements

On page 2, under the heading Executive, to add a new paragraph to read:

In the event that one of the five Executive positions becomes vacant, a successor will be named by a majority vote of the remaining Executive panel. This position could be filled by any paid-up member of the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.

Membership Fees

On page 2, under the heading Memberships, the Executive is recommending that, as of the 2006/2007 membership year, membership dues be increased to twenty dollars (\$20.00) per property, entitling the property owners to one vote per person to a maximum of two (2) independent votes.

Since the AGM is when the business of this Association is conducted, your attendance and participation is crucial. So, we'll put the coffee on and the donuts out and all you have to do is show up!

When: Sunday, July 31, 2005
9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Where: Clear Lake / Bay Lake Community Hall

Please put this in your calendars and plan to be there.



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SUMMER FUN REMINDER

For the information of those who are new to Bay Lake, and as a reminder to everyone who will be spending another summer season here, the following is an excerpt from the Summer Fun Guidelines (June 2004 newsletter) that were suggested to help everyone on Bay Lake enjoy their time there.

Noise

While everyone enjoys a party now and then, it's important to remember that not everyone appreciates loud music and/or voices late at night. Unfortunately ... sound travels very, very well over water. So the party you have on the weekend may not only disturb the neighbours to the left and right of you but also the 10 "neighbours" across the lake!

*The good news is that a little consideration can ensure your good times don't become someone else's nightmares. **Keep music volume as low as possible and try to keep the music indoors.** If speakers are placed outdoors, face them away from the lake. Ask louder guests to enjoy themselves more quietly. **Set off your fireworks before 11:00 pm.***

Light

Most of us agree that it's an amazing experience to sit on the dock at night and stare at the stars, the moon or even into the darkness. However, this is difficult to do when a floodlight from across the lake is casting midday shadows on your dock!

*Don't hesitate to use path and/or driveway **lights** when people are arriving or leaving, but remember to **turn them off when not in use.** Also, set up lights so they **point toward your cottage ... not toward the lake.** Consider using **low wattage bulbs** and/or motion detectors.*

Also, keep the spirit of cooperation in mind if approached by, or if approaching, a neighbour.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters. Your efforts may well be appreciated by many.

BEAR FEET

Once again there have been reports of the pitter-patter of bear feet around the lake. Please remember these few pointers:

- Do not fill your bird feeders in the summer; save it for the winter when the birds need the food and the bears are not looking for it;
- Keep all garbage locked away before taking it to the dump or back to the city;
- Clean out your BBQ grease catcher – bears find this a particularly tasty treat;
- Add lime to your composter to make it less appealing.

LAKE WATER TESTING

In co-operation with the Ontario government, your association is testing the lake water from two locations, while a private individual is continuing to test water from a third location. Samples are being taken from the bay, the east end, and the west end.

We will test for phosphorus once a year at the end of May, while water clarity and temperature will be recorded every two weeks from May to October. This will enable us to observe any changes from year to year. These results will be submitted to the government and be included as part of their annual survey of Ontario lakes.

BOATING SAFETY

Even though Bay Lake is not a large lake, the OPP regularly launch their boat and check that all boaters are complying with the law. This includes ensuring you have the required safety equipment on board (bailing can, whistle, light source, heaving rope, life jackets, etc.), do not have open alcohol on board, and are operating your watercraft in a responsible manner (not driving recklessly, having a spotter, etc.).

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

If you call serving over 270 plates of pancakes and sausages a success, then we've done it again! This year saw a great turnout for this great event.

Thanks again to Bruce Wilkin for donating a bottle of his delicious maple syrup for the door prize, and to Kara Dunn for running the 50/50 draw. The Association and lucky winner Susan Friedman split the \$392.00 50/50 pot, while Adam Todd won the floating red shark.

Thanks also to those who participated in the silent auction, helping to raise over \$650.00 for the Association.

It bears repeating every year to say *thank you* to:

- Those who came out and supported the event and enjoyed the breakfast;
- Those who donated prizes;
- The hard workers who volunteered their time to cook, serve, clean up, sell tickets and do whatever else needed doing;
- To Judy Dunn for orchestrating the event, with the able assistance of her family and other members of the Executive.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All events and other activities carried out on behalf of the Association use volunteers. If you would like to donate your time, please call any member of the Executive. Just let us know what you'd like to volunteer for or when you would be available, and we'll put you on our contact list. Your participation would be a great help and our "regulars" can benefit from the infusion of new energy into the tasks!

FUN DAY

Another successful event for the Bay Lake community -- the weather cooperated, the crabs raced, balloons were tossed, kids competed and prizes were awarded! Add to that the cases of soft drinks and dozens of hot dogs people enjoyed and you have a great day.

Thanks to all those who volunteered and to those who came out.

See you again next year - same time, same place!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poker Run

This is a fun time for all and a great way to meet some new people - and check out the other cottages on the lake!

When: Saturday, July 30th 1:00-4:00
(rain date is Sunday, July 31st)

Where: All over the lake - designated docks will be clearly marked

There will be a prize again this year for the *Best Decorated Boat*, so be creative!

Annual General Meeting

This is the "biggie". See the article on page 1 about the importance of your attendance.

When: Sunday, July 31st, 9:00-12:00

Where: Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall

Corn Roast:

What a great way to end the summer - sitting around a campfire with friends and good food!

When: TBA - one weekend evening in September after the long weekend

Where: The public boat ramp at the west end of the lake

EBAYLAKE AND YOU

This is a reminder that you must be a paid member for the current membership year to have items posted on the buy and sell page of our website (www.baylakeontario.com). Since we just started the 2005/2006 year, many people have not had the chance to pay. You can:

- Pay when you attend the **AGM** on Sunday, July 31st
- or
- Fill in the Membership Form on this page and mail it in with your cheque

Please also remember to notify us via email when you have bought or sold your item. Thanks!

SIGN BOARD

Anyone who is a paid member for 2005/2006 will have their name and lot number listed in the directory posted on the new sign board. If you have not yet paid, please do so at the AGM or fill in the Membership Form on this page.

If you do not want your name to appear, please indicate this on the form below.

Do not include my name on the signboard

Name _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Lake Phone _____

Email Address _____

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Lake Phone _____

I am enclosing a cheque for my 2005-2006 dues:

\$15.00 (1 vote at AGM)

\$20.00 (2 votes at AGM)

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are still trying to collect the email addresses of as many property owners as possible in order to:

- deliver this newsletter to you electronically via our website (www.baylakeontario.com) and save the cost of postage;
- notify you of any updates to the website as soon as the information is posted.

If you have an email address that we can use, please **visit the website and click email link**, or the fill out the form below.

Name _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Email Address _____

Either give your completed form(s) to a member of the Executive or send to:

**P.O. Box 0, Station Site 4D, R.R. #1
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0**

If you are paying your membership fees or making a donation, please make your cheque payable to the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.