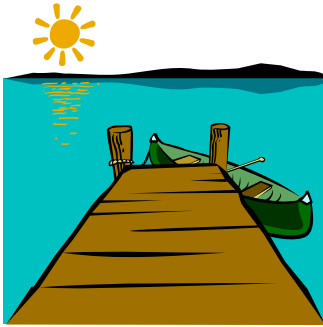


Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope you enjoy this new feature article, and we hope to include a Message from the President in future issues of the Newsletter.

It is that time of year again when we have an opportunity to get together and review our year on Bay Lake. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on August 8th at 9:00am at the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall. Your presence and opinion are important to us and I hope that you can attend.

Our Committee will be undergoing some changes next year and on behalf of the Executive I would like to thank the outgoing Committee Members for their hard work and commitment during the past year. To Cheryl Stamper, Doug Banwell and Brent Reuter our heartfelt thanks. I look forward to continuing to work with remaining Executive as well as our new members, Steve Morris and Gaynor Moore, who have agreed to join our team.

We are still looking for new members and I would ask you to consider joining / rejoining our Executive for the coming year.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
CLEAR LAKE / BAY LAKE HALL

At the AGM we will need to pass a motion to amend the Constitution regarding when the AGM is held. We have also taken this opportunity to re-format the document, make a few minor editing changes and rearrange the order of the sections. Attached is the proposed revised Constitution, with double underlining on the suggested additions, strikethrough on the suggested deletions, and italics on sections that were moved. Please be prepared to vote on the following motion at the AGM:

That we accept the revisions to the Constitution as presented.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)

As for our Agenda at the **AGM**, our guest speaker this year will be, Brad Steinberg, Management Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Algonquin Park. He will be speaking on various subjects that affect our lakes, water quality and fish populations and he will be available to answer questions following his talk.

Mayor Bill Core and fellow Bay Laker and Councillor John Dunn are expected to attend and will be available following the meeting to answer any questions that you may have regarding township activities.

We are planning a full slate of activities for the upcoming year and I urge you and your families to take part in these events and please do not hesitate to come forward to volunteer your services. Additional help is always appreciated and without our volunteers it would not be possible to hold many of these events.

Finally, if you know of any new neighbours or non-members please encourage them to be part of your Association and "Support the Lake".

On behalf of our Executive members, we wish you and your families a safe and fun-filled summer on Bay Lake.

Glen Vey

SIGNBOARD DIRECTORY LISTING

Once again, the directory listing that is posted on the Bay Lake Signboard will be updated following the **AGM**. Only those people who have paid their dues for 2010/2011 will have their property listed. You can pay your \$40.00 dues at the **AGM**, or with a credit card at our website, or by sending a cheque payable to the BLPOA to: PO Box 120, Novar ON P0A 1R0.

LAKE UPDATE

Wake up? Slow down!

- What a great slogan! And what an important message. We are asking all motor boaters to please be aware of the wake created by their boats and take steps to minimize the effects.

Visit our new website to read more about how wakes adversely affect our lake and what you can do to help ([Wake Up? Slow Down!](#)).

Feeling the Itch?

- There have been reports of Swimmer's Itch rash this summer. There have also been numerous sightings of people feeding the ducks. These two things are related! Please don't feed the ducks as this makes them poop more and it's a parasite in their poop that causes Swimmer's Itch.

Eating Sport Fish?

- If you like to catch and keep Pickerel or Bass you should be aware of the following guidelines on eating such sport fish due to the contaminants they may contain:
 - Not more than 8 meals per month of:
Pickerel 10 inches to 16 inches
Bass 10 inches to 12 inches
 - Not more than 4 meals per month of:
Pickerel over 16 inches to 22 inches
Bass over 12 inches to 14 inches
 - Pickerel over 24 inches and Bass over 14 inches should not be eaten at all
 - Note that women of child-bearing age and children under 15 should eat Pickerel and Bass even less frequently, if at all

Source: Ontario's "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish" (2009-2010 edition).

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Members of the Environment Committee have built and launched a **loon nesting platform** at the inlet end of the lake. We built it with guidance from Norm Graham, who is considered our lake expert on loons from past efforts to promote nesting. Norm also provided floating signs to warn off boaters from the area. While we feel we were too late this year, the loons have stayed on the lake and have investigated the platform and will perhaps think about it next year. Meanwhile we are getting our residents used to it being there and hopefully they will now leave the area alone. The platform is constructed in a way to make it relatively easy to move it in the fall for winter storage.

The committee is also continuing to do **water testing** for e-coli bacteria. One of last year's sites was dropped and three new sites added to better spread out the testing and give a more representative report. At the upcoming **AGM** we will have a large scale map that will show the ten testing sites and allow those present to **Adopt a Site** by paying for the full year's e-coli testing. We have four families already involved (thank you!) and we welcome more. The cost of sponsoring a site is \$106.00. Sponsoring a site allows the Environment Committee to use its funds for other environmental issues.

The committee also spent a day **doing benthic testing** again this year. Our guide, Casey Cook, was so impressed with our dedication and effort last year when she was sent to us by the Muskoka Watershed Council that this year she volunteered to help us on her own day off from her regular job. As the people who have worked with her will attest, Casey is an incredibly knowledgeable person with unbounded enthusiasm and dedication to the lake environment. We can't thank her enough!

It appears that some resident boaters somehow got their **boating** licences without learning that within 30 metres of shore they must not exceed a speed of 9 km/hr. This limit is to protect the shoreline around Bay Lake. Please comply.

Lastly, thanks to all the volunteers who helped on **Pitch-in day**...you did a great job and deserve a pat on the back. Unfortunately, since then someone has left two couches on North Bay Lake Road. Perhaps they are not aware that Perry Township does not do garbage pick-up. We would ask that those responsible take the couches to the transfer station and pay the modest tipping fee for their disposal.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Have you noticed that there are fewer Monarch butterflies around this year? You know – those gorgeous orange and black beauties that look so majestic. While their numbers have been declining for the past few years, the weather in 2009 was particularly difficult for them. Drought and excessive temperature extremes impacted them during both breeding and migration.

The Monarch butterfly population is also being impacted by a loss of habitat. Human expansion and the use of herbicides has been wiping out the milkweed plants that the butterfly larvae need for food. If you could add (or keep) some milkweed plants on your property, the Monarchs would greatly appreciate that!

The Monarch butterflies that we see in Central Canada in the summer actually migrated here from Mexico – a journey of up to 2,500 kilometers! After spending the winter there, they head to Texas in the spring to breed, and then head up to Canada to lay their eggs and spend the summer here with us.



Excerpted from an article in the Globe and Mail by Martin Mittelstaedt.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast We want to thank those who braved the beautiful weather and came out to support this event. This is the first time in a few years that we did not have to turn the heat on! We served 185 breakfasts again this year and everyone enjoyed their meals to the sounds of live jazz music compliments of the Muskoka Jazz Guys. Many thanks to them for donating their talents. Also earning special thanks were Susan Friedman for supplying the fresh fruit, the Wilkins for supplying the maple syrup door prize, and Trish Lambert for supplying the lovely flowers for the tables.

Once again, our Silent Auction table was a huge success, raising over \$1,000.00. We extend a huge thanks to the individuals and businesses that donated items. Please visit our website and click the Supporters link to see a list of the businesses that donated.

This event could not be a success without the many volunteers who help out. We say a big *Thank You* to everyone – the cooks & servers, table setters & cleaners, beverage & condiment servers, and everyone else involved.

Congratulations to Darryl Geisel on winning the Maple Syrup door prize, and to Glen Vey on winning \$217.50 in the 50/50 draw. Glen generously donated \$100.00 of his winnings to the Environment Fund.

Fun Day We had gorgeous weather and a good turnout this year. As usual, the kids had lots of fun at their games and the fish races were a big hit! Many thanks to Janice Paterson for her awesome face painting. She didn't take a break the entire time as she had a constant lineup of kids waiting to be transformed.

Congratulations to Kevin Kane on winning \$78.00 in the 50/50 draw...and we thank him for his donation to the Fish Fund from his winnings. Thanks also go to everyone for their generous contributions to the donation jars.

Corn Roast Last year's decision to move this event to the Labour Day Weekend at the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall was a good one, judging by the turnout. So, we are returning to the Hall again this year. We hope you can join us for some great corn and hot dogs. We will provide soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages will be available but you have to pay for those!

WHEN: Sunday, September 5th, 6:00 pm

WHERE: Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our master Webmaster, Doug Banwell, has done a complete re-vamp of our website – and it is amazing! Check it out at...and come out to the **AGM** for a presentation on how you can participate. www.baylakeontario.ca

NIGHT SKY ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to look to the northeast sky after midnight around **Thursday, August 12th** to see the Perseid Meteor Shower. Unfortunately, our Bay Lake Star Gazing Evening will not be an event this year as our local 'experts' are not available. We are still asking people to **turn outdoor lights off at night fall on the evening of Saturday, August 14th** so that people can do their own star gazing.

M.N.R. SHORELINE CRUISE

On July 19th members of the Environment Committee accompanied Stephen Scholten of the M.N.R. on a Shoreline Cruise to map out potential fish feeding and spawning areas. Stephen has confirmed that Bay Lake is designated as a "Trout Lake" and as such is included in their program which stocks 500 lake trout every 2 years. The next batch is scheduled for Bay Lake for Spring 2011.

More details from the Shoreline Cruise will be presented at the **AGM**.

**THE CONSTITUTION
OF
THE BAY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

AS AMENDED AUGUST 8, 2010

HISTORY

The **Bay Lake Property Owners Association** was founded in **1981** by Bay Lake residents for the purpose of improving environmental conditions and to work for their common goals and needs. The Association concerns itself with interests that may contribute to the health, comfort, pleasure, safety and security of those living seasonally or permanently on the lake. All members are encouraged to reflect the general feeling of their Lake and to bring their needs and thoughts to the attention of the Association.

NAME

The association shall be known as the **Bay Lake Property Owners Association**.

JURISDICTION

The **Bay Lake Property Owners Association** shall be representative of the area known as **Bay Lake** in the **Township of Perry** in Parry Sound District, which is represented as **part or all of Concession 3, 4, 5 and 6** in the Township.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the **Bay Lake Property Owners Association** is governed by the following rules:

1. There can be a maximum of **two** voting members per property.
2. The voting members can be:
 - (a) The owners or owner and spouse,

and/or
 - (b) Any immediate family member(s) designated by the owner and spouse.
3. The member(s) noted in **2(b)** must be designated in writing at the time of application for that specific year by the owners or owner and spouse.
4. ~~An application form with a cheque for the full amount of~~ The full amount of the annual dues shall be submitted to any member of the Executive at any time or at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
5. Upon acceptance of the application, the applicant becomes a member.
6. Membership remains in effect as long as the annual dues are paid. Any membership deemed by the Executive to be in default of dues shall lapse. Membership may be reinstated by application to the Executive with full payment of dues.
7. The amount of the annual dues is to be recommended by the Executive and approved by a two-thirds majority at the AGM.

FUNDS

The funds of the Association shall be in the keeping of the Treasurer who shall deposit these funds into an account in a financial institution and shall make payments for the Association by cheque on the said account, with the exception of petty cash payments for which the Treasurer shall account by voucher.

The Executive will designate signing officers with all cheques to be signed by any two (2) of these signing officers.

The Bay Lake Property Owners Association is a non-profit organization. Funds derived by the Association by way of dues, donations or fund-raising activities will be used to cover the expenses of the Association.

FINANCIAL YEAR (MOVED FROM THE END)

The Fiscal year and Membership Term shall commence **July 1ST** through to **June 30TH**.

EXECUTIVE

An Executive consisting of a minimum of eleven (11) members and a maximum of nineteen (19) members shall be chosen by election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association. Only members of the Association are allowed to vote and or stand for election to the Executive. Members who cannot attend the AGM and wish to stand for election must so indicate in writing to the current Executive before the election at the AGM.

At the **first** subsequent meeting of the Executive, the five (5) positions of **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer**, will be elected from this group of people. ~~*In electing the members of the Executive, Where more than the required number of one candidates is nominated for one of these positions, the election shall be by secret ballot. (Moved from the Voting section.)*~~

A **Quorum** shall consist of the greatest of **50%** of its current members or **five (5)** members.

Any member of the Executive who misses 2 consecutive meetings without providing the Executive with reasons may be voted off the Executive by the remaining members. The Executive may ~~also~~ replace ~~board~~ members without an election.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM of the Association shall be held ~~on the Civic Holiday weekend~~ within two (2) months of the Association year-end, the exact date being set by the Executive. Annual reports shall be presented and an open session shall allow for new business to be presented from the floor. At least two (2) weeks notice shall be given to the members concerning the holding of the AGM.

New motions from the floor involving an expenditure of more than \$100.00 must be referred to the incoming Executive for discussion and/or action unless they have previously been presented to the Executive and published in the last newsletter prior to the AGM.

VOTING

Each member is entitled to one (1) vote at the AGM, with a maximum of two (2) votes per property. Members may vote by written proxy.

All motions shall be decided by a simple majority on a show-of-hands basis, with the exception of motions to change the annual dues or amend the Constitution, which require a two-thirds majority.

~~In electing the members of the Executive, where more than the required number of candidates are nominated the election shall be by secret ballot.~~
(Moved to the Executive section.)

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Executive may appoint standing committees as required, for example but not limited to, Pollution, Water Quality Control, Fishing, Recreational Safety, Fire Protection and Back Lot Subdividing, etc.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at the AGM or at any General Meeting called by the Executive. All members must be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting and any amendments must be carried by at least a two-thirds majority vote.