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"To promote and maintain a healthy lake environment and to encourage the responsible use of Bay Lake for the enjoyment and benefit of our community today and for the future."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this as we welcome Fall at Bay Lake...a time for raking our properties, taking in the docks, and stowing away all the summer paraphernalia.

We have so much to be thankful for here on the lake...not just the physical surroundings but those people who work to help keep it beautiful for future generations. Our volunteers offer up time, efforts, and talents to ensure that our events such as the Pancake Breakfast, Fun Day and the Corn Roast are enjoyed by all.

We thank Bill Paterson and Judy & John Dunn for their vigilant ongoing monitoring which lets problems with water purity or clarity be detected early. Further thanks to Bill for organizing Pitch-In Day in April each year. This encourages residents to come out and clean up roads and ditches around our lake.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to Janice Paterson for her efforts and valuable

contribution to the quarterly newsletters for the BLPOA. Over the past few years Janice has gone beyond the call of duty and committed many hours to this endeavour.

We owe thanks also to members of last year's Executive - Glen Vey, who served as President for four years, David Adams, Lee Davidson, Gaynor Moore, Steve Morris and Paul Turner -- for their support and dedication in their roles on the committee. Most of these have agreed to serve on this year's Executive. It is exciting to see that four new faces are joining us on the Executive - Katherine & Gary Silver and Corey Reuter.

The Township of Perry has completed one full year controlling the lake level and their endeavours have also been appreciated.

In addition, I thank you, the members of our Association. Through your monetary contributions, we will continue to thrive and use your dollars for the enhancement of the lake. As President, it is my commitment to strive to build a strong community spirit here on Bay Lake and to be welcoming to all newcomers.

Sarah Adams

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As we enter our 33rd year it is important to point out some of the benefits of membership in the BLPOA. Thirty-two years ago the need was recognized by the cottage owners, and it is even more vital today, to encourage property owners to take an active role and interest in the well-being of our lake. A couple of years ago, your volunteer Executive examined the reasons why we exist, and compiled the mission statement found under the logo on the front page of this newsletter.

This year, we have a larger Executive and embrace new ideas and further input on how we can put your membership money to work for the betterment of Bay Lake.

The Association will continue to work for you through:

- Comprehensive water testing (e-coli, phosphorous, clarity)
- Benthic testing (monitoring the mix of aquatic creatures to determine the health of our lake)
- Liaising with the MNR, MoE, and Perry Township when relevant issues arise
- Promoting our community with annual events
- Communications – newsletters and website

In other words, the BLPOA is working to protect your cottage/home investment – that's \$40.00 well spent! We are currently collecting BLPOA dues for the year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. If you have already renewed your membership for 2013-2014...THANK YOU!

Memberships can be paid by mailing a cheque for \$40.00 to BLPOA, PO Box 120, Novar, ON POA 1R0...or online at our website (www.baylakeontario.ca)...or through any Executive member. Your receipt is your membership card, which will be mailed.

AGM REPORT

The 32nd Annual General Meeting of the BLPOA was held on August 11, 2013, with 39 members in attendance. Outgoing President Glen Vey opened the meeting with a welcome to attendees and reviewed the agenda.

Our guest speaker, Stephen Scholten, Fisheries Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, who is responsible for our area, gave a very interesting and relevant presentation. He informed us of the MNR's recommendation, based on analysis of the scientific data, that Bay Lake's Lake Trout designation be revoked. An informative Question & Answer session followed.

The reports presented by David Adams (Treasurer), Steve Morris (Environment) and Sarah Adams (Membership) were duly carried by the membership.

A motion that a letter be sent to the Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall Association stating that the BLPOA has no intention to dispute the sale of the hall was unanimously carried.

Glen thanked the past year's Executive members, including Gaynor Moore, Secretary, who is stepping down. The remaining members have agreed to continue. Glen invited volunteers to join the Executive. Pat Nimigeon, Brad Goetz and Sarah Adams were nominated and all accepted. A motion to allow the executive to function with 9 members was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am, and Mayor John Dunn hosted a Perry Township Information Session.



CORN ROAST

It was a cold yet dry evening on Saturday, September 14th when we revived the Corn Roast event after a two-year hiatus. Many thanks to the fans of corn on the cob for encouraging the return of this event and helping out with the arrangements.

Cathy and Wayne Cook kindly offered their residence and up to 60 people were in attendance. An abundance of "Area 519" fresh corn was on the menu along with chili and hot dogs. Thanks to Pam and Scott Milton for picking up the special corn – the best ever!

The Cook's property was an ideal location and the success of the evening was due, in large part, to our proficient cooks -- Randy Smith and Wayne Cook. Special thanks go to Wayne and Cathy Cook, Karren and Randy Smith, and Joan and Dave Houser for their work in making this such a successful event.

As requested here is the recipe for the Chili that was served at the Corn Roast.

Chili Recipe

Ingredients

Canola Oil, as needed
4 lbs lean ground beef
2 large onions, chopped
2 red peppers, chopped
2 cans (28 oz each) Diced Tomatoes with liquid
2 cans Kidney Beans, drained and rinsed
1 can Hunt's Tomato Sauce
1 can Tomato Paste
2 Tbs. Chili powder
2 Tbs. Ground Cumin
1 Tbs. Dried Oregano
1 Tbs. Dried Red Pepper Flakes **
1 Tbs. Beef Bouillon concentrate or 1 crumbled cube
2 Tbs. Sugar
Salt and Pepper to taste

Directions

Heat oil, add onion, chili powder, cumin, oregano, and red pepper flakes. Cook on med-low heat for 5 mins. Remove from pot.

Brown lean beef over high heat, in batches. Drain off any excess fat. Return to pot with onion-spice mix. Add remaining ingredients, bring to boil and simmer for about 2 hours.

**Adjust amount if desired.

FOND FAREWELLS

We are sad to report the passing of long-time Bay Lake resident Don Healey. Don spent many happy years growing up on Bay Lake. After he and his wife Ruth moved to Alberta, they still came back every summer to spend 3 or 4 months on the lake. Each year Don said he wanted to stay here as long as possible, his only concern being that they be back in Alberta before the snow flew. Our condolences to Ruth, who is now living in the Healey homestead here on Bay Lake.

EXPANDED SERVICE AT THE DUMP

Leaves can be dropped off free of charge at the transfer station/recycling centre. Please do not rake leaves and debris into ditches along municipal roadways as this blocks culverts and restricts the flow of water.

The dump will accept used tires (without rims) and electronic e-waste, such as out-dated computers, printers, scanners, TVs, VCRs, telephones...also free of charge. The Attendant can provide a complete list of acceptable items.

Hours of Operation:

Friday to Tuesday

8am – 4pm

Wednesday and Thursday

Closed

LOOKING FOR COTTAGE HISTORY

...by Marc Chezepock

I have been researching the history of our recently-purchased cottage and wonder if any of the BLPOA members can help.

I am hoping that someone might have a photograph, information, or even any memories of our place that would help us fill in the missing details on its history.

Feel free to contact me at 416.368.3575 or e-mail at mchezepock@cogeco.ca Any information would really be appreciated.

Our cabin at 259 North Bay Lake Road is vertical pine log construction and we believe it to be one of the oldest on Bay Lake. Tracing the land history back to the first settlers, I believe it could have been built as early as 1884. At that time it was part of a parcel of 200 acres granted to George and Eliza Van Leuven. The entire parcel was sold to Alexander Cowden in 1939.



Because most of the original cottage is "enclosed" by wood siding and several exterior additions, you may have seen it by car or boat but not realized that it is actually a log cabin.

Finding a place on Bay Lake has been something of a homecoming for me. I have been spending time at the lake since 1958,

when my grandparents, George and Evelyn Cuthill, owned 105 North Bay Lake Road, which they purchased in 1949.



YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

President	Sarah Adams (705-636-0414)
1st VP	TBA
2nd VP	TBA
Treasurer	Brad Goetz
Secretary	TBA
Banking	David Adams
Lake Steward	Bob Nimigeon
Membership	Pat Nimigeon

Members at Large

Lee Davidson
Corey Reuter
Paul Turner
Katherine Silver
Gary Silver
Glen Vey (Past President)

BLPOA Executive Support:

Environment	Bill Paterson / Judy Dunn
Newsletter Editor	Cheryl Stamper
Website Manager	Doug Banwell

Thanks to all past and current Executive members for their efforts.

