

Chair's Report to the 2019 AGM on behalf of the Board of Directors

I am pleased to present this annual report on behalf of the Board of Directors. We have been busy fulfilling the three priorities adopted at the last AGM: the restoration of a public boat ramp on Bob Lake, safe boating practices and lake stewardship.

Since the 2018 AGM the Board of Directors has held eight meetings. The Safe Boating Workgroup and the Lake Stewardship Workgroup created at the last AGM have also held meetings. The board has received their reports and a number of action motions are coming forward to the AGM.

The boat ramp subcommittee held 5 meetings and was in continuous contact with the Board. The saga of the boat ramp continues as reported to you in February's newsletter. By the date of the AGM the Board of Directors will have made a second delegation to Council. Hopefully, we will have something further to report at the AGM.

The Board also engaged in political action during the municipal election. All candidates were invited to answer a number of pertinent questions and told their responses would be posted on the BLA website. Candidate participation was high and revealed a pronounced interest in resolving the matter of restoring a public boat ramp to Bob Lake.

The Board is pleased to report that the membership for 2018 stands at 112, an increase from 102 in 2017. There were 16 memberships from 2017 that were not renewed for 2018. Had these been renewed, we would be standing at 128 memberships. It is our fervent hope that everyone renews membership for 2019. We will continue our efforts to convince property owners to become members via regular newsletters updates after each Board meeting. We will also continue communicating with prospective members, keeping them apprised of new developments in the hope that they will consider becoming members. Over 80% of members read the newsletters. Prospective-member participation is at an average of 67%. Taken together, between 154 and 192 members and prospective members are reading our newsletters. These numbers show a large interest in the affairs of the Association but have not translated into larger membership. A number of people are apparently satisfied to sit on the sidelines but not be in the game.

Identifying "Dock Tags" are available for purchase by ordering from the BLA website. The tag displays your membership in the Association and identifies your floating dock in case of its unforeseen escape from its mooring. See details on the website.

The Association website has been renewed and updated. Visitors can "Follow Us" by subscribing to updates [here](#).

Last year's AGM asked the Board to investigate having identifying apparel for members of the Association. This matter is still under consideration. A number of matters have to be defined or decided before going any further. Although the Board has decided that the current logo be the official one, there are other matters to consider: artwork, suppliers, delivery and cost before making a final decision. More on this in the future.

On behalf of the members of the Board, committees and work groups, I want to thank all of you who have chosen to be members since 2017 and 2018. To those who have become members for 2019, Welcome!

Thank you also for your support and messages of encouragement. They sustain us. Finally, I encourage you to become active in the Association and hope to meet you at the lake this season.

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