

Bob Lake Association

2024 Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 13, 2024 10am-noon

HHHS (6 McPherson St, Minden)

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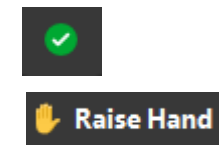
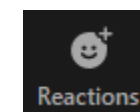
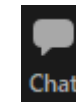


Agenda

- Welcome & General Announcements
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of BLA 2023 AGM Minutes
- Report of Officers:
 - Chair's Annual Report to Members on behalf of the Board of Directors
 - Treasurer's Report
- Update on Priorities:
 - Lake Stewardship
 - Safe Boating
 - Boat Launch
- Budget & Fees for 2024
- Election of Board Members
- Other Business
- Closing Remarks

Welcome

- Welcome and thank you for attending
- Key meeting notes:
 - We are recording this meeting to make available for viewing later by members
- Zoom meeting logistics
 - Everyone has been muted on entry but may unmute themselves at anytime to speak (please stay muted when not speaking in order to reduce background noise and meeting disruptions)
 - Your video camera will be off upon joining but you are free to turn it on/off during the meeting
 - We will be using Zoom’s “poll” feature throughout to capture votes on motions
 - Please ensure your Zoom name includes your first and last name (select Participants, find yourself (should be at top) – to change hover over, select “rename”)
 - Use Zoom’s “**Raise Hand**” (under “**Reactions**”) feature to alert the host of a question/comment, or Zoom’s “**Chat**” feature to send a message to the host
 - Open Q&A at the end of the meeting



Approval of:
Agenda and 2023 AGM Minutes

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion #1** – That the proposed agenda be approved
 - Zoom attendees: To express any changes/concerns please use Zoom’s “*Raise Hand*” or “*Chat*” feature, or simply unmute yourself. Get ready for our first Zoom poll!
 - Local attendees: To express any changes/concerns simply raise your hand.

 - Moved by: _____, Seconded by: _____

Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

- A link to the 2023 AGM minutes was sent via email on June 27, 2024
- **Motion #2** – That the 2023 AGM minutes be approved
 - Zoom attendees: To express any changes/concerns please use Zoom’s “*Raise Hand*” or “*Chat*” feature, or simply unmute yourself. Get ready for our second Zoom poll!
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 - Moved by: _____, Seconded by: _____

Chair's Annual Report

Laurent Joncas

Treasurer's Report

Ross Gladwell

BLA 2023 Financial Report

BOB LAKE ASSOCIATION **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR 2023**



<u>Revenue</u>	
Membership Fees	\$ 5,020.00
Dock Tag Sales	\$ 80.00
FOCA Fees	\$ 180.00
ROCK-THE-DOCK Revenue	\$ 3,790.00
Donation	\$ 40.00
Total Revenue	\$ 9,110.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Insurance - general liability, directors and officers	\$ 1,034.64
Loon platform and water testing	\$ 878.09
Meeting expenses (FOCA and AGM) and website fees	\$ 271.01
Bank Fees	\$ 25.00
Membership and conference fees, FOCA, CEWF, CoHPOA (2 years)	\$ 502.76
Dock tags	\$ 68.43
Pass through Rock the Dock donations	\$ 3,890.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,669.93
<u>Bank</u>	
Opening Balance January 1, 2023	\$ 6,680.62
Surplus (Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 2,440.07
Bank Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 9,120.69

I certify that the above is a full and accurate record of the Association's financial operations for calendar year 2023.

Ross Gladwell, Treasurer

Approval of BLA 2023 Financial Report

- **Motion #3** – That the 2023 Financial Report be approved
 - Zoom attendees: To express any changes/concerns please use Zoom’s “*Raise Hand*” or “*Chat*” feature, or simply unmute yourself. Get ready for our fourth Zoom poll!
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Lake Stewardship Update

Sue Pyke & Ryan Brooks

Lake Stewardship Update

- Limnologist have proved increased phosphorus and calcium decline are the problems
 - So we need to achieve lower phosphorus levels!!
- Where do lakes get their phosphorus?
 - Land clearing and death of trees
 - Invasive species
 - Decrease in calcium
 - Road salt (chloride) kills half of our daphnia
 - Daphnia suffer in water > 28 degrees C...and remember that **Daphnia are the lake's kidneys!!**
 - Fertilizer (**never use this!!**)
 - Septic systems (**#1 source!!**)

Since septic's are the problem...

- What goes into your septic?
 - Shampoos, soaps, detergents, paint grease?
 - Absolutely no paint or grease. Place these in an empty tin for the landfill.
- Check labels!
 - No sulfates, antibacterial, or phosphorus!!!
- What goes into your septic eventually gets to the lake
 - Never use shampoo or soap in the lake (even enviro-friendly products)
 - Lots of enviro-friendly clean products, but good old vinegar and baking soda will clean just about anything!
 - Checkout Rising Thymes in Minden (more on this later)
- Minden's septic re-inspection program on hold!
 - See <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/building-and-development/septic-systems.aspx>



Recycling

- Facts

- Only 13% of what we put into recycling gets recycled (only 9% of plastics!)

- Some reasons

- Not sorting your recyclables correctly
- Not cleaning our recyclables
- Broken glass
- Soiled containers and cardboard

- Resources

- Checkout Minden Hills website on recycling (<https://www.mindenhill.ca/en/living-here/recycling.aspx>)
- Get Haliburton's free Waste Wizard App available for your mobile devices on the AppStore or Google play



Lake Stewardship Update (continued)

- Loon platform
 - Spring 2023 - partially submerged
 - Spring 2024 - not close enough to shrubbery for protection



Priority # 1 – Septic Health

- Educate
 - Learn How To Care For Your Septic System
- Proper Maintenance can...
 - Save your Lake and
 - **Save property owners thousands \$\$**
- Septic Tips & Renters Posters
 - These have been distributed by BLA members multiple times
 - Some available here today (see Sue or Ryan after the meeting)

RENTING YOUR COTTAGE?

Protect Your Investment And Your Lake.

HERE ARE 3 SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS:

1. Ensure that you do not have an overcapacity crowd in your cottage
Capacity = # of bedrooms x 2
FOR EXAMPLE: A 3 bedroom cottage should not have more than 6 overnight occupants.
IF YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE THAN THAT:
 - RAW SEWAGE enters your tile bed and the water table
 - you have to REPLACE your tile bed COSTING thousands of dollars and your lake becomes POLLUTED.
2. Post the C.H.A. Rental Posters in the Kitchen, Washroom, Laundry Room and Garbage Areas
Help your guests who may not be used to lake life and septic systems with practical tips:






3. Let your renters know that you are part of a lake community
Many people come to the lake for the peace and tranquility – ask them, kindly, that they respect this fact – particularly after dark.

SEPTIC TIPS

SIMPLE SEPTIC TIPS TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN

FACT: Efficient Septic Systems Pollute Less → What Your Septic System Needs: Time & Bacteria

In order for GOOD Bacteria to work: Don't let 'bacteria killers' down the drain. They kill the good bacteria in your system. Don't let these 'bacteria killers' down the drain:



- a. Chlorine Bleach & products containing chlorine
- b. Anti-Bacterial Soaps & Products
- c. Dishwasher Detergent containing chlorine (most brands do!)
- d. Dishwasher Rinse Aids (Tip: use lemon juice instead)
- e. Cream Cleansers – most have chlorine (see a.)
- f. Drain Cleaners
- g. Automatic Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- h. Liquid fabric softeners

DID YOU KNOW? It only takes ONE load of dishes using a regular detergent to kill ALL the good bacteria in your system for up to 4 days!

TIPS:

- Use Septic Friendly Products (look for packages saying: no chlorine & no phosphates)
- Never use a garburator
- If soap, toilet paper or cooking grease get down your drain or anyone in the house is on antibiotics – use EcoEthic Septic Treatment once a month to provide your system with the correct bacteria and enzymes to digest these items

TIME TIPS

Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives.

Remember: One Drop In = One Drop Out Of Your System
Give your system time by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It Out Over Time

1. Your septic system is sized to handle 2 people for every bedroom – not more
2. Cut your household water use by 27% by installing an Ultra Low flow – 3 litres per flush
3. Try not to do more than ONE load of laundry per day
4. Keep showers short & use a low flow shower head
5. Use every opportunity to use less water when doing regular activities
6. Get a licensed septic pumper to pump out and inspect both sides of your tank every 3-5 years.





Happy Renters, Happy You & Happy Lake!

Actions for You to Take

1. Eliminate:

- a. Fertilizer Use
- b. All Chemical Cleaners
- c. Salt Use

2. Must Do:

- a. Get your septic inspected and working optimally

3. Reduce/Minimize:

- a. Water Use – 1 load of laundry is the max in a day
- b. Soap Use
- c. Cottage Occupancy (never more than your septic is equipped for)
- d. Size of your boat's wake anywhere near the shore

4. Increase:

- a. Bacterial Cultures in your septic – EcoEthic
- b. Knowledge of all cottage visitors – Septic Tips
- c. Native plants (plant 5 plants per year)

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EcoEthic SEPTIC TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE AT:

- The Country Bakery
Carnarvon, Just north of the intersection of Hwy. 35 & 118
- Northern Expressions
13588 Hwy #118, Haliburton



For great entertainment & more info watch the "Poop Talk" Lake Protectors Video at www.cohpoa.org



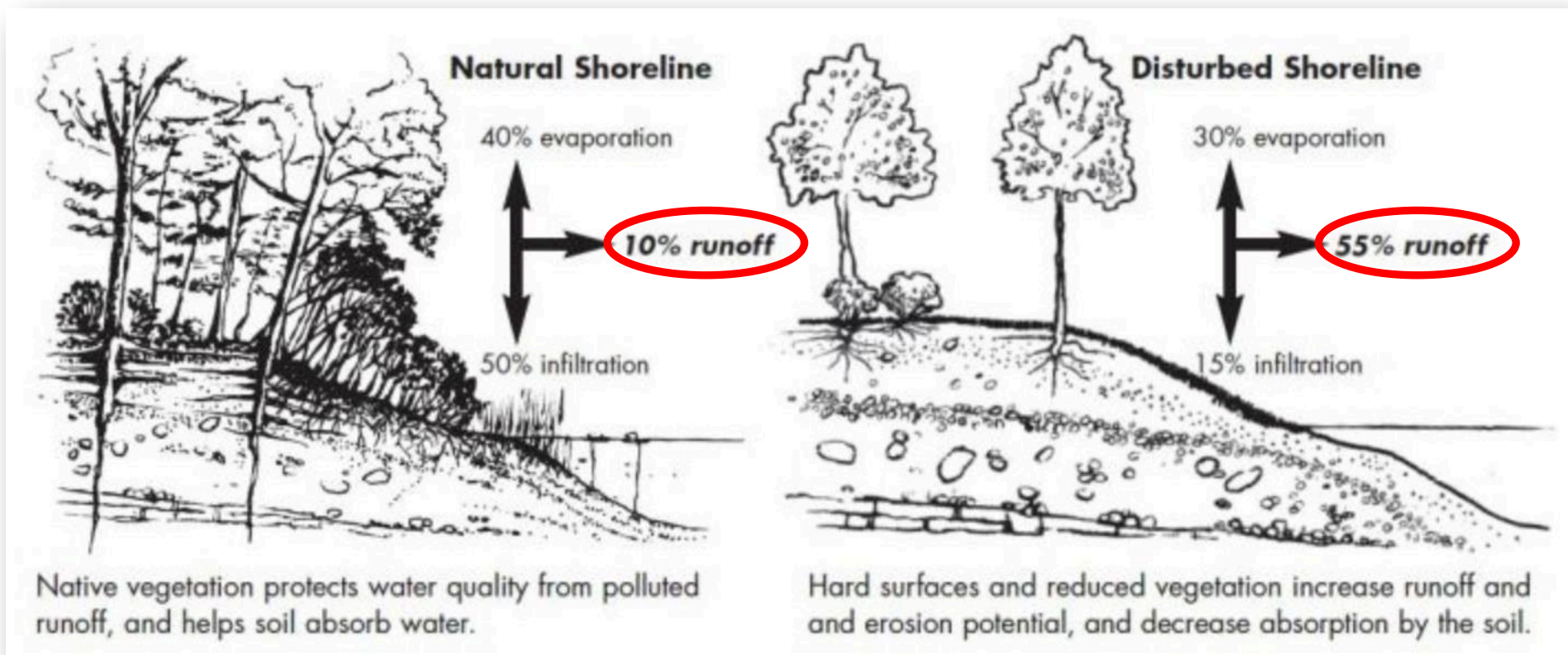
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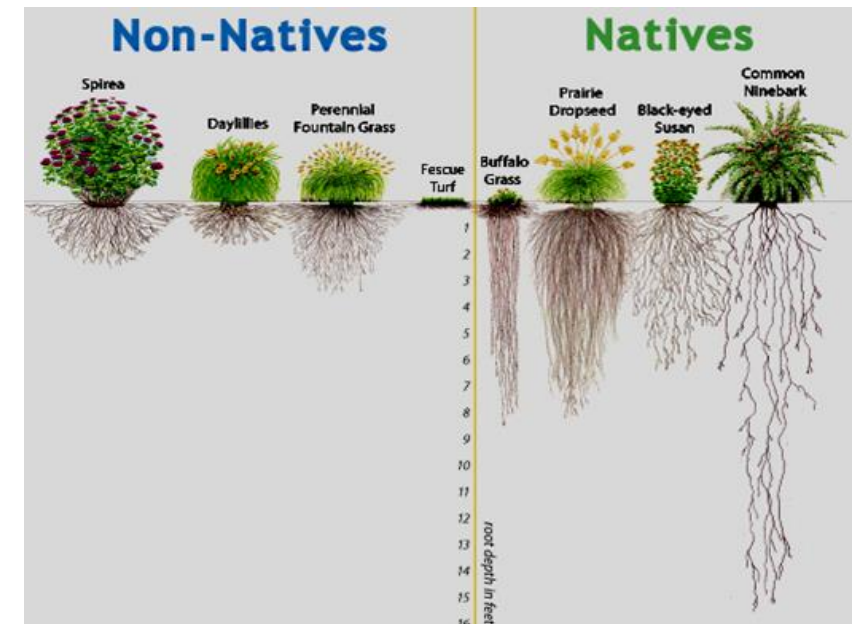
Ways to Reduce Water Use – Over

Priority # 2 – Natural Shorelines

Natural Shorelines Are Critical in Minimizing Runoff



- Results of Study – 92% of lakes need renaturalization
- Average = 47% Natural vs 75% needed
- Next Steps
 - Read Tip sheets
 - Other Resources – Master Gardeners Guide Book
 - Videos Available on CHA Website
 - Videos
 - Slope, Soil type
 - Plant Selection Guide
 - <https://www.cohpoa.org/shoreline-health/shoreline-plant-search/>
 - Work with Local companies, Watersheds Canada Natural edge, The Land Between, Master Gardeners, Abbey Gardens



Where does lake pollution come from

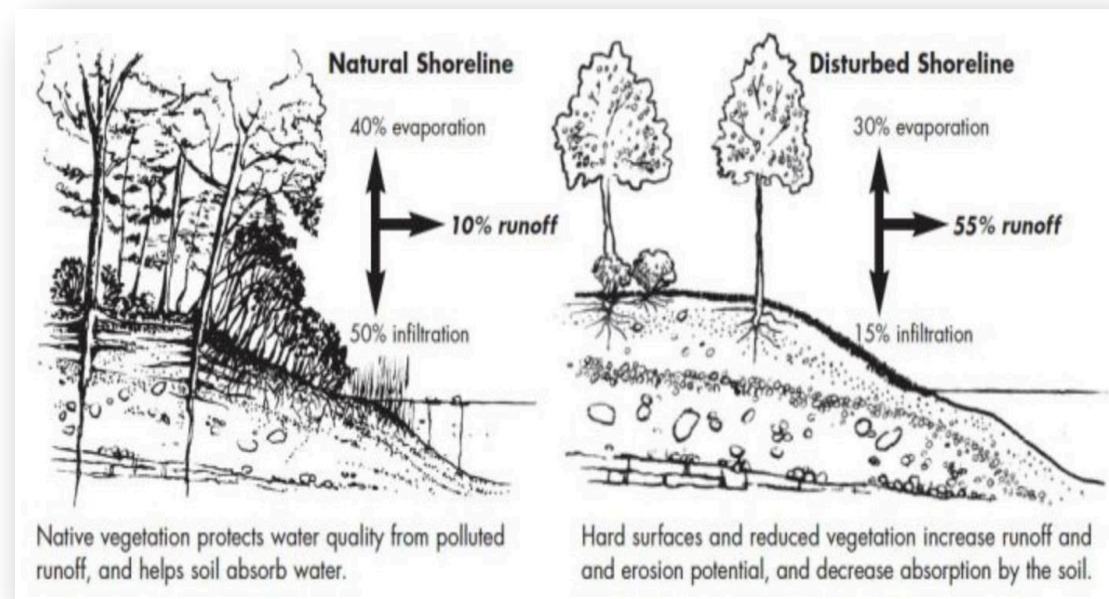
- Septic systems



- Fertilizer and Other Chemical Use



- Runoff



Just The Facts

- 45-48% of septic systems are not functioning well
- After passing inspection the system will fail the next time someone does 3 loads of laundry in a morning or Uses bleach, antibacterials, rinse aids etc.



Septic and Shoreline Re-Naturalization Resources

- Master Gardeners
 - <https://www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/category/guidebook/>
- Abbey Gardens
 - <https://abbeygardens.ca/shoreline/>
- The Land Between
 - <https://www.thelandbetween.ca/tlb-store-friend-centre/store/>



As a Bob Lake property owner, present this coupon to receive a one-time discount of 10% with a minimum purchase of \$150 at Minden's **Rising Thymes** located at 124 Bobcaygeon Road

*Help improve the health of our lake by maintaining a healthy septic system with septic treatment and eco-friendly products available at **Rising Thymes***

Bob Lake property owner name _____

Bob Lake property address _____



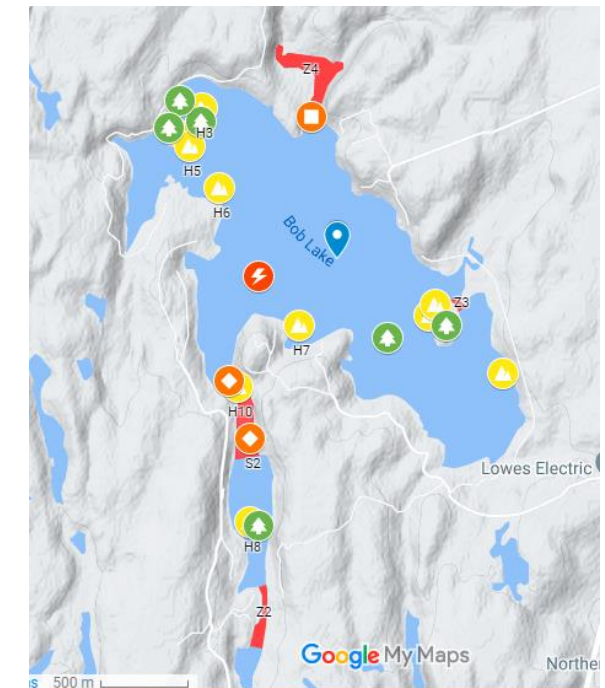
Safe Boating Update

Dave Roberts

Safe Boating Update

- Stray docks
 - These are **DANGEROUS!**
 - Very bad year with a number of unclaimed strays still!
 - Please identify yourself if you recognize these as yours (we can assist in returning them)
 - Buy a Dock Tag (or two)



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Boat Launch Update

Dave Roberts

Boat Launch Update

- Thank you to the Boat Launch Committee members
 - John du Manoir, Ross Gladwell, Laurent Joncas, Gary Olesinski, Dave Roberts, Robert Roszell (Chair), Bruce Stephens, Erwin Speckert, Elaine Wray
- Plan C delegation attempt to Council “under review”
 - Our delegation request for the June 27 Council meeting was denied – “Received as Information” but not included on the published agenda
 - Township Clerk statements:

“Please be advised that delegation status to the Bob Lake Association will not be provided. Rather, that your letter with attached materials will be received by Council as written correspondence as the materials provided are sufficient to understand the request being made of Council by the Association.” June 20, 2024

“Council at its June 27th Regular Council meeting directed Staff to bring forward information to Council relating to the Bob Lake Boat Launch for review and consideration at a future meeting. Once the date of the reporting/agenda is determined I will reach out to you and let you know.” July 2, 2024

- We have spoken with most Council members as well as the CAO
- Council members have stated their clear support for our proposal – a very good thing!
- CAO stated staff will need time to create report for Council – will **not** be this summer!

Switch to Plan C Delegation Presentation...



BLA Plan C
Delegation

Boat Launch Update (continued)

- We are confident that “Plan C” will be successful eventually, but...
 - It’s unlikely to happen quickly
 - We need an interim solution to help those without an “arrangement” to launch their boat
- We are investigating a “Private Launch Sharing Program” where:
 - The BLA will act as a coordinator to connect Bob Lake boat owners who have no launch solution with willing property owners (on their terms) who have a private launch
 - “Terms” could include things like
 - Specific dates
 - Owner present or not present
 - BLA representative present
 - Contact Erwin Speckert (bla.ca.info@gmail.com or 705-286-3034) for more information

Budget and Fees for 2024

Ross Gladwell

BOB LAKE ASSOCIATION PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

REVENUE

YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership Fees - 110 @ \$40	\$4400	\$4,260
Dock Tag Sales - 9 @ \$20	\$180	\$220
FOCA pass through fees	\$160	\$184
Rock-the-Dock Donations		\$120
Total Revenue	\$4740	\$4,784

EXPENDITURES

Insurance	\$1035	\$1,145
Bank Fees	\$50	\$0
Website	\$140	\$20
Meeting Expenses	\$240	\$240
Membership Fees		
- FOCA	\$150	\$162
- CEWF	\$75	\$75
- COHPOA	\$65	\$65
Seminar Attendance Fees - FOCA, CEWF	\$200	\$25
Water Sampling and Testing	\$500	\$212
FOCA pass-through fees	\$184	\$160
Dock Tag Purchases	\$125	\$124
Rock-the-Dock Donation		\$120
Total Expenditures	\$3164	\$2,348

Opening Balance January 1, 2024	\$9,121	\$9,121
Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,576	\$2,436
Liability - pass through fees owed to FOCA		\$24
Closing Balance December 31, 2024	\$10,697	\$11,533

Approval of Budget and Fees

- **Motion #4** – That the proposed 2024 budget be approved and the annual BLA membership remains at \$40
 - Zoom attendees: To express any changes/concerns please use Zoom’s “*Raise Hand*” or “*Chat*” feature, or simply unmute yourself. Get ready for our fifth Zoom poll!
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Election of Board Members

Election of BLA Directors

- BLA members standing for re-election to the Board of Directors **

1. Ted Gayowsky
2. Ross Gladwell
3. Jim Hyland
4. Laurent Joncas
5. Gary Olesinski
6. Sue Pyke
7. Dave Roberts
8. Robert Roszell
9. Erwin Speckert
10. Elaine Wray

- Call for nominations

— _____

** Paragraph 8.1 of the Association constitution requires no fewer than 7 nor more than 11 directors

Election of BLA Directors

- **Motion #5** - That the members of the Board of Directors as elected be approved.
 - Zoom attendees: To express any changes/concerns please use Zoom's "*Raise Hand*" or "*Chat*" feature, or simply unmute yourself. Get ready for our sixth Zoom poll!
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 - Moved by: _____, Seconded by: _____

Other Business



- 3rd annual Rock the Dock charity & social event
 - Saturday July 20 2-4pm and featuring our very own ***Bo Blake Band***
 - Many thanks to our BLA Social Committee and its Chair (Pamela England) for coordinating another hugely successful event last year!
 - We've raised nearly \$7K for the Minden Food Bank in the past 2 years – let's blow past \$10K!
- Pyjama Project
 - Grassroots donation project started by a group on South Lake to collect newly purchased PJs that can be passed on to community members most in-need (Google "pyjama project minden")
 - New set of PJs can be purchased for under \$20 – all sizes needed
 - Drop-off box located at St. Paul's Anglican Church Thrift Store in Minden, or call Anne Stephens (annestephens53@hotmail.com / 705-306-9167)



Other Business

- Save your pull tabs!!
 - Great cause - Lindsay Lions Club for Guide Dogs of Canada
 - Send email to bla.ca.info@gmail.com for pick-up/drop-off instructions
- Dock Tags (<https://boblakeassociation.ca/docktags>)
 - 12 Dock Tags in this year's order (111 sold in total)
 - Any interest "Dog Tag Decals" for your water toys such as kayaks, pedal boats, etc?
- Committee Volunteers
 - Want to get involved? Just reach out to any board member...
- Debris on lake (Heather Gage)





Closing Remarks

- Thank you for joining!
- Stay safe!!
- See you on the lake!!!

