

**DRAFT**  
**BIG GULL LAKE EAST END COTTAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL**  
**GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
**MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2023**  
**TIME: 10:30 - 12:00**

- 1) Introduction of BGLEECA BOARD**  
Donna Commerford introduced members of the Board.  
Regrets: Keith Rowe
- 2) Review and Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes**  
Steven Burnie moved to approve the 2022 AGM Minutes. Second by Debbi Burnie. Carried.
- 3) Cottagers' Update: Memorials:**  
Donna acknowledged the passing of Jack Commerford, Mel Thompson, Nancy Kingston and Eleanor Clark, long time BGL cottagers.
- 4) Guest Speaker: Roy Huetl - North Frontenac Township Ward 2 Councillor**  
Roy addressed several questions of interest to the Membership.
  - 1) Airbnb:** This is a complicated and ongoing issue. It is a problem all over Ontario that is driving up prices for cottage properties. At Council the issue is at a stalemate. The upcoming Strategic Plan may deal with it. Related, there was only 1 noise complaint made to date.
  - 2) Septic Inspection:** Ray has taken the position for mandatory septic inspection. Currently 3 councillors are in support, 2 no, 2 undecided. Planning the way forward may be handled by the Strategic Plan.
  - 3) Fireworks Ban:** This falls under Federal jurisdiction. Local bylaws deal with related noise complaints. In Council debate has stalled with no further discussion planned. Restrictive fire ban was implemented this year by the province but fireworks were allowed.

**4) Commercial Fishing: No sites were booked this year by Finatics or other commercial enterprises. There was a healthy discussion on the subject. Roy was asked why Council would support a commercial fishing bylaw and why would it not be rescinded given that there was no benefit to the Township. Roy said he did not know enough about it. Roy did comment that fees for the various campsites were substantial and went right into the reserve fund. As these sites were very popular most were booked by January for the upcoming season.**

**There were questions from the cottagers:**

**How would one find septic installers. Check BGLEECA calendar, ask other cottagers, ask Township.**

**Floating homes: Roy stated that the Province has just legislated a ban on them.**

**5) Timeline - Better Call Reception: E.O.R.N (Eastern Ont. Regional Network) has committed to 200 towers over the next 2 years. The E.O.R.N. website has a map showing the planned locations of the new towers. Bell has committed to install fibre optic cables along telephone poles allowing residents to connect at their expense.**

**5) Director Reports:**

**President's report - Donna Commerford**

**1) Whiteduck Provincial Park.....no update.**

**2) Attended annual F.O.C.A meeting in Peterborough. Donna presented the various F.O.C.A resources available to cottagers at no cost.**

**3) The Lake Alliance has been asked by the Township to be part of the Township's working group to help inform the development of the updated Strategic Plan. The meeting is scheduled for August 31.**

**Treasurer - Debbie Bird**

**Debbie reviewed the Financial Reports and thanked Linda Radtke for her auditing efforts.**

**Elizabeth Jones moved to approve the Financial Statements and Review Report as presented. Seconded by Jim Commerford. Carried.**

**Ernie James moved that Linda Radtke conduct the financial Audit in 2024. Seconded by Virginia Grant. Carried.**

**Roads - Murray Finch and Jim Commerford  
Nothing to report.**

**Environment - Ken Grant**

**In 2022, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority sent out 300 requests for voluntary septic inspections, 11 responded.**

**For the health of Big Gull Lake Ken encouraged the membership to have their septic systems inspected.**

**On the subject of invasive species, Ken mentioned that Water Soldiers and Water Chestnuts are being tested for by the Water Rangers and Lake Partner Water Quality group - Virginia Grant and Bev Williams.**

**He also mentioned that there is a new law in Ontario to have boats cleaned before transferring them from one lake to another.**

**Vice-President - Greg Best**

**He reviewed the responsibilities of his office and that of the role of Area Rep. Two area rep spots were open, one recently filled by Jim Dickenson.**

**The annual Golf Tournament needs a new organizer.**

## **6) Elections:**

**As the entire slate of Directors was re-elected at the 2022 AGM there is no need for an election of any directors.**

**Here is the list of your executive for 2023 – 2024:**

- Donna Commerford – President**
- Greg Best – Vice-President**
- Debbie Bird – Treasurer**
- David Marsh - Secretary**
- Ken Grant – Environment (Lake Steward)**
- Keith Rowe – Communications**
- Murray Finch – Director at Large**
- Richard McIlveen – Director at Large**

## **7) Thank you to all our volunteers:**

- Review of Financial Statements: Linda Radtke**
- Calendar: Karen Saer**
- Shoal light: Bryden Gibson**  
**Water Rangers and Lake Partner Water Quality: Bev Williams and Virginia Grant**
- Storage of Picnic tents and tables: Elizabeth Jones**
- Website: Janet Sidey**
- Newsletter Editor: Wayne Bird**
- Our Picnic Site Hosts: Shean Goonetillikes**

## **8) Other Business:**

**Debbie Bird shared an issue and related proposed initiative that was discussed at the North Shore road meeting. The issue was the impact**

**of climate change in our area and the absence of a plan to handle emergency issues caused by storms. The initiative was to consider striking a Personal Preparedness committee to hash out what could be done/plan to help. Seeking volunteers from the membership to participate.**

**Ken Grant mentioned that the Ministry will not restock the lake with**

**fish. The results of the Fish Survey are pending.**

**Signs for the dock will be available by mid-Sept.**

**Tick Kits - Comment - they were a great idea.**

**The Association's various events/activities were reviewed and a thank you extended to the organizers and participants for a job well done.**

**A change of location for the AGM to the Township community hall located in Plevna was discussed and supported.**

**Terri Fenton brought attention the presence in the area of the Northern Black Widow spider. Information on it will be included in the next Newsletter.**

**9) Adjournment: Bernie James moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Lorna Merklinger. Carried.**

# Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association

## Financial Report

### Balance Sheet 31-Jul-23 31-Mar-23

<u>Assets</u>			<i>Changes</i>
Cash in Bank	21,223	23,266	(2,043)
GICs	15,128	15,128	-
Receivables			-
<b>TOTAL Assets</b>	<b>36,351</b>	<b>38,394</b>	<b>(2,043)</b>

<u>Liabilities</u>	-	-	
<b>TOTAL Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

### Fund Balances

General	18,404	17,801	603
Calendar	4,448	7,093	(2,646)
Environmental	13,499	13,499	-
<b>Association Funds</b>	<b>36,350</b>	<b>38,394</b>	<b>(2,043)</b>

### Fund Revenue and Expense Summary, April 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023

	General Fund	Calendar Fund	Environment Fund	Totals	
Beginning Balance	17,801	7,093	13,499	38,394	
Total Revenues	2,949	1,745	-	4,694	Total Net Gain
Total Expenses	2,346	4,391	-	6,737	\$ (2,043)
Current Balance	18,404	4,448	13,499	36,350	

#### General Fund Income Summary

Dues	1,230
Bank Interest	284
Misc (Sale of hats & tees)	-
Sale of Dock Signs	1,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,949</b>

#### General Fund Expenses Summary

Activities	-
Bank Fees	20
FOCA	-
Insurance	1,214
Tick Kits	1,112
Newsletters, Website, Zoom, Signs	-
Picnic & AGM	-
Directors' Expenses	-
Dock Sign Purchases	-
Miscellaneous	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,346</b>

Prepared by Debbie Bird

Financial Review completed by Linda Radtke on \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_.