

## BLCA ANNUAL MEETING 2016 – MY PRESENTATION

### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

How many road reps do we have here today....please stand up. THANK YOU!!! ...you are the backbone of the association

- Best year ever – Diane Earle? She and Steve were welcomed at the door, money was ready, chatted about lake activities. Upbeat all the way with many of their neighbours
- Overall distribution went very well. With 34 road reps now it is much easier for everyone. We have a strong team on Big Island now and that went particularly well (Eileen Chivers, Steve Clements, Pauline Homer. We are up to three road reps on FR33 (Catherine Warrener welcome/Debbie Thorne, Gary and Debbie McCarthy) now which is a big road. Pete and Linda Reynen took on FR27. Kathy and Rod McBey took on The Brown's Bridge area and help a lot on FR11, bringing on several new members
- Anecdotally I know that a number of new cottagers have joined so am hopefully we will reach our 320 objective, up from 311 last year. That would bring us to about 70% of the lake which is at the high end of average for lake associations. Round Lake is 90% though.....
- Sadly, Barb and Lyle Stricker are moving away, as are Rick and Marilyn Liscombe. Barb was a pioneer.....thanks

### DRAW RESULTS

Seven pairs of tickets handed out to Westben and Stirling Festival Theatre for a total value of about \$500. Everyone seems happy with their winnings. Both are enjoyable outings.

### CALENDAR

Awesome calendar again – and it was free. Thanks to Lisy Levy and Uta Peikart who put it together and the many photo contributors. Send in your photos please. The more we have to choose from, the better the calendar

### NEWSLETTER PREPARATION

One long standing cottager told me it was the best Newsletter ever. We always need relevant articles so all contributions are welcome. Why not try your hand at writing an article?

Peter takes responsibility for the Newsletter and does a wonderful job. Thank you Peter! He has it down to a science now with a strong production team and writing team, but he already does a lot for the association so if anyone wanted to step forward to help him, they would be most welcome. It is not a giant job and one that can be fun to do if you like wordsmithing and care about Belmont Lake.

### PARADE OF LIGHTS

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> .....We have big news in this regard. Richard Wood has agreed to be our leader. He has been doing it unofficially for several years now so is well experienced at leading us around the lake. Richard and I prepared an article on "How to Rig your Boat" and have posted it to the BLCA

Website. I also have some hard copies at the door. Last year we had 8 boats. My motto this year is "Double the Boats and Double the fun". So, consider joining us in this highly social endeavor. Aye Aye Captain Richard

#### FALL COLOUR HIKE

Saturday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.....Mark and Heather Roper.....Eel's Creek area

#### DREAM

**A get together for families with young children.** It could be at the public beach and take the shape of story time and some water play. It could be one day a summer or run for several weeks. At this point it is only a dream, and will remain so, unless we find someone to spearhead it. If you are interested or know someone that might enjoy doing this, please let me know. I believe it would further contribute to the community building that we are already doing.