



We hope that this note finds everyone healthy and safe. For those that do not get to experience the lake in all it's winter bliss, it has been a very inconsistent winter on Haliburton Lake. For those of us that like to play in winter, it has been a struggle to enjoy those winter past times. It is time to take a look at the HLCA's past year and to look forward to getting back to the lake and outdoor activities with friends and family.

The summer of 2022 started May Long weekend with the return of the HLCA General meeting being held in person at the Hall. YAY! It was on this day that we got to thank Brad and Maria Willing for their years of commitment to the Haliburton Lake Community and welcome John and Michelle Mihalic as the new owners of Fort Irwin Marina. Other guests included Mayor Andrea Roberts, and Councillor Walt McKechnie whom brought those members in attendance up to speed on such municipality topics as the shoreline bylaw, short term rental licensing, cell tower service and the septic maintenance program. A new lake quality testing program was introduced by Lindsay Bevan. This program is being initiated by ten Haliburton Lakes in partnership with U-Links. The goal of the program is to establish a standard for water quality testing protocols, to share and compare trends across lakes. This program got started in 2022 with testing being completed in July and September. Thank you to Lindsay Bevan, Paul Carey, Dave Bright, Lloyd Dunham and Andy Valikas for their contributions to this program. The results are posted to the HLCA website.

The 2022 HLCA Board consisted of Brent McLean (President), Serena Bradbury (Secretary), Brady Siersma (Treasurer) whom finish their two year term this May. The Directors of the HLCA agreeing to remain on the board in 2022, Nick Mezzapelli (Web Master), Kathleen Boss (Communications), Candice Bradbury-Endicott (Membership), Larry Marion, Jay Kea and Connor Blackwell. Without these people, programming, information and representation provided to the membership would not be possible. We will be looking for some new/additional directors to help fill some roles on the 2023 Board. In particular the HLCA Board will be looking for a new Treasurer to fill Brady's role as he is stepping down from the position. The AGM is currently scheduled for Saturday May 20th.

Lake Navigation and Lake Health continue to be important mandates for the HLCA. During the summer of 2022, Bob Bevan updated all of the Red/Green lake markers to a new 6" marker and the green changed to a very visible Jungle Green. The old markers have been refurbished and painted yellow for use during other HLCA events. The board is extremely grateful for the effort that Bob puts into navigation each year. September saw U-Links complete bio metrics testing for lake quality arranged by Lindsay Bevan.

May saw the introduction of new Haliburton Lake Cottage Association Swag, with a new design. We are seeing lots of the Cottage wear around the lake. Thank you to Christine Marion and Carrie McLean for taking the lead in organizing the new swag.

July long weekend started off with Christmas in July, organized by Serena Bradbury and her team of volunteers. This is a great kick off to the summer as the event gets all the kids reacquainted with their summer time friends over some snow cones, cookies, crafts and pictures with Santa. Later that evening, for the first time in a couple of years we had Canada Day Fireworks on the proper weekend and we did not have to fight the weather. The Fireworks Team actually had to wait for the beautiful night sky to get dark enough for the show to start. Fireworks continue to be our most popular event, the work of Brendan McLennan, Rob Newton, Rick Lee, Mike and Ethan Boss is appreciated. July also saw the return of all our summer programming. Swimming lessons returned in the traditional method with Stacy Sgorlon taking over as primary volunteer. Julia and Ali Kea finally had a normal summer of calling kids bingo, with the opportunity to hold two pizza bingo nights. Baseball returned to the public beach and the Rock Bass Derby hauled in a record 216 pounds of fish.

Mid-July saw the third installment of the Scavenger Hunt take place. This time the “main lakers” had to navigate the bridge to get to the action in South Bay. Even Elvis and Queen Elizabeth made an appearance! The organizing committee is stepping down from organizing this event, if the community wishes this event to continue we require a new organizing committee to volunteer. Thank you to the team of Sue Harrison, Lynn Yake, Carrie DiFrancesco and Ev Fenwick, whom are willing to provide guidance to a new organizing committee.

August long weekend saw the return of the HLCA Regatta. With the return of this event it finally felt like life at the lake was back to normal. It was great to see lake friends reconnect after a couple of years of staying in bubbles. Thanks to Serena Bradbury and all the volunteers that contribute to making this day a huge success and a major fundraiser for the HLCA. The new event for 2022 was an old lake event with a new twist. The corn roast was resurrected with a band providing live music. With a perfect summer evening as the back drop, HLCA members and guests were entertained and danced to the live music of the Impish Grins. A big thank you to my family and friends for making this event happen. Great news, the band has committed to the 2023 Corn Roast, scheduled for August 26th. See you there!

There are many reasons why we all make the trek to Haliburton Lake, for most of us its where “we live”. Mostly its for the feeling of community and the events that make those special summer memories. We are a large lake community with many events that are orchestrated by a relatively small number of volunteers. So, this is a call out for more members to give back a little bit of your time to the Haliburton Lake Community. Being an HLCA volunteer doesn't have to be a big time commitment, it can be helping the set up or tear down of one of the events like Christmas in July, Regatta or the Corn Roast. It may be the set up or winterization of the hall or public beach. It can be more substantial like helping out with the Annual Magazine, or taking on a larger role in the organization of an HLCA Event. It could even be joining the Board as a director, which involves two or three meetings in a normal year. It is these valued volunteer contributions that make those unforgettable summer memories. The Board intends to make it easier to volunteer by creating an online information page. Please watch for details in the weekly/bi-weekly emails or you can reach out to myself if you are able to give back a little time to the Haliburton Lake Community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this membership letter, our email communications, the annual HLCA magazine and do not forget about our Instagram and Facebook pages. This is about community; please support what we do for your community by renewing your membership. We have made renewing your memberships easier by now allowing payments to be processed by etransfer at [membership@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:membership@haliburtonlake.com)

Brent McLean

President, HLCA

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## Life Announcements, Family Story and Your Photos!!

Is there a new baby in the family? Did you lose someone you love this year? Did someone accomplish something amazing? Is there a special anniversary coming up? Tell us how your family came to the lake.

In addition, would you like us to feature your photo? We will print all announcements and as many photos as possible in the 2023 HLCA Magazine.

Send all the info and any pictures you may have to [president@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:president@haliburtonlake.com) no later than **Friday April 14.**

## Reasons you need to be a member of the HLCA.....

1. You receive an annual decal to proudly display at the end of your driveway and receive our annual magazine (Hard Copy).
2. You help subsidize our swimming program which teaches safety in and around the water to over 100 children annually.
3. You subsidize a portion of the Canada Day Fireworks, the rest of the funds are donated.
4. You support the navigation system deployed on the lake to enable safe boating.
5. You support major projects undertaken by the HLCA such as ongoing revitalization of the public beach and hall.
6. You support the environmental initiatives (Love Your Lake), and memberships in associations such as Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA).
7. You support the HLCA efforts of Giving Back to the community
8. You allow the board to operate by covering administrative costs such as property maintenance, taxes and insurance, AGM expenses, mailings, etc.
9. You support local events like the fishing derby, kids bingo, kids baseball and Regatta.
10. You constantly receive communications from the HLCA to keep you informed and foster a sense of community at the lake.

## Now Hiring Swimming Program.....

### 1. Head and Assistant Swim Instructor

Qualifications required, at a minimum, are a current Instructors Certificate through the Lifesaving Society and a National Lifeguard Society Certificate. Applicants should be energetic, creative and passionate about children. The ideal Head position candidate will be a great leader, work well as a team and require minimal supervision. The ideal Assistant position candidate needs to be dependable, take direction well and possess a willingness to learn. The salary range for these positions start at \$15 to \$20 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

### 2. Swim Program Assistant

We are looking for teen cottagers, with an interest in a future Swim Instructor position, wanting to help our swimming program run smoothly. Interested applicants should be a min. of 13 years old, have a Bronze Medallion certification or higher, have experience with children, and are willing to take initiative and direction. There will be an honorarium offered of \$50.00 per week or we can confirm participation for high school volunteer hour requirements.

\*A minimum two week commitment is required.

Responsibilities may include:

- Helping to set up for lessons in the am (i.e., putting out signage, getting equipment set out)
- Cleaning up and maintaining the beach and adjoining park area (i.e., removing geese feces, raking)
- Assisting during the lessons in the water (i.e., helping to engage younger swimmers in games)
- Instructors may also delegate other tasks as needed

Send a resume & cover letter to:  
[swimming@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:swimming@haliburtonlake.com) no  
later than **Friday, April 28, 2023**

**And Finally, Please Join or  
Renew Your Membership, your contribution assists the community in many ways.....**

Primary memberships are available for a cost of \$60/year for those who own a cottage (FIRA Members \$50). Associate memberships are perfect for those who are vacationing or family members of primary membership holders at a cost of \$25/year.

**You have three options;**

Our website [www.HaliburtonLake.com](http://www.HaliburtonLake.com). is able to accept major credit cards and PayPal when you renew your HLCA Membership Online.

**OR**

By cheque simply completing the membership form included with this letter, mailing instructions are at the bottom of the form.

**OR**

By etransfer to [membership@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:membership@haliburtonlake.com)

Any questions email

[membership@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:membership@haliburtonlake.com)

**Magazine Articles Please!!**

As you receive this membership letter the Magazine advertisers are being contacted and content is being planned for the Magazine to be available at the AGM. If you have ideas for an article or wish to write an article please pass it on to [president@haliburtonlake.com](mailto:president@haliburtonlake.com) no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**

**Swimming Lessons.....**

We will be offering Lifesaving Society swimming lessons this summer for children starting as young as 4 months old. Sessions run every week in July starting **Monday, July 3rd including the week of August 14th**. Register your child at [www.swimming@haliburtonlake.com](http://www.swimming@haliburtonlake.com)

**HLCA Board - 2022**

Brent McLean - President  
Serena Bradbury - Secretary  
Brady Siersma - Treasurer  
Nick Mezzapelli - Webmaster  
Connor Blackwell - Director at Large  
Jay Kea - Director at Large  
Candice Bradbury-Endicott - Membership  
Kathleen Boss—Communications  
Larry Marion - Director at Large

**Now Hiring Grass Cutting.....**

**Grass Cutting**

Seeking an individual with their own equipment to cut / trim the grass at the HLCA Hall and the Public Beach starting in May and finishing in September. Cutting will be required a minimum of every other week paying special attention to when events are scheduled. Salary will be a flat rate of \$1,700.

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