



We hope that this note finds everyone healthy and safe. For those that do not get to experience the lake during the winter, it has been a very mild winter on Haliburton Lake. For those of us that like to play in winter, we are still waiting for the winter of 2023 / 2024 to show up. The significant lack of snow has made snowmobiling nearly impossible and the lack of cold kept skating rinks and ice huts off the lake until the second week of February, making most winter activities a struggle to enjoy. 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 2023 started May Long weekend with the HLCA General meeting the Hall. Our special guest for the AGM was Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Melanie provided the members in attendance of an overview of the services provided to the residents and cottagers of Haliburton County. The foundation has also embarked on a campaign to raise \$4.3-million for the purchase of a CT Scan and Mammogram equipment to be located at Haliburton HHHS. The HLCA has made a donation of \$5,000 to this campaign as part of the HLCA's ongoing commitment of giving back to the community. Also in attendance was Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie and Councillor to Ward 5 Barry Boice to discuss such municipality topics as repairs to the boat launches on the lake, the Minden ER closure, roads in the community, the shoreline bylaw, short term rental licensing, cell tower service and the septic maintenance program.

The HLCA Board was fortunate to grow in 2023 as Mark Shillum and Deena Griffiths joined as Directors. Robert Lounds volunteered to join and take over the Treasurers position. The balance of the Board remained committed to the HLCA and stayed in the following roles; Brent McLean (President), Serena Bradbury (Secretary), Nick Mezzapelli (Web Master), Kathleen Boss (Communications), Candice Bradbury-Endicott (Membership), Larry Marion (Director), Jay Kea (Director) and Connor Blackwell (Director). Without these people, programming, information and representation provided to the membership would not be possible. Unfortunately, the HLCA Board is losing our long time Web Master this year as Nick has left the lake and is now living full-time at their retirement home. I cannot thank Nick enough for his 14 year contribution to the HLCA Board, particularly the guidance that he has provided me during my time as president. We are always looking for some new/additional directors to help fill roles on the 2024 Board. Please contact myself at any time if you are interested in joining the HLCA Board. The 2024 AGM is currently scheduled for Saturday May 18th.

The summer of 2023 also saw another long time HLCA volunteer retire. Bob Bevan, who has maintained and fully rebuilt our Lake Navigation program to meet current safety standards, has passed this very important role over to Randy Hague. Please thank both of these people, when you see them, for their efforts in giving back by keeping the

lake well marked. This past summer also saw our lake testing team of Lindsay Bevan, Paul Carey, Dave Bright, Lloyd Denham and Andy Valikas complete three testing days. This testing is part of an initiative by a group of Haliburton County Lake Associations in partnership with U-Links. U-Links also completed bio metric testing for lake quality arranged by Lindsay Bevan. We thank Lindsay for her continued dedication to these programs. The HLCA is looking for a volunteer to take over this important program, If you are interested please contact me at the Presidents email. I would like to thank all of those members that Volunteer to help the HLCA and the community in general, we have seen growth in the number of volunteers over the last couple of years and it really makes a difference to our lake community. Having said this, we are always looking for more participation large or small. Please reach out to any of the Board members or Event Leads if you can spare a couple of hours to participate. Please watch for details in the weekly/bi-weekly emails regarding information for volunteer specifics.

July long weekend started off with Christmas in July, organized by Serena Bradbury and her team of volunteers. This event continues to grow in participation and 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. July also saw the return of all our summer programming. Swimming lessons at the public beach continued its post covid growth with a record 209 participants. To put this in perspective, prior to 2020 the average number of participants was 130. A big thank you to Stacy Sgorlon our primary volunteer, our swim instructors Lyndsey McLean, Sophie Lamb and Ali Kea. Kids Bingo saw some of the highest numbers of attendance in years. Many thanks to Alison Kea, Sophie Lamb, and Julia Kea for their assistance. The summer of 2024 will see some new volunteers assisting with Bingo. Baseball returned to the public beach and the Rock Bass Derby hauled in another weight record.

August long weekend saw the HLCA's two most popular and largest attended events occur on back to back days making for a hectic but outstanding weekend for the Haliburton Lake Community. The world's biggest thank you to Serena and her team of volunteers for putting on a fantastic regatta that saw attendance between 500 and 600 people. It is an event that is loved by all who attend and where many memories are made. On the Sunday the HLCA held it's Canada Day Fireworks show, as the show was delayed by the Fireban that was issued for June and early July. The Fireworks team of Robin Newton, Rick Lee, Taylor Newton, Ryan Whitehead, put on another amazing show! The last HLCA event for the summer of 2023 was the Corn Roast / Volunteer Appreciation. With a perfect summer evening as the backdrop, HLCA members and guests were entertained and danced to the live music of the Impish Grins. Great news, the band has committed to the three-peat and will play the 2024 Corn Roast, scheduled for August 24th. See you there!

At this time, I would like to send a very large thank you to the membership as we have seen an incredible amount of growth in member participation for all of the HLCA events and programs over the last couple of years. Once again I thank those that volunteer to make this happen. These events and programs make the Haliburton Lake Community a very special environment. You just need to talk to cottagers from other areas, they are always amazed by the amount of activities and programs that are available to our membership and community. The HLCA Board continues to work on many improvements and new ways to add growth to our membership.

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

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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 2024 HLCA Magazine.

Send all the info and any pictures you may have to president@haliburtonlake.com no later than **Friday April 12.**

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 200 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.
6. You support the environmental initiatives (Lake Quality Testing), 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 \$17 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 no
later than **Friday April 19, 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. 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

Any questions email

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 no later than **Friday, April 12, 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 1st including the week of August 12th**. Register your child at www.swimming@haliburtonlake.com

HLCA Board - 2023

Brent McLean - President

Serena Bradbury - Secretary

Robert Lounds - 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

Mark Shillum—Director at Large

Deena Griffiths—Director at Large

Now Hiring Grass Cutting.....

Grass Cutting

Seeking an individual or two 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 \$1,500 for the Beach and \$500 for the Hall.

Send a resume & cover letter to:
president@haliburtonlake.com no later than
Friday, April 26, 2023.