

Winter 2021



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We hope that this note finds everyone healthy and safe. It's the second month of 2021 and it has been much the same as 2020. Despite this winter being a true Canadian winter with lots of snow and very consistent temperatures that have allowed us to enjoy some socially distant activities, we all look forward to the promise that spring brings. The ability to get to the lake and the hope that we start to get vaccinations, first to the most vulnerable and then to the masses, allowing us to return to our new normal.

I would like to start by thanking Glenn Scott for all of his years of service to the HLCA. The time and effort that Glenn gave to the Haliburton Lake community will be felt well into the future. I look forward to taking over where Glenn left off and am thankful for the strong position that the cottage association maintains. I would also like to thank the other members of the board, Connor Blackwell, Candice Endicott, Owen Blackwell, Nick Mezzapelli, Serena Bradbury, Brady Siersma, Kathleen Bass and Larry Marion for their past and future support. Without their support this would all not be possible.

The year that was 2020 started off like every other year, then March Break started and didn't end until Labour Day. Covid 19 left the HLCA and the rest of society trying to figure out what we could and could not do to keep everyone safe! Spring started with cottagers unsure if we could responsibly go to our cottages and not sure if the marina could get our boats out of winter storage. Marinas were finally allowed to open early May and despite the scramble we were able to enjoy boating as an escape from Covid. In June the HLCA board had to make some very difficult decisions around our legacy programming. The decision was made to cancel most of the programming in order to meet the provincial rules that were imposed as a result of Covid 19. Fortunately, we were able to keep the Rock Bass Fishing Derby running with thanks to those that participated and to Jay Kea handling the weigh-in duties. July did see the start of a socially distanced scavenger hunt organized by Sue Harrison that saw 29 objects hidden.

August brought some relief in Covid numbers that allowed the HLCA to obtain the go ahead from Dysart to hold our Canada Day Fireworks celebration on September 5th. This was the second year for the commercial fireworks show put on by Brendan McLennan, Moe Thompson and Rob Newton. The old adage held, good things come to those who wait. Great show Guys! The HLCA would like to add to our “Fireworks Team” and are interested in two more volunteers to obtain their fireworks certification, at the Associations expense. Please email president@haliburtonlake.com if interested. Hopefully things get back on track, this year’s Canada Fireworks is scheduled for July 3rd.

September saw the HLCA’s first virtual Annual General Meeting. We appreciated having Andrea Roberts and Walt McKechnie join us. Plus Tayce Wakefield who provided us an overview of cell and internet initiatives in Haliburton County.

The board is currently planning our legacy events for a socially distanced world, as we expect Covid 19 to be with us through the summer. It is our expectation that we will be hosting our AGM virtually again. We are aiming for early June (details to follow). We are putting a plan together for socially distanced Bingo and Swimming lessons as well as hosting a different kind of regatta on August long weekend. We continue with our regular weekly communications and “HLCA Updates”. Currently we have 585 subscribers. Please continue to send us pictures of your families enjoying the lake. As always we will have our Septic Pump Out Contest. We are hopeful to be able to offer the programming but as 2020 has taught us, be ready for change.

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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Program	Prime Volunteer
Fireworks	Brendan McLennan
Kids Bingo	Julia and Alison Kea
Navigation	Bob Bevan
Regatta	Serena Bradbury
Rock Bass Fishing	Jay Kea
Swimming	Erin Metcalfe / Kristin Lizotte
Shoreline and Public Beach	Lindsay Bevan
Social Media	Serena Bradbury

It All Starts with Our Volunteers....

We are very fortunate to have many returning volunteers this year, but we are always looking for additional involvement. There is an effort to make participation manageable and not to infringe on personal time at the lake which is very important. Please approach a Prime Volunteer if you have some time and can help.

Where the help is needed: magazine assistance, fireworks and programs. If any opportunities interest you, please let us know at

president@haliburtonlake.com.

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 2021 HLCA Magazine.

Send all the info and any pictures you may have to president@haliburtonlake.com no later than **Friday April 9, 2021**.

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 \$11 to \$13 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:
kristinhyslop@hotmail.com and
glendongirl@hotmail.com no later than **Friday, April 30, 2021**

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 new flat rate of \$1,700.

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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 9, 2021**

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

HLCA Board - February 2021

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

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

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