



# Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association

Annual General Meeting  
July 27, 2021



## Agenda

- Welcome, logistics and land acknowledgement
- Official business portion of meeting – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !
  - Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting
  - Treasurer's Report. Finances and membership – Barb Metelka
  - Appointment of Directors 2020 – 2021
- Georgian Bay Association update – Rupert Kindersley
- Fire and Medical Emergency updates – David Rosen
- Councilor's Report – Ian Mead
- Photo Contest – Andy Metelka
- Current issues & concerns – Erik M



## Treasurer Report

- Barb Metelka

- YTD finance
- Switching to a calendar year for finance and membership for ease of administration
  - 2021 six month report
  - main expenses still to be incurred
- YTD membership
  - current paid 41 households
  - Expect 50+



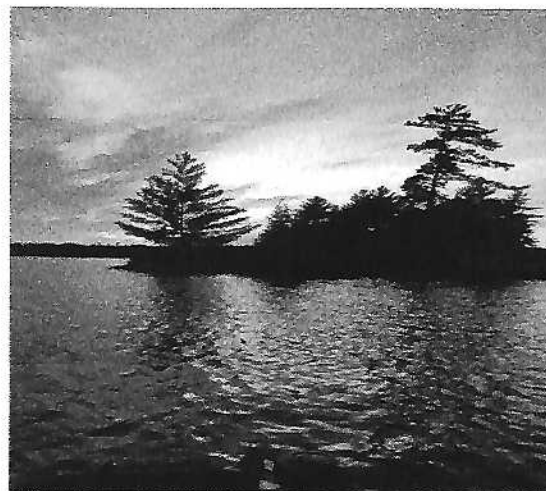
## Board of Directors



- Erik Mathiesen
- Lisa Pieper-Brown
- Barb Metelka
- Andy Metelka
- David Rosen
- Carolyn Rymell
- Cheryl Ward

## Georgian Bay Association update

- Rupert Kindersley  
Executive Director



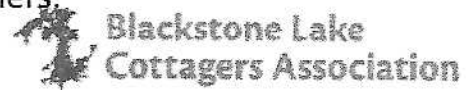
## Medical Emergencies – Dr David Rosen

Parry Sound EMS does not have a boat; therefore, they will have to be met at Angler's to be transported to the Injured Person's cottage. Occasionally if the police or the Seguin fire dept is involved they will have a boat for transport.

Alternatively, an injured person might be transported to Angler's – ideally by pontoon boat.

## Medical Emergencies

1. Call 911. The dispatcher will keep you on the line.
2. If person is not breathing and unconscious start CPR
3. Another household member calls any of the volunteers listed and clearly states Blackstone address!!
4. If possible place some kind of signal (eg. colourful flag or towel) on the dock so the cottage is more easily identified.
5. Ideally 2 volunteers to the cottage, one to get the AED/kit and one volunteer to meet the EMS at Angler's.
6. A pontoon boat would be ideal for transportation to Angler's, especially if CPR is needed. I also suggest honking the horn when in transport to gather any assistance from others.



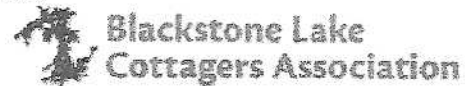
## Blackstone Fire Response 2021

- In the event of a fire Seguin Township has been contracted by TOA to respond on a best efforts basis
- Note that this is ONLY for dwelling fires...a forest fire needs to be reported to MNR...Seguin will not respond or only on direction of MNR if needed
- Despite some road access Blackstone response is considered water access only...ie even on Tolpts road they will not send a truck
- Response will be with a fire boat to launch at Anglers Inn
- We have identified a list of 8 fire pumps on the lake and one more that is being fixed and will be available. There is a list of responders that include in some cases multiple cell phones for each property that have agreed to facilitate a response
- Materials have been prepared and will be updated on the website and distributed via email to provide details on how to respond and where to call



## What happens in the event of a fire

- Cottager calls 911 and reports a fire with lake address and any other details
- 911 dispatches to Seguin fire to respond with fire boat to Anglers Inn
- 911 will send a text message to the official list of Blackstone Fire Responders with details and location
- Blackstone Fire responders that are available are asked to bring fire pumps to the scene and engage
- One person would be designated to go to the landing to meet Seguin fire boat to speed response to the location
- Responders are expected to suppress fire to limit spread to surrounding cottages and bush until Seguin is on scene and takes control
- In no situation will the building be saveable but we can buy time and limit potential spread to a bush fire or adjoining properties



## What YOU can do

- Please socialize with your neighbors and if we can find any more willing participants with fire pumps we will update the list with 911 and for the materials provided to cottagers
- Stay tuned for an updated fire response card – please put it in a prominent place so that you can access it if needed in an emergency. We will also provide a simple fridge magnet when we have the next update on pumps
- Please review with anyone in your household, renters etc so all know who to call
- Check to ensure you have a fire number displayed on your property. For fire and particularly medical response this could save a life! In a recent drive by I have seen many properties without a lake address number. TOA can provide a replacement for you.
- We will reissue in the spring with (hopefully) an expanded list of pumps and responders and with a fridge magnet for simplicity
- Happy to organize a "fire drill" some time next season



## A big thanks to those offering to help

### Blackstone Lake Fire Responders

Contacts	Pump Location
Colin McFadyen	101 Tolpts Road
Doug White	204 Blackstone Lake
David Burkhart	290 Blackstone Lake
Tom Hewitt	113 Blackstone Lake Water
Paul Martin	180 Blackstone Lake Water
Jean Pierre Cayer	186 Blackstone Lake Water
Sallah Cayer	186 Blackstone Lake Water
Rachelle Cayer	186 Blackstone Lake Water
Brad McCamus	77 Blackstone Lake Water
Marianna Kappala	77 Blackstone Lake Water
Greg McCamus	77 Blackstone Lake Water
Amy McCamus	77 Blackstone Lake Water
Dave Kupka	158 Blackstone Lake
Sue Kupka	158 Blackstone Lake
Jeff Kupka	158 Blackstone Lake
Ben Kupka	158 Blackstone Lake
Chris Morwald	No Pump - respond only
Todd Cleland	No Pump - respond only
Grant Cleland	No Pump - respond only

- Councilor's Report

- Ian Mead



## **Blackstone Lake Cottager's Association Photo Contest**

In memory, honour and continued  
celebration of the life of Dave McCamus  
we are holding our first  
BLCA photo contest.  
David was a steward of Blackstone Lake  
and an avid nature photographer.



### **Rules and Guidelines:**

Contestants need to be a member or related to a member of the BLCA.

Prizes: TBA

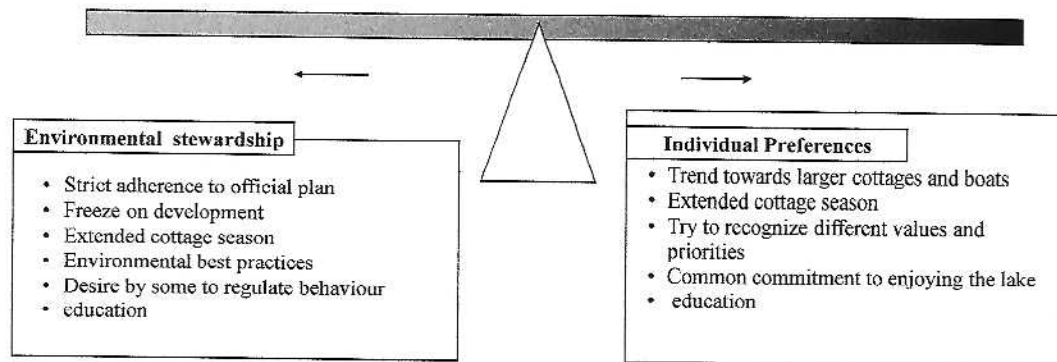
Contest Time line: August 2021 - December 2021

Categories - Best wildlife photo,  
Best landscape photo.  
Best people picture depicting cottage life.

Each contestant can submit up to 3 photos in each category.

Email original pictures to [ametelka@cogeco.ca](mailto:ametelka@cogeco.ca) and [bmetelka@gmail.com](mailto:bmetelka@gmail.com)

## Pursuing the Common Good



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## Current Priorities

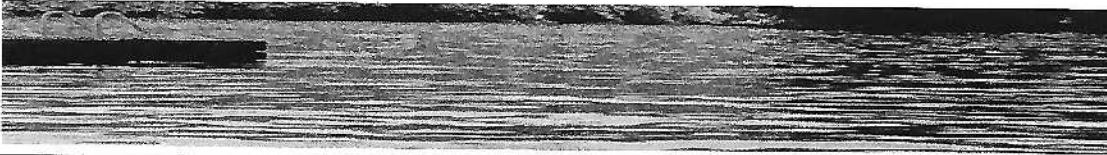
- membership engagement and value proposition
- member questions and concerns
- health and safety
- assured access to properties and lake, Angler's Inn health!
- water quality – always
- please forward any suggestions, comments or concerns to [blackstonelakeca@gmail.com](mailto:blackstonelakeca@gmail.com)





## Miscellaneous

- “Stink week” septic coordination for barge access – still booking!
- year 3 of benthic monitoring - “bugs in the mud” water quality study
- What 3 words – download the app and memorize your dock location
- FOCA member resources **focamember Foc@M3mb3\$2014**
- health and safety resources – 3 ways
  - Online
  - Laminated reference card
  - Fridge magnet



## Thank you and adjournment

- Shout outs to Greg McCamus, Matt Hackett and others too
- consider getting involved with the Association
- watch for web updates
- looking forward to seeing everyone at the lake
- please forward any suggestions, comments or concerns to [\*\*blackstonelakeca@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:blackstonelakeca@gmail.com)

