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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

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Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at Perth Road United Church Hall, **Saturday July 7th**. Commencing at **8:30 a.m.** with coffee and conversation, the formal meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. so we may adjourn by 11:30 a.m. to permit those members participating in the Boatilla to make preparations. As well as invited guests from South Frontenac Council we will be welcoming a special guest speaker, **Mark Badham**, curator of the Geology Museum in Miller Hall at Queen's University. Most Buck Lakers are aware of Pulpit Rock. Plan to attend on Saturday and find out why such formations are referred to as a metasedimentary block...a Calc-silicate rock formation known as sugar loaf.

The business meeting will include financial, activities and initiatives reports as well as the election of Directors for the next term. We also have a considerable supply of material from the Docktalk 2006 program available for members who are interested. We plan to take care of business but also provide the opportunity for members to share concerns and interact with each other for the good of our lake. Please plan to attend if possible.

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Nominations Committee Report to AGM - 2007

Clause 8 a i of the Association's By-law 1 indicates that the Board of Directors will consist of not fewer than 9, and not more than 12, members. The 2006-2007 Board had 12 members.

Clause 8 a ii of By-law 1 indicates that a Board member may not serve for more than 6 consecutive years. In keeping with this restriction Amy Rossworm will retire at this AGM.

This same sub clause indicates that Board members are to be elected to serve for 2-year terms of office, to a maximum of 3 terms.

A number of the 2006-2007 Board members will not be available for service commencing with the 2007 AGM for a variety of reasons ranging from ineligibility to health to business pressures. Those not available are Bruce Barnes, Nancy Daugulis, Jim Manuel, Marilyn O'Connor, and Jan Theoret to whom we say "thank you" for past services rendered.

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Directors Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Stephen Roughton and Duncan Sinclair were elected for their second 2 year terms at the 2006 AGM.

Director Maxine Lemieux was elected to her initial 2 year term at the 2006 AGM.

The following have agreed to allow their names to be placed in nomination for a 2 year term at the 2007 AGM:

Randy Cousineau Anna Emmerton Lisa McAvoy
Wayne Myles Sandra Rider Trish Waldron*
Ralph Wirsig
(*second 2 year term)

In summary, the Nominating Committee recommends to Association members at this AGM the following 7 members for election to the 2007-2008 Board for a 2 year term: Randy Cousineau, Anna Eummerton, Lisa McAvoy, Wayne Myles, Sandra Rider, Trish Waldron and Ralph Wirsig. These 7

nominees, plus the 5 directors elected at the 2006 AGM, will result in a 12 member Board for 2007-2008. If there are nominations from the floor at this AGM a ballot election will be held if the total of nominees standing for election at this AGM exceeds 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Crawford MacIntyre, Stephen Roughton (chair), Duncan Sinclair
Nominating Committee.

Rideau Canal Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site

On June 28th the historic Rideau Canal joined the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. To have two sites in the same landscape designated is very rare and a considerable credit to the work of many people past and present. The early 19th century canal covers 202 kilometres of the Rideau and

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Queen's University Biological Station


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- July 5th (Thursday) - Neotropical Songbirds: Going Down the Drain?
Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, Department of Biology, York University
- July 11th - Local and Regional Factors Influencing Zooplankton Community Structure
Dr. Shelley Arnott, Department of Biology, Queen's University
- July 18th – The Earth Matters: Some Underground Tales
Dr. Paul Grogan, Department of Environmental Studies, Queen's University

More to Come: Contact the QUBS website at <http://biology.queensu.ca> or contact the station at (613) 359-5629 for information on additional sessions throughout the summer.

Buck Lake Boatilla

Ron Matthey reports that final plans for the **July 7th** Boatilla are in place. Boaters are asked to assemble in the South Branch basin just north and east of the boat launch by **2:00 p.m.** Newly promoted Admiral Sandra Rider will lead the Boatilla under her "Green on White" banner from her flagship under the command of Captain Dale Payne. Boaters are asked to align their craft between the flagship and the ship of Rear Admiral Duncan Sinclair who will be flying a "Black on White" flag. As planned, the Boatilla will proceed down the South Branch to Ruttan's Campground for a BBQ and refreshments as well as a presentation to Camp Merrywood.



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As mentioned in our June Newsletter, we are interested in determining the interest level in a certification course this summer. Bob's and Crowe Lake Assoc. is offering the course on July 21st and on August 18th (3rd Saturdays) at a cost of \$30/person and BLA members are welcome to participate. The course is held at the Bedford District Hall in Glendower on the Wolfe Lake Road between Westport and Godfrey. Persons requiring more information or wishing to register may contact the course instructor, Robbie Hughes at (613) 273-7770.

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And Finally...

- Jay Black reports a roaming “dock” that has arrived at his lakefront. If you are aware of possible ownership contact him at (613) 389-4091.
- Perth Road Giant Pie Sale – Saturday July 14th from 9:00 a.m. until sold out.