

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors hope this letter finds you happy and in good health! Let's take a brief moment to reflect on what has certainly, been one of the most memorable and challenging club seasons in our history.

We came together as a Board and pieced together a plan that would prioritize safety, all the while retaining the fun, friendships and family atmosphere that we cherish so much here at the club. Through consultation with the NJ DOH and following CDC Guidelines, we were able to establish and implement protocols that allowed for both a safe and healthy atmosphere with a sense of normalcy that we all needed. GPBLCC is happy to announce that our 2020 summer season consisted of 285 families that all came and went in good health!

There were countless factors to consider during this year especially, and we are overflowing with gratitude that your family included GPBLCC in your summer plans. Thank you to all of our families, for entrusting us with your health, safety and well-being of your family.

Additionally, we want to extend a gracious and heart-felt thank you to our wonderful staff. Our 2020 manager, Jake Klavens, and assistant managers did an amazing job leading the lifeguards and front gate staff in maintaining our Covid protocols and practices. To all who trusted in our judgement, thank you.

As our unforgettable summer comes to a close, we are keeping our fingers crossed that Covid-19 will be a one-summer concern. However, we remain confident in our established protocols and the performance of our staff members that if we find ourselves in a similar situation come 2021, rest assured we will be prepared to open our doors yet again!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020/2021

Thank you to everyone* that came and voted for the Board of Director elections on Sunday, September 7th. We would like to congratulate our new Board Members, Bill Canale and Katherine Kolodzey. Listed below is the entire board for our 2020/2021 season:

Greg Fondacaro - President (president@bellslake.com)

Brian Scavetta - Vice President
(vicepresident@bellslake.com)

Pat Murphy - Treasurer (treasurer@bellslake.com)

Daryl D'Angelo - (secretary@bellslake.com)

Bill Canale

Jim Deamer - Maintenance (maintenance@bellslake.com)

Jimmy Demore

Kim Gadzinski - Party Coordinator (parties@bellslake.com)

Jackie Hill - Membership (membership@bellslake.com)

Catherine Kolodzey

Paul Kudless - Grounds (grounds@bellslake.com)

Danielle Moore - Entertainment
(entertainment@bellslake.com)

Megan Morgan - Fundraising (fundraising@bellslake.com)
Adam Seczech - Lake and Dam (lakeanddam@bellslake.com)
Jessica Slates - Swimteam (swimteam@bellslake.com)

Just a reminder, you do not have to be on the board to volunteer for a committee. Please email secretary@bellslake.com if you are interested in learning more.

***According to our by-laws, ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 "An active member shall be an individual or a family group who has paid his/her Membership Fee, and has paid his/her dues for the current year, and any other financial obligations to the Club that are current. Each active member shall be entitled to one vote in meetings of the membership. Votes must be cast in person. No member may vote by proxy." This means members for the month of August only are not eligible to vote, regardless of previous yearly membership.

BOATERS

In an effort to prevent unauthorized use of our lake for the purposes of boating or fishing, this season we changed the lock on the boat ramp and issued new seasonal stickers to be placed on any boats that belong to members who have paid the seasonal fee. We believe the unauthorized traffic has slowed down on the lake, and our paying boaters are seeing a difference. However, in the past few years, our boat ramp has fallen into disrepair. It is crowded, which makes the grounds difficult to maintain. There are a large number of boats,

canoes, kayaks, and such that are currently in the boat ramp that do NOT have a current seasonal boat sticker attached to it. This can only mean one of two things, either the boat has been abandoned, or it has been stored there without someone paying the proper seasonal fee. One of our off-season projects this year will be to clean out the boat ramp by removing and disposing of water craft that we believe to be abandoned or stored without authorization. If you believe you, or someone you know, may own one of these boats, please contact lakeanddam@bellslake.com by [October 10th, 2020](#). We will begin to dispose of abandoned and/or unauthorized boats [on October 17th](#). We hope that at the start of next season we will have a boat ramp that is more functional and useable to our current paying members, and will be maintained to look as beautiful as the rest of our club. Thank you.

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

Recently, Greenwood Park Bells Lake Community Club (GPBLCC), established a non-profit corporation Bells Lake Community Swim Club (BLCSC) for the sole purpose of being dedicated to serving our community, preserving the environment, and maintaining the history of our family-oriented swim club. The corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable, literary, scientific, and educational purposes provided for under Section 501 (c) (3).

This means that BLCSC will be able to accept large donations from corporations. These donations will be used to beautify, preserve, and expand our swim club. If you know any

business that may be interested in making large donations to our club, please contact Brian Scavetta at vicepresident@bellslake.com and/or Patrick Murphy at treasurer@bellslake.com. Sponsorships are available.

MEMBERSHIP

Please make sure to keep your membership tags for use next year. You will be charged a replacement fee if lost or misplaced. Be on the lookout for another Black Friday special for 2021 membership!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

This Saturday, September 26th is the campout! **ALL GPBLCC members and guests** are welcome to attend! You DO NOT have to be a member of the swim team to participate. \$20 1st tent/\$10 2nd tent. We will have a movie playing and s'mores roasting!! See attached flyers for details!

[Sunday, September 27th](#) - DJ Joe [from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm](#) & tubing [Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

[Sunday, October 11th](#) - Eagles Tailgate! See attached flyers for details. We are looking for sponsors! Please contact Megan at fundraising@bellslake.com for more details.

Hope to see you all there!