

OXTONGUE LAKE COTTAGERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Oxtongue Lake Association was held in the Community Hall at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, August the 6th, 1967. The president, Mr. Stanley Seal, was in the chair. About 40 people were present.

The president welcomed the members, who then stood in silence for a minute to the memory of Mr. S. Keown and Mr. P. Savage.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted.

The treasurer then read his report. The balance of the society was \$144.21, and the balance in the Tom Parris Memorial Fund was \$189.24.

It was moved by the secretary and seconded by Mr. Wm. Horn, that the executive of the Association be given the power to spend up to \$10.00 a year for the next 20 years for the Tom Parris Memorial. This motion was passed unanimously.

Correspondence with the Department of Highways, Peterborough, Huntsville and North Bay, was then tabled in relation to the speed of vehicles passing Oxtongue Lake on Highway 60. The Department of Highways acknowledges the enquiries and interest of the Oxtongue Lake Association in this matter, and is thoroughly investigating it.

There was then a discussion of the level of Oxtongue Lake. Several authorities are involved in this. It was felt by many people that we were fortunate to have the lake level as constant as it is. It was moved by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Dr. Keith, that no action be taken about control of the lake level. This was carried with one dissenting vote. The president announced that the Haliburton Library had opened a branch in the Community Hall for Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening. He also announced the holding of regular bingos in the Community Hall.

The president called attention of the members to the need for discipline among boat owners in the matter of water safety, and there was a discussion about the recommendation of the Provincial Police that the crib be removed from the north narrows of Oxtongue Lake. It was moved by Mr. Beemer and seconded by Mr. Horn and carried unanimously, that the Association supports these measures for water safety.

There was a discussion about zoning on Oxtongue Lake. The Reeve contributed to this discussion. It was moved by Mr. Remple and seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the incoming executive look into the matter of zoning.

There was then a discussion about parking facilities for those who wish to view Ragged Falls. The Department of Lands & Forests are to be asked to provide gravel to allow cars access to suitable parking ground on the north side of Highway 60, to diminish the danger to tourists who stop in that region.

There was a discussion about the name of the society. It was moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the name "Oxtongue Lake Association" remain unchanged. This was carried. The president made an announcement about the investigation and planning by the Bell Telephone Company of the Harris Bay Road properties. The opportunity to obtain a telephone will not occur again for about ten years.

The executive undertook to prepare a map showing the location and names of all the cottagers on Oxtongue Lake.

There was a discussion about garbage collection. It was decided to continue collecting garbage on Tuesday in 1967, and it was also decided that garbage would be collected on Monday next year.

Mrs. Hubbard requested that the Association conduct a regatta for children on Friday, August 11th. It was recommended that the executive consult the Oxtongue Lake, Lake of Bays Tourist Association, about having a children's regatta next year.

One of the members of the society raised the question of the bear nuisance. The majority of members present wished the executive to ask the Department of Lands & Forests to dispose of the bears.

The president then called for nominations for president for the ensuing year. It was moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that Mr. Seal continue as president. Mr. B. Keown then moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Seal was duly elected president for 1967-68. It was moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Horn, that Dr. Keith be secretary for 1967-68. This also was carried.

Mr. Lawrence resigned as treasurer and the Association accepted his resignation with regret.

Mr. Beemer was nominated for treasurer, and he was then elected to this post. Mr. Gillespie was nominated as vice-president, and was then elected. Mrs. Fran Gower was elected permanent resident representative to the executive. Adjournment was moved by Mr. Horn.

There was a meeting of the executive immediately following this meeting, to confirm the change of the treasurership from Mr. Lawrence to Mr. Stewart Beemer.

Yours very sincerely,

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Wm. S. Keith, M.B.
Secretary