

# OXTONGUE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Oxtongue Lake, Ontario, Canada

Minutes of  
Annual Meeting - Sunday, July 10, 1983 - 10<sup>30</sup> a.m.  
at Oxtongue Lake Community Centre - 28 present.

Pres. Ed. Vallance opened the meeting & thanked  
Alan Gower, Jan Helsel & Dorothy Jones for providing  
coffee & muffins prior to the meeting.

Moved by Dorothy Jones & seconded by Gord Atlin that  
the Minutes of the 1982 Annual Meeting be approved as  
printed & circulated.

Jan Helsel presented Treasurer's Report as follows:

71 paid up members this year to date

Bank balance \$299.65

\$100 has been set aside to subsidize Regatta (Water Capers)

\$104 Insurance due Aug. 4th.

Tre. Rept. Report - Ted Keown

Barbeque - July 30th - same price as last year

Canoe Raffle - Labour Day - Sept. 5th.

\$8500 in bank & after this year's fund-raising event  
the firemen plan to spend the money raised on a new  
vehicle.

Council Report - Ed Vallance

- 1) O.M.B. - Zoning By-Law passed & approved.
- 2) Water Study for Muskoka Watershed - 3 meetings: (one over  
one this Wed. night in Alouet - re control of water in  
Muskoka Watershed.
- 3) Street Lights - we are getting one to light up front of  
Com. Centre. One to light up first corner going into  
Oxtongue Lake Road has been proposed - awaiting decision.
- 4) Local Businesses have formed the Oxtongue Algonquin  
Businessmen's Association. John Marsden made & erected

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Arts, Crafts - Aug. 27 - Sheena Seal  
- sign in fire hall

Sunny Bunny Nursery School is holding 2 bazaars and bake sales to coincide with Arts, Crafts show and Firemen's Barbeque.

Advertise events in Forester's "Coming Events" and local radio station suggested.

Jan Brown made a most interesting report on how the Sunny Bunny Nursery School started & its development during its first 2½ months.

Joan Hayden expressed appreciation of Jan Brown's column on local happenings in the Forester.

Dump - after a survey, we have been told that the dump will be closed within 5 yrs. ~ we will have to go to containerized service in this area. Only 3 eligible dump sites in the Twp.

Taxes - the girls in the Twp. Offices managed the money so that it earned \$15,000 interest ~ this is a contributing factor to our tax increase being kept under 4% despite the fact that the school levy increased 3% ~ the county levy increased 9%, and the percentage of patented land went from 6% to 4% with the addition of the 2 twps. Lawrence and Nightingale.

Launcerize Glass was held in Com. Centre during winter.

Carolyn Brown received a prestigious award "Professional Photographer of the Year for Ontario" ~ we are very proud of her.

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Past Pres: Ed Vallance

President: Gord Atlin

Vice Pres: Alan Gower

Treasurer: Jan Helsel

Secretary: Alison Carter

Directors: Leon Lambert, Mary Embree,  
Bill Vincent, Jan Matthews

As there was no opposition to these nominations Stan Seal moved and Ted Brown & De Siegfried seconded that they be elected by acclamation. All in favour. Carried.

Ed Vallance expressed thanks to Dorothy Jones the retiring secretary, and the rest of the executive; then turned the meeting over to Gord Atlin.

Gord Atlin thanked the outgoing executive & expressed the hope that we can continue in the tradition that he has seen. We have to rely on the assistance of all the members. Suggestions & new business:

- 1) Set up Committee for O.L.R.A. representation at Council Wed. night at Dorset to support Alan Gower on the subject of the Quashoka River Watershed.
- 2) Set up Committee to help Jan Matthews re Gravel Pit - prepare form letter & send to ratepayers asking them to copy letter & send it to M.P.P.
- 3) Time of next Annual Meeting - after discussion - 13<sup>00</sup> p.m. Bill Kennedy suggested use of De Siegfried's bull horn to announce. Great idea!
- 4) Bruce Brown said O.L.R.A. will have to decide <sup>or agree</sup> on water level desired. He also mentioned no control dam on lake & no controls on 3 creeks flowing into Oxtongue Lake.
- 5) Bill Vincent warned of danger of putting ashes from burning coloured paper on garden - cadmium dangerous (red)

Guest Speaker

Mr. Don Garbowski from the Ministry of the Environment then addressed the meeting.

- he works out of Gravenhurst District Off.
- M. of E. deals with:
  - sewage treatment & water supply systems
  - & waste management (-garbage disposal)
- and works on the 4 R principle:

Re-use

Re-cycle

Re-covery

Re-duction

- he brought literature
- mentioned tours through Acid Studies Centre, at Paint Lake.

Questions & discussion followed.

Jan Matthews moved that the meeting adjourn at 12<sup>30</sup> p.m. - unanimously seconded.

- Dorothy Jones, Secy.

There is an article on Carolyn in this week's Forester.

Garbage Pick-up - Sundays - 6 p.m. - May 24 to Thanksgiving. Lamberts have requested pick-up. Bruce Brown agreed to go up A. O. Road.

Questionnaire on Muskoka River Watershed to be dealt with at Council this coming Wed. night. Fran Lowe has been invited to attend & she requested persons to give her input on the following questions & to go to the meeting. This is O.L.R.A.'s opportunity to have some input & we should take full advantage.

- Questions
- 1) Flood Control
  - 2) Summer Water Levels
  - 3) Water Quality
  - 4) Land Use Regulations
  - 5) Fishing
  - 6) Other.

Gord Atlin read the answering letter we received in our efforts to get the gravel pit & weigh scale scar on Harris Road restored. Ian Matthews has done a lot of work & research on our behalf. He reviewed the "Pits and Quarries Act of Ontario" - but Muskoka & Haliburton are excepted from the Act. Recommended that we write to Premier Bill Davis and James Snow, Min. of Transport, followed by personal letters from ratepayers, pointing out the inconsistencies (govt. make rules to follow & then don't follow them themselves) & the hazard that is there now.

The following slate of officers for the 1983-4 execution was presented:

new local signs. Purpose of Assn.: (a) to try to promote the area; (b) to receive more recognition from the Ministries and from the Chamber of Commerce in Huntsville.

5) We are now known as the United Townships of Sherburne, Mac Clintock, Livingstone, (etc.) Lawrence & Nightingale - the latter two are wholly in Algonquin Park. Council will receive a \$60,000 grant in lieu of taxes.

6) Mill Rate set & taxes will increase less than 4%.

Dean Gower referred to report in paper that \$1,000 was to be spent here to relieve unemployment. Ed Vallance said it is to be used to update Com. Centre (sinks in washrooms, paint building, roof repairs) - the money is set aside for maintenance of building.

We have received a Grant from the Provincial Govt. - a make work program - for 4 people for 16 weeks and following that another 4 people for a further 16 weeks. Some of the money can be used for materials, but the majority of the money is for labour, for anything laid out when we applied for the grant. Day Care Centre asked "Can they work on playground equipment?" Answer: Yes.

Gold Atlin mentioned the much improved condition of Harris Rd. over the last few years. Ed will pass this favourable comment on to Roads Supt., Del Page.

Splash - July 17 - Pam Gervais

Regatta - July 31 - Mary Keiper - acknowledgement of Algonquin Outfitters donation of "keeper paddle" every year.