

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OXTONGUE LAKE
RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON SUNDAY,
JULY 14 AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

President, Gord Atlin opened the meeting and commented on the very disappointing attendance for the meeting, and hoped that those present would be able to come forward with some good ideas on how to get more people to attend in future years!

He also reported on the acidity of Oxtongue Lake, and it was hoped that next year someone from the Ministry would be able to talk to us about this problem. He stated that Fran Gower had received some reports from the Ministry on the acidity, and that Oxtongue Lake is classified as a moderately sensitive lake. Lakes in the Dorset area have a far higher acidity level.

TREASURER'S REPORT

At present we have \$475.80 in the bank, and we owe approximately \$204.00 for insurance. No costs should be incurred in running the Splash this year as this is self supporting.

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD

Janet Helsel gave a brief report on activities during the past year.

- Day Camp - great response this year with three counsellors operating the Camp. There are approximately 14 - 19 children registered, and this year Red Cross swimming instruction is included, under the direction of Michelle Stronach.

- Library - open every afternoon and Wednesday evenings.

- Bingo - held every Wednesday evening.

- Health Clinic - held first Thursday on every other month, the next clinic being at the beginning of September.

OXTONGUE ALGONQUIN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Bob Blakelock, President of the Association gave a report on their activities to date, and stated that a donation of \$500.00 has just been made to the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway Society. This donation is for a lifetime membership in the Society. He also announced that the new Minister of Tourism would be in this area within the next couple of weeks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ted Keown announced the dates of the Fire Dept.'s activities for the Summer, and stated that all proceeds from these activities was used to purchase fire fighting equipment.

TOM PARRIS TRAIL FUND

Ted Keown gave a report on this fund, and advised the meeting that Mr. Art Pittman had turned over to him in January an amount of \$560.00 which had been accumulating in an account, and which Mr. Pittman felt should be used to purchase fire fighting equipment in Tom Parris' name. Apparently, Tom Parris' family was in agreement with this idea. However, it was discovered that there is another fund with approximately \$450.00 at present, and it was agreed that this second fund be continued, and that the interest on it should be used to maintain the upkeep on the Tom Parris memorial. Fran Gower will contact Dr. Keith to advise him of these recommendations.

FISHING

Gord Atlin read a letter which had been received from the Ministry of the Environment detailing about 8 different kinds of fish presently in Oxtongue Lake.

PITS AND QUARRIES

Mr. Ian Matthews gave a brief report on the present status of this problem on the Harris Bay Road, and stated that it appears that very little can be done at present. It was hoped that the new Minister will be more help to us in this problem.

SUMMER EVENTS

Janet Helsel announced the events planned for this Summer. A suggestion was made to make the Arts & Crafts Show into a Arts & Crafts Show AND SALE in order to encourage more people to go.

NEW BUSINESS

Dam - Mr. Ed Vallance advised that any dam, would be the total responsibility of the residents of Oxtongue Lake. Sylvia Hubbard stated that it was essential that something should be done about a dam, and it was noted that there possibly could be a grant made available for survey costs. This is a very long term project, and general discussion then took place. Sylvia Hubbard recommended that a committee could be appointed to look after this problem, but this was not proceeded with at this time.

MEETING FOR 1986

Mr. Atlin then asked the floor for any suggestions on how attendance at our Annual Meeting could be improved. The following were noted:

that a telephone chain be set up to remind members to attend.

that the publication of the agenda a week before the meeting

that the time be changed to after lunch on a Sunday

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were then elected:

President	-	Fran Gower
Vice-President		Ian Matthews
Treasurer		Ken McClarity
Secretary		Alison Carter
Directors		Janet Helsel
		Norm Schell
		Bob Warboys
Past President		Gord Atlin

It was moved by D. Siegfried and seconded by Sylvia Hubbard that they be elected.

ADJOURNMENT

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the meeting terminate.

PRESENTATION BY DAN STRICKLAND

Mr. Dan Strickland, Biologist, Algonquin Park, then gave a most interesting slide and video talk on the Transfer of Moose from Algonquin Park to the State of Michigan, in January 1985.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next Executive Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Centre.