

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
OXTONGUE LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1986 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE.

President, Fran Gower opened the meeting and was pleased to see the increase in attendance over past years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on July 14, 1985 were read by the Secretary, and it was moved by Janet Helsel and seconded by Ned Blackman that they be adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ken McClarity, Treasurer gave a report for the period May 1, 1985 to April 30, 1986.

Bank balance - \$218.00

Water Level Account - balance - \$199.00.

Tom Parris Memorial Account - \$466.00.

Paid up members for 1986 - only 48.

Last year we had a total of 96 paid up members.

MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

Fran Gower reported that at the last executive Meeting it had become apparent that in order to pay the increased insurance costs for the coming year, and also, in order to have a little extra cash available for contingencies, it was felt necessary to increase membership fees to \$10.00. \$3.00 of this would be allocated to the water level account. It was moved by Mr. Ron Campbell and seconded by Alison Carter that the motion be adopted.

Ted Keown questioned whether a \$7.00 membership would be allowed, as he was opposed to the \$3.00 being allocated to the water level account!

This led to a general discussion regarding lake levels.

WATER LEVEL

At present Biz Gardhouse and Ken McClarity keep a record of water levels. During this past year the range has been between 363 1/2 and 364 1/4 cm. above sea levels. Scott Hayden suggested the possibility of bringing in trucks of rocks to help stabilize the lake level - the cost of doing this would be very reasonable.

Fran Gower then tried to organize a committee to look into this problem, but nobody volunteered their services.

ACTIVITIES

SPLASH - this was not well attended this year, and it was questioned whether it should be abandoned. Sylvia Hubbard volunteered to organize the 1987 Splash and to try to get more participation. A suggestion was made to include it on the same day as the Regatta for next year.

CRAFT SHOW - Wendy Swift and Betsy Siegfried organized the Craft Show this year, and reported that it was very successful and well attended, due probably to the change in date. Wendy and Betsy have volunteered to look after the show for 1987.

REGATTA - A report was read by Janet Helsel. New items were included this year including a hot dog stand - which sold out -and made a profit of \$30.00, and also a fish pond for young children, which was popular. There was an additional cost this year of \$75.00 for the balloons and helium, but this was considered a 'one time' event for the Silver Anniversary. One new canoe race was included this year - the Balloon Pop - and this was just about the most popular race of all. Total cost to the Association - just \$13.51 - as a larger amount was collected from the businesses in the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ted Keown gave a brief report on activities, and announced that the barbeque made \$1,150, and thanked everybody for attending. He announced that TWO canoes are being raffled this year as well as a print.

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD

An exhaust fan has been installed into the community centre, and it was hoped that this help to clear the smoke from the room.

RAGGED FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

Fran Gower stated that there were no new developments on this item. There will be a public meeting at some future date though.

FISHING

The lake was stocked this year with about 500 lake trout, and the stocking program of the past few years seems to be paying off, as many large trout have been caught this year.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Jan Brown gave a brief report on the past year's activities, and stated that a bazaar was held last November which was most successful.

Over 60 children have so far attended the Day Camp this year, and on bingo nights about 20 - 40 people are present.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Bob Blakelock, President, gave a brief report on this past year's activities. He stated that Suggestion Cards have been made up and placed in all the local businesses, asking tourists for their comments on the area. Also, a new brochure has been designed to promote Oxtongue Lake. The Association has also leased a piece of property just outside Whitney, with the idea that next year a sign will be erected advertising Oxtongue Lake.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Scott Hayden announced the Snowmobile Club's past and future plans including:

- a dance to be held on August 30th in Dwight by the school.

- a raffle for a 13ft. boat and motor is currently in progress.
- the club has a new Executive this year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Dave McDonald, Bylaw and Planning Officer attended the meeting. He gave a brief report on his work and duties and stated that he presently has a student planner working for the Summer, and they are in the process of "mapping the area".

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Ted Keown announced that Bruce Keown is no longer doing this job, and that it has been taken over by Alec Cousintine.

LAKE SAFETY

Sylvia Hubbard then brought up the problem of boat safety, and wondered if the Association could help in this regard. It was felt that the best people to contact would be the OPP.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR

Secretary, Alison Carter, and Director, Bob Warboys tendered their resignations.

Janet Helsel nominated Gale Siegfried as the new Secretary and this was seconded by Sylvia Hubbard.

Janet Helsel then nominated Lina Pavanel as a director and this was seconded by Alison Carter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

PRESENTATION BY JANET STAHLE-FRASER - MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. Stahle-Fraser then gave a most interesting slide presentation on acid rain and how it is affecting our environment.

Mr. Ron Campbell thanked her for coming out and talking to us.

Alison Carter
Secretary