

OXTONGUE LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 8, 1990 7:p.m.

OXTONGUE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. Judy Clapp welcomed everyone to the 28th annual meeting of the Association.

Judy explained that the Executive had changed from the two year slate elected last year. Ian Matthews has moved and resigned as President at the July 31, 1990 Executive meeting. According to the Constitution, the Executive Board will fill vacancies as they occur, therefore no election this year, but there will be an election next year.

Judy presented the new Executive:

President: Judy Clapp
Vice President: Doug Long
Treasurer: Judy May
Secretary: Gale Siegfried
Directors: Fran Gower
 Sue Blakelock
 Bud Powers
 Graham Tipple

Judy introduced Ted Keown, our Municipal Councilor who took Ed Valance's place when he moved from the area.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from last year's annual meeting are available at the door for all to read. Also, copies of the finished Constitution are available to members on request.

The Executive met five times during the year since the last annual meeting. After asking for comments/corrections, a motion was requested to adopt the Minutes as presented. On a motion by Sylvia Hubbard, seconded by Betsy Siegfried, the Minutes of the August 2, 1989 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Judy May reported the membership in 1989: 100 members. Membership to the last minute in 1990: 90 members.

Expenses minimal so far. No bills received yet.

Bank Balances : Operating Account- \$2140.57
 Water Level- \$1682.82
 Tom Parris- \$596.27

On motion by Judy May, seconded by Scott Hayden, the Treasurer's Report was adopted as submitted.

4. COMMITTEES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ted Keown reported the Firemen's BBQ a success with a profit of \$3400. Ted is no longer the Fire Chief, and he introduced Bill Service the new Chief. There will be an addition built onto the back of the firehall as a training room. Fire Route numbers will be assigned next year; phone stickers are available now. Be sure to mention Station #70 when reporting a fire, since #70 is the Oxtongue Lake Fire Department.

5. ACTIVITIES

REGATTA

Andrea Woods reported on a successful Regatta held August 5, 1990. She thanked the many people who helped and/or donated time and money:

Jan Helsel, for gathering business donations.

Algonquin Outfitters for donating canoes, hotdogs, coolers, etc.

Oxtongue Cottages for the use of their beach.

All the businesses that contributed, and the Starter and the Judges.

Special thanks to Bob Stronach for all his help.

Donations: Box \$106.17

Businesses \$215

Hotdogs \$132

Profit over all: \$57.56

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Scott Hayden reported on a more social club than in other years. There are now 120 miles of groomed trails. The club is hoping for a Wintario grant for new grooming equipment. The various social activities of the club included: A Halloween dance in October 1989, the 1st Annual Fish Derby, a Pig Roast with the Milverton Hunt Camp, a Smelt Fry, and a Chili Cook-off during the March Break.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Sue Blakelock reported that the Business Association was not busy this year with the turnover in resort owners, but would resume activities this year. She then introduced the new owners in the area, most of whom were able to attend the meeting.

Curv-Inn: Frances and Dave Hourie from Pickering.

Lakewoods: Gloria and Art Foulton from Huntsville.

Parkway: Betty and Vern Ellis from Burlington.

Sloane's: Dorothy and Gary Hanwell from Bracebridge.

Wild Goose: Sylvia and Sam Archibald from Mississauga.

6. OLD BUSINESS

WATER LEVEL

Judy Clapp gave an overview of the activities of the Association so far:

-The MNR spent an afternoon at the dam site last fall assessing the situation.

-Last October our application was filed with the MNR with drawings.

-A record of lake levels has been kept, and it is getting lower each year.

This record has now been shared with the MNR with little response as yet.

-MNR was very concerned that all landowners be notified of the plans, we did so in the June 1990 newsletter sent to all ratepayers and members of the OLRA.

-The Association would hold a public meeting if there were concerns and the MNR has promised to attend such a meeting if held. No concerns have been received to date.

-Fish and Wildlife have concern about shoreline level being higher, but they were told of this last fall. Bracebridge District Representative Gord Martin will come to Oxtongue Lake for a one day survey of the shoreline and give us a more concrete response.

-The Engineering section of the MNR is concerned about the effect on the spring and fall flooding. They were also asked for this information last fall. They know there was a dam there before and may give us a response soon based on the information in the lake monitoring chart.

-Judy stated that concerns from the membership are very important and asked that they be aired now before we go any further with this project. People have had since June 1990 to respond.

-Some discussion on fall flooding. Gord Martin has agreed to speak to Wayne Cory, MNR/Huntsville, about giving us some warning of water rising in the fall. Where to post this information? In Helsel's Store, Parkway, and on the sign at the Community Centre. Ted Keown said the sign is available for public notices.

Bud Powers explained the chart of water levels and stated that the guage is on the bridge in metres above sea level. He stated that the water level has dropped 28" since May 1, 1990.

Bud presented a report on his efforts to get construction estimates from three local contractors. The lowest was \$2500 for the work and \$1700-\$2000 for stone brought in. The second was \$7300, and the third was \$ 10-15,000. We can expect no money from the Ministry, and will have to raise the funds locally. We could use some money from the operating account.

Access to the dam is another problem. Fran Gower has been told by the Township that the road is private. This must be dealt with legally.

Judy Clapp asked for direction from the membership present.

-Should we continue to persue this?

Asked for a motion from the floor to continue and to form a sub-committee for this purpose. She also asked members to sign as they leave if they are willing to contribute financially to this project.

On motion by Joe Lindsay, seconded by Gord Atlin, the proposal that we continue to persue this and appoint a sub-committee was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

IN MEMORIUM

Art Pittman, Edie Pittman and Rick Pavanel.

RECOGNITION OF LAND FILL MANAGEMENT

Judy Clapp suggested that a letter be sent to the Township commending Peter Sheppard on his fine job keeping the dump in good order. A copy of the letter would be sent to Pete. All agreed on such a letter.

ZEBRA MUSSELS

Sue Blakelock explained the problem of Zebra Mussels, and showed a brochure that was available to read.

Bill Swift stated that the Rusty Crayfish is also a threat to our area. It was asked if we could ban them in Ontario. Letters to the MNR would be effective. Fran Gower made a motion, seconded by Gord Atlin, that the Association write a letter to the MNR re banning the crayfish. Motion carried.

HARRIS ROAD CONDITION

Don McCormack directed his comments to Ted Keown on the terrible condition of the Harris Bay Road.

Ted Keown: Double Surface Treatment will not happen this year. It is so expensive that we would need a grant. Hopefully before fall, a load of crushed gravel will be put on the road. Ted suggested that slower driving would help, and to put complaints in writing to the Township. Willy Lomax suggested a petition. One was written up and passed around for all to sign.

DIRT BIKES ON THE HARRIS ROAD

Sandy Atlin stated that the problem of dirt bikes on the Harris Road is bad this summer. This is a safety issue as well as a noise issue.

Ted Keown stated that if the bikers are not licenced they cannot legally drive on a public road. He suggested phoning the O.P.P.

Judy Clapp asked if the Association should write a letter, or appoint a sub-committee to do so. John Pepin suggested that calling the O.P.P. would be faster. John Pepin and Sandy Atlin are willing to place the call.

PROJECTED DATES- NEXT MEETING, ACTIVITIES

August 3, 1991 - Firemen's Annual BBQ

August 4, 1991 - Regatta

August 7, 1991 - O.L.R.A. Annual Meeting (Thursday August 8, if there is a conflict with the Bingo games)

GUEST SPEAKER

Judy Clapp introduced the guest speaker, Bill Swift Sr. from the Algonquin Outfitters to speak on the history of the Outfitters.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned by Judy Clapp at 8:40 p.m.

Gale Siegfried
Secretary