

Minutes
Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers' Association
31st Annual Meeting
Community Hall
7pm, Wednesday, August 3, 1994

1. Welcome by President Judith Clapp

Reeve Rabjohn and 3 Councillors present.

Moment of silence to remember two departed Oxtongue residents: Howard Beickman and Don Gower. Fran Gower expressed thanks to the community for support and donations to the hospital in memory of Don.

2. Minutes of 1993 annual meeting.

-copies available at door.

-a few minutes to peruse.

-motion to approve minutes by Leon Lambert, seconded by Joan Hayden.

3. Treasurer's Report posted on blackboard.

Bank Balance December 31, 1993.

Operating account	2925.20
Water level account	<u>4196.17</u>
Total	\$7121.37

Bank Balance as of July 27, 1994

Operating account	3247.31
Water level account	<u>4206.89</u>
Total	\$7454.20

Tom Parris account closed August 26, 1993

Funds transferred to Oxtongue Lake Fire Department \$682.22

4. Reeve Ross Rabjohn - Township Report

-one of Haliburton County's answers to budget constraints has been to close down the planning department

-the township of Sherbourne McClintock et al is a leader in the province in waste reduction

-landfill site is now closed two days a week to save money

-unfortunately waste is left at the gate on days it is closed

-Mr. Rabjohn invited everyone to attend the first public meeting August 13 to review the draft official plan for the township.

11. Introduction of Guest Speaker

Paul Stephens - Water Level Mgr. MNR

-accompanied by Henry Checko - Water Level Technician

-both men met with the O.L.R.A. executive in June

-Oxtongue Lake is an integral part of the south branch of the Muskoka River - a series of water ways leading to Georgian Bay

-Joe Lindsay told of dramatic overnight rise in June

-Liz Lindsay said this could be devastating for nesting loons.

-it is necessary to draw down water before spawning of lake trout in mid-October

-it may be possible to hold water back until the Tuesday after Labour Day but it will depend on the level of lakes above Tea Lake Dam

-Gord Atlin asked that we be notified if draw-down begins before Labour Day

-Mr. Stephens agreed that if it must occur earlier, Judy will be notified and a notice posted at Hesel's store. -Judy thanked our guests and said it is encouraging that they will try to avoid a draw-down before Labour Day.

12. Boat and Water Safety

-discussed at executive committee meeting

-inappropriate use of powerboats including personal watercraft (seadoos)

-excessive speed too close to swimmers, canoes, sailboats and shore.

-10kph limit within 30 metres of shore applies to all motorized craft

-no specific regulations for personal watercraft operation

-Joan Hayden said that if you can identify offenders and are prepared to go to court charges can be pressed

-Joan Hayden and Marg Canning are prepared and willing to talk to offenders

-Gord Atlin presented the following motion:

"In order to maximize the safety of all water users and because of observed problems, it is resolved the O.L.R.A supports legislation which will require the licensing of drivers of powerboats having a horsepower in excess of an amount to be established by regulation. It is further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Seconded by Ada Coxworth. Motion carried. None opposed.

Adam Tizel suggested we notify other associations of this action. Leon Lambert suggested we post signs in appropriate areas.

Joan Hayden said there is no speed limit on narrow rivers, only on wide ones.

Bud Powers proposed a motion:

"The President of O.L.R.A. appoint a sub-committee to study and recommend signs and locations posting speed limits."

Seconded by Gail Seigfried. Motion carried.

Bud volunteered to chair this sub-committee.

Regatta 194
Report
By Judy Newsbury

Profit & Loss

Cash Donations		
local business	80.00	
Collection jars	43.95	
Raffle Tickets	149.00	
Hot Dog Sales	<u>219.11</u>	
Total	<u><u>492.06</u></u>	492.06

Expenses		
Trophies & Ribbons	334.62	
Pop + Hot Dog Sales	72.02	
Total	<u><u>406.64</u></u>	- 406.64

(To Be Turned in to the
Oxtonque Lake Rate Payers Assoc.)

\$85.42

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55 members to date (81 last year)
(July 27, '94)

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Tabled at
July 27/94
Exec Comm. Mtg
for Report to
Aug. 3, '94
Annual Mtg

Treasurer
not able to
attend Aug 3rd
mtg.

Jo

Judy asked for volunteers to prepare notices to be sent to resorts. Adam Tizel and Lisa Yates volunteered.

Bud Powers informed the meeting of the missing warning log at the cribbing of the old bridge in the narrows, north of the highway.

13. Other business

At the request of Ted Keown, Fran reported the theft of dishes after the barbecue. She also reported that new chairs had been provided by the community centre budget.

14. Next year's annual meeting will be Wednesday August 9, 1995.

15. Meeting adjourned.

5. **Fire Department Report - Joe Lindsay**
 - necessity of public appeals because government funding now covers only operating expenses not training expenses
 - Tom Parris Fund has provided a rescue sled, a backboard and new 4-inch hose and pump
 - John Pepin has supplied First Aid equipment
 - \$2.80 per hour is paid to volunteers, when called
 - last year there were 10 calls (3 fires, 3 accidents, 4 rescues)
 - importance of smoke detectors emphasised.

6. **Canoe Regatta Report - Judy Dewsbury**
 - report attached to minutes
 - a very successful regatta
 - the sandcastle competition and children's races were welcome additions
 - winners: Tom Parris trophy - Jim Rowan
Art Andrew trophy - Fran Gower

7. **Community Policing Report - Joan Hayden**
 - Joan, Julie Shepherd, and Marg Canning attend monthly committee meetings in Dorset during winter months
 - they also man the Dorset station 2 hours weekly during the summer months
 - the 50/50 draw provided air-conditioning and plumbing for the police station

8. Gord Atlin raised the question of speed on the Harris Road. Leon Lambert expressed concern about speed on other roads as well. Marilyn Farber introduced a motion that the O.L.R.A. request the Townships of Sherbourne et al post a speed limit of 40kph on Harris Rd, Tom Parris Rd, Oxtongue Lake Rd, Elliott Rd, and Outfitter's Rd. Seconded by Sandy Atlin. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

9. **Snowmobile Club Report - Joe Lindsay**
 - successful year
 - expanded trails with improved grooming equipment
 - new bridge to replace Hunter's Bridge
 - 950 trail permits sold - 330 kilometres of trails

10 minute break

10. **Water Level Report - Bud Powers**
 - present reading at bridge 363.98m. above sea level
 - this is 7 inches higher than desired level
 - there has been some washout below the dam
 - repair work has been authorized by the MNR but has been delayed in order to assess the situation in a dry summer.