

MINUTES  
OXTONGUE LAKE RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION  
32ND ANNUAL MEETING  
COMMUNITY HALL  
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 1995

1. Welcome by director: Fran Gower.

Fran welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She also added she was filling in for Judy Clapp who was busy welcoming her new granddaughter, "Congratulations Judy ". There was a moment of silence for Eleanor Maglott, charter member who had recently passed away.

Deputy Reeve, Bob Caning and Building Inspector, Mike Campbell along with 52 members were present.

2. Minutes of the 1994 annual meeting.

- copies at the door.
- a few minutes to peruse.
- motion to approve minutes by John Pepin, seconded by Liz Lindsay - motion carried.

3. Treasurers Report: by Chris Williams

Bank balance as at Dec. 31, 1994 (operating account)	\$2,821.90
Interest earned	2.90
Membership 1995	260.00
Regatta	192.54
	<u>\$3,277.34</u>
Office Expenses	386.75
Balance as of August 8, 1995	<u>\$2,890.59</u>

Water Level Account - balance as of July 31, 1995 - \$3,548.51

Motion presented that the Treasurers Report be accepted as submitted made by Chris Williams, seconded by Marg Gillespie - motion carried.

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5. Boat and Water Safety:

For the safety of all, a motion was made by Sandy Atlin to: Set up a committee for the purpose of studying the impact of water craft (boats, et ski's etc.) on the people and wildlife of Oxtongue Lake with a view to developing guide lines for the ecological well being and use of the water which will encompass the safety and consideration due to all residents and guests on the lake. Seconded by Richard Wesolowski, motion carried.

Sandy to set up committee - 635-2870

-To check on the status of motion made last year concerning signs and locations posting speed limits.

-It was also suggested by Rick Wesolowski that tourists be informed of rules and regulations regarding water safety by cottage owner or resort operators.

-Was noted that speed limit of 10 KPH. within 30 meters of shore applies to all motorized craft.

-Geoffrey Holden advised that laws are already in place and all we can do is ensure they are enforced.

6. Fire Department: Ted Keown

-Proceed from B.B.Q. \$1,507.00  
Thanks to donations received, also the fact they are still needed for Fire Dept. needs.

-Last year there were 13 calls.

-Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors are important to have and maintain.

-Joe Lindsay applauded the Fire Departments response time at just over 3 minutes.

-Raffle tickets still available.

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10. Nominating Committee: Bill Kennedy  
Proposed slate of officers for the 1995
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|----------------|---|-----------------|
| President      | - | John Pepin      |
| Vice President | - | John Goodfellow |
| Secretary      | - | Nancy Cook      |
| Treasurer      | - | Chris Williams  |
| Directors      | - | Gary Logan      |
|                |   | Judy Clapp      |
|                |   | Bruce Keown     |
|                |   | Fran Gower      |

-Thanks to Bill Kennedy for his efforts to put in place proposed slate of officers for O.L.R.A. '95.

-Presented by Fran Gower in Bill's absence. A motion to accept slate of officers made by Ron Campbell, seconded by Joan Hayden, motion carried.

-Gratitude was expressed to the outgoing committee for their efforts.

11. Deputy Reeve: Bob Canning

-Township draft Official Plan - copies handed out.

-Input is needed before Public Meeting in October.

-Mike Campbell, Building Inspector for our township acted as resource person answered questions from Members about By-Laws ie: Noise By-Laws.

-Bob and Mike were thanked for their contribution and making time to be there.

MEETING ADJOURNED

WATER LEVEL REPORT

Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Assn. Annual Meeting

August 9, 1995

In our newsletter this Spring we reported that at the end of last Summer we proceeded with an assessment of the dam by Paragon Engineering and based on their recommendation and subsequent MNR approval, proceeded to have the weir or spillway level lowered in hopes that it would result in a more mutually satisfactory water level in 1995.

Our goal was to reach and maintain a level of 363.86 meters above sea level as originally agreed on by the membership before the original restoration work was done and approved by the MNR. The cost was 445.45 for the assessment by Paragon and \$481.50 to Camecon Construction Co. for the repairs.

The results this year were initially encouraging. At the beginning of June, following what appeared to be a relatively light Spring run off, the level was 364.13 and by the end of June was 363.90, a little over 1 inch above our goal and we were feeling very good about the outlook for the Summer.

Then came the rain and storms in July and by the 21st of that month, the level had gone back up to 364.29 meters, about 15 inches over our target level. It then dropped about 4 inches to 364.20 meters where it has remained until this past weekend when it started dropping again.

A visit to Ragged Falls above the lake and the Oxtongue River rapids below the lake demonstrates the large amount of water flowing through the lake and a telephone conversation today, Aug. 8th, with Mr. Henry Checko who is responsible for the water levels in Algonquin Park disclosed that they have had so much rain this year that they have not been able to hold some back as they would normally. In a conversation this week with Dan Gibson, a long time resident on Canoe Lake in the park, he said that for the first time in many years, part of his dock has been under water.

The good news, in talking with Mr. Checko, is that he was going to Tea Lake that day and thinks they can reduce the flow which will hopefully result in a better level for us by the Labour Day weekend. This is all dependent on the weather of course.

Following the Labour Day weekend, they will again start drawing down the level at the top of the Park, but Mr. Checko assured me that they will do everything possible to avoid any sudden discharge as has happened in the past and will give us as much notice as possible in case of some emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bud Powers, V-Pres. - OLRN*

One of my goals while organizing Regatta '95 was to get some newcomers involved. This goal was met as 4 new families on Fire Route 4 were a part of Regatta '95.

Another goal was to break even financially. This goal was met by turning over \$442.54 to OLRA. We had an advance of \$250, leaving a net profit of \$192.54. Most of this was due to Gary Nelson pushing hot dogs and Algonquin Outfitters donating all the weiners. You ate over 150 hot dogs and drank close to 6 cases of pop. The refreshment stand was a busy place and I thank Gary and his friend for slaving over a hot barbeque. We sold out by 3 PM. Another reason for financial success was our raffle. Businesses were generous with cash contributions and raffle prizes. Value of the raffle prizes was close to \$200. Thanks to those who sold tickets and to those who bought- \$179.00 worth.

Thank yous were printed on the back of the programme and announced several times. Two T-shirts and a hat were additional prizes donated on Regatta day from Harold Lane, a cottager at Oxtongue Lake Cottages from CBC.

Harold has set up and dismantled the sound system for the regatta for several years. We provided the equipment and a little help and he did the rest. Thanks go to Harold for his generosity.

The program itself, with most thank yous printed on the reverse, was designed and done by our daughter, Carol. I faxed her 2 written pages and she faxed back the draft copy, then produced 100 copies. Modern technology is great! and those who know how to use it.

I must thank Algonquin Inn for the use of their walk-in cooler for storage of the pop in advance. I would be remiss if I didn't clarify that the paddles donated by Algonquin Outfitters are personal paddles, not the small painted ones. It's a little difficult paddle with a fly-swatter. In spite of a hectic day for the Outfitters, they are most generous and we thank them.

Congratulations to Jason Nelson and to Lisa Gunther who were the overall winners. Lisa works at AO.

Back to the program- the first event, Sand Castles, was cancelled as we needed space for canoes and safety of the builders would be in jeopardy as the water was high. There were no entrants in the girls single -14 and under. I don't know the reason but perhaps the wind was a bit gusty at that time.

Children's events attracted a lot of entrants, thanks

to Janet Bowie, Elizabeth Blackman, and Charisse Parrot for helping our daughter, Jane. I'm sure there were other helpers but these were the ones Jane could remember. I have an idea for another children's event for next year-- Save your wine corks!

Thank you to John Pepin for being our announcer. John wanted a portable mike but I'm not sure this is a good idea. I'd have never found him to give him more information to announce.

Thanks to starters Barry Lester and Dennis Pinkerton who were asked at the last minute. Thanks guys-- You done good!

Thanks to the Oxtongue Lake Fire Dept. and Doug Rawson for standing by with the emergency vehicle.

Thanks to Mike May, Megan Cox and Andrew Shaw for being in patrol boats.

Thank you to Gwen McCormack for being on ~~the~~ the judges stand all day. She spelled off judges so they could paddle. Gwen with Donna Baillie and Marnie Brethour judged the cross the lake swim. Thanks to all who assisted in any way. Your help was appreciated.

On behalf of my family, thank you for your participation to make Regatta '95 a success. A chairperson for the 1996 regatta is needed.

One final item-- a presentation is in order for a young boy who found \$40 near the hot dog stand and immediately turned it over to Gary Nelson. After several announcements, its rightful owner claimed the money. Nina Fran Gower, please accept this paddle for Korby Parrot to acknowledge his honesty.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lindsay and family

*Liz Lindsay*

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7. Regatta 1995: Liz Lindsay

-again a very successful Regatta

-\$442.54 turned over to O.L.R.A. less the advance of \$250.00, left a net profit of \$192.54

-Many thanks to all those involved.

-Chairperson needed for the 1996 Regatta- volunteers welcome.

8. Snowmobile Report: Joe Lindsay

-despite the fact that the amount of snow was a bit lacking, the snow we received was enjoyed by all. Better luck next year. Think SNOW!

-more trails to be cut in '95-'96.

9. Policing: Joe Lindsay

-To contact police, call 1-800-461-4464 (Huntsville).

-Phone stickers still available.

-Police presence in trailer behind Lake of Bays Township Hall in Dwight.

-Concern expressed re missing road signs on Harris Road. To replace a sign costs tax-payers \$150.00 plus labour.

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4. Water Level Report: Bud Powers (see report attached)

-Assessment of Dam by Paragon Engineering. Based on their recommendation and Ministry of Natural Resources approval to proceed to have the Weir (spillway) level lowered hoping the level would be mutually satisfactory in 1995.

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-Following the Labour Day weekend they will start drawing down level at the top of the Park. They will try to avoid any sudden discharge, also we will be given as much notice as possible in case of some emergency.

-Motion was made by Peter Gillespie and seconded by Graham Tipple, to have Paragon Engineering Company assess the present situation to determine if an adjustment is required to the Dam.

Vote results: FOR - 13

OPPOSED 23

motion defeated

-New executive to look further into what is a reasonable level and if there is anything that can be done with as little expense as possible.