

WEST ARM OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2, 1973 - OxBow LODGE,  
RECREATION HALL.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:40 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: MR. G. DODDS

SPECIAL GUESTS: THE MAYOR - MR. MALCOLM SCOTT  
ALDERWOMAN - MRS. ESTHER SPENCER

NUMBER PRESENT 32.

MINUTES WERE READ OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1972. MOTION OF ACCEPTANCE MADE BY MR. R. C. FENWICK, SECONDED BY MR. S. H. BROOKSON.

DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

ROAD 514 - MUSKOKA 8

MR. B. DITTMAR REPORTED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING WHERE DISCUSSION HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THE TOPS AND CURVES IN THE ROAD DUE TO PROHIBITIVE COSTS BUT RATHER THAT THE ROAD WOULD BE RESURFACED AND REPAIRED AS COSTS PERMITTED. MR. G. DODDS PROPOSED THE IDEA OF THE REMOVAL OF A CURVE EACH YEAR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ROAD WOULD BE IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION. MRS. E. FORREST REPORTED ON A MEETING WHICH SHE HAD ATTENDED DURING WHICH THE STATEMENT WAS MADE THAT 514 WAS A SCENIC ROAD AND WOULD NOT BE CHANGED. DURING THE DISCUSSION MANY POINTS WERE RAISED SUCH AS THE DANGER WHICH EXISTS DUE TO THE HILLS AND CURVES AND ALSO THE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE FOR IT TO BECOME WIDE OPEN AND STRAIGHT, WHICH WOULD ATTRACT TOO MANY TO THE AREA AND CAUSE TRAFFIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS. IT WAS DECIDED TO BRING UP THE QUESTION OF THE ROAD AGAIN AFTER THE MAYOR ARRIVED. WE WOULD THANK THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE WORK WHICH HAD BEEN DONE RECENTLY, AND TO GO ON RECORD REQUESTING FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.

WEST ARM ROAD

THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT SIGNS BE POSTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE THREE WORST HILLS ON THIS ROAD MARKED "USE LOW GEAR". IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT DRIVERS WHO WERE UNAWARE OF THE NECESSITY OF USING LOW GEAR ON STEEP INCLINES WERE RESPONSIBLE IN GREAT MEASURE FOR THE WASHBOARD EFFECT ON THE ROAD. MR. WM. WYLIE PROMISED TO HAVE THESE SIGNS PREPARED OVER THE WINTER TO BE READY FOR POSTING NEXT SPRING.

AFTER THE ABOVE DISCUSSION MAYOR SCOTT ARRIVED AND MR. G. DODDS PUT FORWARD SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HE BELIEVED SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION.

SKIDOO USE IN WINTER

THERE IS A PARKING PROBLEM FOR PEOPLE WHO COME TO THEIR COTTAGES IN THE WINTER MONTHS. THE PUBLIC ARE PARKING IN THE AREA WHICH THE SNOW PLOUGHS USE TO TURN AROUND WHICH CREATES AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION FOR THE PLOUGH DRIVER AND COULD RESULT IN ONE OF THE COTTAGERS HAVING HIS CAR TOWED AWAY. TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION MR. DODDS SUGGESTED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY ARRANGE TO CLEAR PART WAY DOWN THE WEST ARM ROAD TO

ALLOW PARKING FOR THE PUBLIC AND LEAVE THE TURNING AREA FREE. MRS. SPENCER SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT AND SAID THAT OTHER AREAS HAD ALSO HAD THIS PROBLEM EVEN MORE SERIOUSLY, AS SOME CARS WERE ACTUALLY TOWED AWAY. IT WAS HER SUGGESTION THAT WE GO ON RECORD WITH THE MUNICIPALITY WITH THE REQUEST FOR THE CLEARED PARKING AREA. MAYOR SCOTT CONFIRMED THAT IF OUR REQUEST WAS FORWARDED THAT IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THIS COULD BE DONE.

THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE USING SKIDOOS AND GOING OVER OTHER PEOPLES PROPERTY WAS DISCUSSED. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT PURPOSELY TRESPASS BUT RATHER DO NOT KNOW THE TRAILS. MR. DITTMAR SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO DO SOME TRAIL MAKING FOR NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO REQUESTED SOME ASSISTANCE TO CLEAR AN AREA ADJACENT TO HIS OWN PROPERTY WHICH WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE WITH SKIDOOS TO GET TO THE LAKE PROPER WITHOUT GOING OVER HIS PROPERTY OR ANYONE ELSE'S AS THIS IS A RIGHT OF WAY. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE WERE AREAS ON YOUR PROPERTY WHICH SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN OVER THEY SHOULD BE MARKED WITH A RED FLAG TO KEEP THE SNOWMOBILERS OFF.

THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE VANDALISM DURING THE WINTER LED TO THE DISCUSSION OF A CURRENT PROBLEM WITH NOISE AND TRESPASSING BY A COTTAGE OWNERS CHILDREN THIS SUMMER.

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE O.P.P. TO INFORM THEM OF THE TROUBLE WHICH EXISTED AND REQUESTING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN STOPPING IT. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO SERGEANT WOOD OF THE O.P.P. WITH A COPY TO COUNCIL AND TO THE OWNER OF THE COTTAGE CAUSING THE DISTURBANCES.

THE PROBLEM OF THE ROAD SIGNS WAS MENTIONED TO THE MAYOR AS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED AND THE MAYOR AGREED THAT IF MR. WYLIE WOULD SUPPLY THE SIGNS THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT THEY WERE PROPERLY ERECTED NEXT SPRING.

WITH FURTHER REGARD TO THIS ROAD THE OLD QUESTION WAS RAISED ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY NOT CONTINUING ROAD MAINTENANCE PAST CAMBRAY'S PROPERTY UP TO THE CREEK. APPARENTLY SOME WORK HAS BEEN DONE WHICH WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY DO ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER, THE MAYOR AGREED TO CHECK THIS POINT AGAIN. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH INVOLVED AS THIS DISTANCE IS ONLY 3/10 OF A MILE BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED. THE MAYOR WILL BE REMINDED OF THIS BY LETTER.

#### Highway 514

FURTHER DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THIS ROAD. THANKS WERE EXPRESSED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS THROUGH THE MAYOR. IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE MAYOR'S ATTENTION THAT THE SHORT STRIP JUST PAST LIMBER LOST ROAD WAS DANGEROUS AND THE CURVES AND HILLS SHOULD BE STRAIGHTENED. MAYOR SCOTT SAID THAT THE ROADS COMMITTEE MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOME WORK NEXT YEAR WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MENDING AND IMPROVING AS WELL AS POSSIBLY CUTTING DOWN OF SOME HILLS. THE MATTER OF THE YELLOW LINES WERE DISCUSSED AND IT WAS FELT THAT A SINGLE YELLOW LINE ALL THE WAY WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL THAN TWO LINES IN SOME PLACES FOUR IN OTHERS AND NONE AT THE WORST SPOTS. THE MAYOR SAID THIS SEEMED LIKE A SENSIBLE IDEA AND IF IT WAS NOT AGAINST SOME ROADS REGULATION HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS BE DONE. IT SEEMS THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR ROADS INTENDS TO FIX 3 MORE MILES NEXT YEAR.

THERE WAS A REQUEST MADE THAT SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THE ENTRANCE TO HIGHWAY 514 FROM HIGHWAY 60. VISIBILITY IS VERY POOR AND OFTEN THE ENTRANCE CAN BE COMPLETELY MISSED. EITHER LIGHTS OR SIGNS WOULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND THE MAYOR ALSO SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER.

### TAXES

ALDERWOMAN SPENCER WAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON THE TAX SITUATION. A COMMITTEE OF TEN PEOPLE WAS FORMED WHICH INCLUDED MRS. E. FORREST AND MR. B. DITTMAR. THIS COMMITTEE MET WITH QUEENS PARK REPRESENTATIVES WHICH RESULTED IN THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SAYING THEY WOULD DO A REASSESSMENT WHICH WOULD BE READY BY SEPTEMBER 1ST. THIS SHOULD IMPROVE THE TAX SITUATION FOR 1974. MRS. SPENCER SAID THAT SHE BELIEVED THE SINCLAIR FINLAYSON TOWNSHIP TAXES TO BE BETTER THIS YEAR. THE POINT THAT THE TAXES IN OUR AREA HAVE BEEN RAISED VERY UNFAIRLY WAS BROUGHT UP. THE MAYOR WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MARKET VALUE AND ASSESSMENT. WE SHOULD BE RECEIVING MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT THIS FALL. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT WHEN PEOPLE RECEIVE THEIR NEW ASSESSMENT WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING EXPLANATION IT CAUSES UNDUE DISMAY DUE TO LACK OF UNDERSTANDING. IT WAS THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT A LETTER OF EXPLANATION ACCOMPANY THE NEW ASSESSMENT. THE MAYOR SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE TAX SITUATION WAS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT HIS OWN M.P.P. OTHER COTTAGERS SHARED THIS OPINION AND HAD, IN FACT, BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THEIR M.P.P. AND FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ON HIS PART.

MR. CHANEY SUGGESTED THAT OUR BEST HELP IN THE TAX SITUATION WAS TO JOIN THE FEDERATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION WHICH IS WELL EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM. MR. BROOKSON FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT LIAISON WITH OTHER GROUPS SIMILAR TO OUR OWN WOULD BE HELPFUL.

MRS. FORREST ENQUIRED ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR M.P.P. MR. MILLER AND WAS ASSURED, BY BOTH THE MAYOR AND MRS. SPENCER, THAT HE WAS DOING AN EXTREMELY FINE JOB, AND THAT IF HE HAD BEEN NEGLIGENT IN ATTENDING SOME MEETINGS IT WOULD MEAN THAT ATTENDANCE WAS IMPOSSIBLE AND WAS NOT DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST ON HIS PART.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF US ALL, THE FEDERAL M.P. IS MR. STAN DARLING; THE PROVINCIAL M.P.P. IS MR. FRANK MILLER.

MEETING BROKE FOR COFFEE.

MRS. SPENCER REQUESTED THAT ANYONE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER GIVE HER THEIR ADDRESS SO THAT EVERYONE IN OUR ASSOCIATION MAY BE KEPT INFORMED OF CURRENT HAPPENINGS. MR. SPENCER WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH A COMPLETE LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MEMBERS.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

THE REPORT WAS READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. J. COWAN FOR IT'S ACCEPTANCE. SECONDED BY MR. H. CAMBRAY. CARRIED.

IT WAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP AT THE CURRENT AMOUNT OF \$2.00 FOR THE COMING YEAR.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILL FOR THE DOCK LIGHT. THE BILL HAD NOT YET COME IN AND THEREFORE WAS NOT PAID. SOME DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT THE TRUE RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYING FOR THIS DOCK LIGHT AND IT WAS DECIDED TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE DEPT. OF LANDS AND FORESTS, DEPT. OF TRANSPORT, OR OURSELVES. MRS. SPENCER SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE MENTIONED IN OUR LETTER TO COUNCIL.

THIS LED TO DISCUSSION OF THE DOCK AREA AS A WHOLE. THE ASSOCIATION IS INTERESTED IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE SLIP AREA SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BY ONE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED GROUPS, ALSO THE PARKING AREA AND THE DOCK ITSELF. IT WAS FELT THAT THE PARKING AND SLIP AREAS WERE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND THAT THE DOCKING AREA WAS SOMETHING WHICH COULD BE LOOKED INTO FURTHER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FENWICK AND SECONDED BY MR. BROOKS THAT A REQUEST BE MADE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY TO TAKE OVER THE DOCK LIGHT.

MR. GERRY DODDS PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PROBLEMS WHICH NEED EVERYONE'S COOPERATION TO SOLVE.

1. GARBAGE LEFT BY PEOPLE, IN THE WINTER MONTHS, AT THE SIGN AREA AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROAD.
2. PROBLEM OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS, AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.
3. PROBLEM OF KIWANIS CAMP LEAVING LITTER AT LITTLE OXBOW. MR. DODDS WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CAMP TO ENSURE THAT THIS WILL NOT OCCUR AGAIN NEXT YEAR.
4. DAM AT THE TOP OF LITTLE OXBOW (BEAVER) WAS BROKEN WHICH CAUSED FLOODING OF REFUSE TYPE MATTER INTO OXBOW. SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT EVERYONE BE ALERTED TO LEAVE THE BEAVERS ALONE - THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
5. BOATS THROUGH THE NARROWS AT TOO HIGH A SPEED. O.P.P. WILL POST SIGNS FOR SPEED LIMIT AND WILL PRESS CHARGES.
6. BOATS BEING RUN BY YOUNGSTERS PULLING TWO SKIERS WITH NO-ONE ELSE IN THE BOAT. NOT ONLY ILLEGAL, BUT DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE.
7. NOISE AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS.
8. BOATING RULES. MR. DODDS WILL ATTEMPT TO GET COPIES OF A RELEVANT PAMPHLET FOR DISTRIBUTION.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT A MAP, SHOWING THE NAMES OF PEOPLE ON THE DIFFERENT LOTS, BE COMPILED TO FORM A TYPE OF DIRECTORY.

MRS. FORREST MADE A MOTION THAT WE ALLOT A SUM OF MONEY, NOT TO EXCEED \$50.00, TO BE BILLED BY MRS. SPENCER TO US, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE NEWSLETTER SHE SENDS OUT. SECONDED BY MR. McROBBIE. THANKS WERE EXPRESSED, AT THIS TIME, FOR MRS. SPENCER'S EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FENWICK THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING BE HELD DURING JULY, PREFERABLY THE JULY 1ST WEEKEND, AND NOT LATER THAN THE CIVIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND, TO ENSURE THAT MATTERS WERE TAKEN CARE OF EARLIER IN THE YEAR. SECONDED BY MR. McROBBIE. CARRIED.

MR. GERRY DODDS PUT FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MANNER OF ELECTING OFFICERS BE CHANGED AND THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE BE EXTENDED TO TWO YEARS, WITH RE-ELECTION ONLY WHEN SOME POST WERE NOT FILLED. THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON AND THEREFORE THE NEW EXECUTIVE ARE TO HAVE SPECIFIC JOBS, WHICH TIE IN WITH THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE GONE ON AND SHOULD MAKE FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION THAN WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST.

MRS. CAMBRAY MADE A MOTION THAT SOMETHING BE DONE IN THE WAY OF CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES. THIS WAS SECONDED BY MR. CAMBRAY AND CARRIED. THIS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL EVENTS BELOW.

ELECTIONS WERE HELD AND YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT - MR. G. DODDS

TREASURER - MR. J. COWAN

SECRETARY - MR. P. H. MILLER

CHAIRMAN ROAD PROJECTS - MR. K. G. CHANEY

" COURTESIES & COMPLAINTS - MR. WM. K. WYLIE OR MR. WM. A. WYLIE

" SOCIAL EVENTS - MRS. HELEN McCRAE ASSISTED BY MRS. E. FORREST

" RATE-PAYERS CO-ORDINATOR - MR. BRIAN DITTMAR

MEMBER AT LARGE - MR. R. FENWICK.

MOTION BY MR. McROBBIE THAT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS BE MADE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM WITH SPECIFIC JOBS, AS SHOWN. SECONDED BY MR. CAMBRAY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.00 ON A MOTION BY MR. BROOKSON, SECONDED MR. CHANEY.

SECRETARY.

P. MILLER.

OX BOW LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement 1972-1973

Cash on hand August 1, 1972		\$172.26
Expenses		
Annual party - advance	\$35.00	
balance	11.49	
J. Evenden re flowers	<u>30.00</u>	
	\$76.49	<u>76.49</u>
	Balance	\$ 95.77
Dues Received	\$54.00	
Paid lodge - annual meeting	<u>10.00</u>	
Deposited		44.00
Interest less bank service charge		<u>2.55</u>
CASH ON HAND July 31, 1973		<u><u>\$142.32</u></u>

Note: 1 Your treasurer offers apologies. Cheques were received at the end of the summer and were filed inadvertently. When located this spring they were stale-dated and not deposited. They will be returned. Each cheque was in the amount of \$4.00 and they were from W. G. Goodhand, M. L. Hubbard, and Mrs. S. R. Davis.

2 The following represents the dues outstanding up to and including 1972:

Arbuthnot	\$4.00
Barclay	6.00
Catton	6.00
Livingstone	8.00
R. Scott	6.00
Thomas	6.00
Wittenburg	<u>8.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$44.00</u></u>

August 1, 1973  
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