

A meeting of the West Arm Cottagers Association Oxbow Lake was held on August 3rd, 1975 with Gerry Dodds, President, as Chairman.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. John Cowan reported the bank balance of \$176.96. Fees collected at this meeting - \$42.00 - making a total balance of \$218.96. Mr. Cowan moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Mr. Wiley and passed unanimously.

It was moved by John Cowan and seconded by Vic House that all financial records before 1974 be destroyed. Passed.

President's Report: Gerry Dodds stated that he wanted to thank the Kiwanis Camp for their cooperation in cleaning up and looking after the area surrounding the small camping spot at Little Oxbow. He also noted that he had been in contact with Mrs. Spencer.

It was pointed out that the Ontario Federation of Cottage Associations needed help regarding new members. Vic House volunteered.

Gerry informed the meeting that he had had correspondence from Mr. F. Miller, Minister of Health for Ontario, re extension of Muskoka Road 8, stating that they would support us if the Township requests it. This extension would take it from the area behind Camp Lake out to Highway 60 in the vicinity of Tally-Ho Ski Resort.

Correspondence had been received from Mr. Chapman, District Engineer, saying he would investigate the improvement of the intersection of Muskoka Road 8 and Highway 60 and a traffic study of this particular intersection would probably be made. (Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Meredith thought it would be a good idea to pursue this with Mr. Miller.)

Mr. Meredith and Mrs. Forrest expressed concern about the number of accidents occurring at the intersection of Highway 60 and County Road 11B in Huntsville.

The cottage road marking system that was discussed at the Annual Meeting in 1974 has now been completed according to plan. There was a question raised by the Members as to whether there would be a number for the parking lot. After much discussion it was decided not to mark the parking lot, since it is government property. In all 78 cottage lots and vacant lots were numbered. This numbering system takes us right up to the point of the Peninsula and includes every lot of the West Arm Cottagers.

Mr. Dodds had received correspondence from Mr. Catton regarding two trees that he considered dangerous and if cut could possibly fall on Parking Lot property. Mr. Catton wished to know if the Meeting was agreeable to let him proceed with the removal of these trees at his own discretion. Members agreed to this.

A great deal of discussion took place regarding whether repair of remodelling of the community dock was necessary. The advisability of maintaining a dock in this area came under question and it was decided from the floor that perhaps one or at the most two parking bays would be kept in repair. The rest should be removed. The ramp also requires some maintenance and repair and it was decided that this should be done at the same time.

The parking lot light came under fire by one of our cottagers. It was requested that the light be replaced and that the Executive would pursue this matter and find out if some arrangement could not be made whereby we could have this advantage for less money than we are now paying.

Cottage Road - Many opinions were voiced from the floor and the concensus was that careful driving on all the grades and curves and generally the whole road was the key to the situation.

It was brought to the attention of the Meeting that if anyone is interested in improving their property and the approach to their cottage they might find it advantageous to have a look at Bob Fenwick's driveway.

It was moved by H. Cambray and seconded by Jack Harper that ditching and brushing as well as removal of protruding tree stumps be carried out for the total length of the road. Mr. Dodds agreed to contact Mr. Chapman in this regard.

After discussion it was moved by J. Cowan and seconded by Colleen Dodds that a Happy Hour and Dinner be held during the 1976 summer season. Mr. Wylie and Mr. Dittmar volunteered to look after the arrangements for the Happy Hour and Mrs. Forrest volunteered to look after the arrangements for the Dinner. At the same time Mrs. Forrest offered to plan a Children's Program for next year.

G. Dodds introduced Mayor Scott who spoke to the group on items of interest as follows:

- extension of Muskoka Road #8 to Highway 60 near Camp Lake.
- the possibility of a caution light at the intersection of Muskoka Road 8 and Highway 60.
- purchase of a new fire truck to serve the area
- highlights of the Zoning By-Laws and the planned condominium development at Limberlost
- the effect of Education on our taxes
- the question of advance polls for the convenience of cottagers

G. Dodds then introduced Councillor Esther Spencer who also spoke on items of interest such as volunteer firemen's work and training.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mayor Scott and Mrs. Spencer for attending and to G. Dodds for arranging their presence.

G. Dodds spoke concerning possible changes at the Kiwanis Camp and the future of the Camp, possible services which might be available to the children of the cottagers, such as dental services, et cetera.

### New Business

1. John Rolls volunteered to arrange for a baby sitting service for those parents wishing to attend the Meeting next year.
2. Moved by Mrs. Alford and seconded by J. Cowan that stationery letterhead be obtained.
3. The names and lot numbers of the cottagers will be included on copies of the Oxbow Lake map to be provided to the cottagers, along with a list of rules which hopefully will be observed for the benefit of all by cottagers, visitors and people renting the cottages.
4. Mr. Wylie offered to provide and place signs along the cottage road. "Suggested maximum speed limit to be 25 M.P.H.". It was

also suggested that signs reading "Children at Play" and "Dead End Road" might be placed close to the beginning of the road and that such signs should be designed so that they look official. Moved by Mr. Wylie and seconded by Mrs. Forrest. Carried.

5. It was moved by G. Dodds and seconded by V. House that the Lake Road be named "Oxbow Trail". Carried.
6. Moved by Irene Davis, seconded by Coleen Dodds that an effort be made to obtain the Lake Water Safety film from the O.P.P. and to be shown in conjunction with the proposed water safety program. Carried. Mrs. Davis also suggested that it should be stressed to cottagers and boaters that there are right-of-way rules on the water. Other topics should include swimming safety, safe boating practices, and supervision of small children in boats.
7. Moved by Don Fleck and seconded by Ken Chevey that a follow-up be undertaken with the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a survey and report on the course fish in Oxbow Lake, and action taken to trap or otherwise remove them, to be followed by restocking with game fish.
8. It was suggested that any of the cottagers present at the Lake during the winter should take note of the car license numbers of other vehicles in an effort to reduce the possibility of vandalism and theft.
9. It was moved by Mrs. Davis that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Fenwick on the loss of her Mother. Carried.
10. The following officers were elected for the coming year:
  - President - Gerry Dodds
  - Treasurer - John Cowan
  - Secretary - Vic House
  - Roads Committee - G. Wylie  
G. Dodds  
J. Sadowski
  - Courtesy and Complaints - John Rolls
  - Social - Eileen Forrest  
Helen McRae  
Don Fleck
  - Ratepayers' Representative to Council - B. Dittmar
  - Ontario Cottagers Association Representative - Vic House
  - Members at Large - Vic House  
Bob Fenwick  
Irene Davis  
Bob Wood

It was moved by John Rolls and seconded by John Cowan that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

A short social hour was enjoyed following the Meeting.

*G. H. Dodds* ..... President  
*Vic House* ..... Secretary

As of July 31, 1975

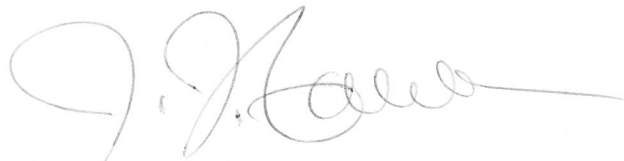
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance in bank as of December, 1974	\$ 172.61
Interest & membership dues	<u>4.35</u>
Bank Balance as of July 31, 1975	<u>\$ 176.96</u>

Accounts Receivable for 1975 .

Dues outstanding

10 x \$2.00 =	\$ 20.00
15 x \$4.00 =	\$ 60.00
10 x \$6.00 =	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	\$140.00



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