

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING WEST OXBOW LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the West Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association was held on July 31st, 1977, at Oxbow Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gerry Dodds. Vic House, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting. It was moved by R. Fenwick and seconded by John Rolls that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Gerry Dodds extended a welcome to Mayor Malcolm Scott & Councillor Aage Petersen.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by John Cowan, showing a bank balance of \$146.27. John Cowan also presented a report indicating delinquencies with respect to dues. It was moved by J. Cowan and seconded by W. Smeaton that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried. John Cowan moved that a second signature be added to the bank account. Seconded by Jim Coulton. Carried. It was moved by John Cowan, seconded by R. Fenwick that the dues for the coming year remain at \$2.00. Carried.

Gerry Dodds introduced Mayor Malcolm Scott who spoke to the group concerning matters of Township business of interest to the cottagers. Mayor Scott mentioned that the Board of Education had been able to curtail expenditures which assisted in keeping the mill rate down for the coming year. Muskoka Road #8 will be improved this year between Limberlost Road and Brooks Mills with road straightening and filling done this year and topped next year. Township crews have repaired the public docks and gravelled the boat launching area. Mayor Scott mentioned that a new aerial photograph of the area was now available at the office of the Regional District of Muskoka on Pine Street in Bracebridge. Mayor Scott also reported on the status of the Limberlost Lodge property and the plans for its development.

Mayor Scott outlined the problems being encountered with the logging companies using the roads during the period of time when the frost is coming out of the ground and the attempts undertaken to protect our roads. He also mentioned that some work will be done to improve the road around the Lake this fall and that it can be expected to be a three or four year project before the road is completely up to standard.

Vic House requested the Mayor to look into the relocation of a culvert to prevent flooding of his property and Mayor Scott agreed to having this looked into.

Gerry Dodds introduced Mr. Aage Petersen, Councillor for Lake of Bays, who offered his services if they should ever be required.

John Cowan introduced new members of the Association in the persons of John and Mae Bowman, Gord and Mary Godwin, and Jerry and Marie Young. Jerry then asked all present to introduce themselves by name and lot number.

Gerry Dodds requested the new Executive to advise the Township concerning our desired renaming of our road to the Oxbow Trail. A resolution approving this name change was passed by our Association at the Annual Meeting in 1975.

Gerry Dodds reported on his attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Cottagers Associations held in Toronto during February, 1977 and outlined the work of the Federation.

Eileen Forrest reported on a letter received by Mr. W. Wylie from Mayor Scott concerning the proposed work to be carried out on our road as well as the work undertaken on the public docks.

It was moved by Ron Lilly, seconded by Jerry Young that the hill behind Lot 56 be relocated around a large rock which now forms part of the road base in lieu of gravelling the rock. Carried. It was also decided to remind Mayor Scott concerning the removal of a dead stump beside the road at the end of the Lake.

Bob Fenwick announced that he had a supply of maps indicating the soundings of the lake bottom and water depths and would make such available after the meeting to anyone interested in having one.

In reply to a question concerning the possibility of taxing for docks over the water and Brian Dittmar reported that this applied only to commercial properties for the present.

Bob Fenwick reported on the progress being made toward the provision of a new name sign which is being constructed.

Eileen Forrest reported on the Annual Dinner held last evening, July 30, at Billie Bear Lodge. The suggestion was made that another year consideration might be given to having several social get-togethers such as Bingo, etc. It was also suggested that the new Executive strongly consider holding all events on Oxbow Lake if at all possible. It was also suggested that the new Executive meet with the Dittmars to see what facilities might be made available for our purposes next year.

It was moved by Doug Alford, seconded by V. House that a vote of thanks be extended to Eileen Forrest and her committee for their work in organizing the Annual Dinner. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Dittmar reported that water tests of the lake over the past three years have shown no presence of contamination or pollution.

Moved by Gerry Dodds, seconded by J. Evenden that we contact the Department of Natural Resources to ascertain if anything can be done to slow down the escape of water into Oxbow Creek at the East arm of the lake.

Gerry Dodds introduced the question of meeting with the other Cottagers' associations in the area for discussion of common problems. It was moved by Leda Hawley, seconded by Evelyn Fenwick that a joint meeting be held with the other Cottagers' Associations and that the new Executive appoint one of our members-at-large to convene the meeting. Carried.

Moved by J. Coulter and seconded by Doug Coulter that the Department of Transportation and Communication be requested to provide a passing lane for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Highway 60 and Muskoka Road 8.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Gerry Dodds announced that he was stepping down as President. A canvass of the existing Executive indicated that all except Gerry were willing to carry on for another term. Following discussion Bob Fenwick was nominated by J. Evenden and John Cowan for the office of President. Moved by John Rolls and John Forrest that nominations be closed. Bob Fenwick was therefore elected by acclamation. Other members of the Executive elected as members-at-large were :

Jim Coulter - nominated by Eileen Forrest, seconded by John Rolls
Gerry Dodds - nominated by R. Fenwick, seconded by John Cowan
John Bowman - nominated by Doreen Coulter, seconded by Eve lyn Fenwick
Doug Alford - nominated by Eileen Forrest, seconded by Vic House
Moved by Eileen Forrest and seconded by Colleen Dodds that nominations be closed.

The new Executive for the coming two years will therefore be:

President-	Bob Fenwick
Secretary-	Vic House
Treasurer-	John Cowan
Chairman Roads Committee-	W. Wiley
Chairman Complaints " -	John Rolls
Chairman Social " -	Eileen Forrest
Chairman Ratepayers " -	Brian Dittmar
Members-at-Large -	Irene Davis
	Bob Woods
	Jim Coulter
	Gerry Dodds
	John Bowman
	Doug Alford

Gerry Dodds agreed to be the Association's representative to the Federation of Cottagers Associations.

Audrey Cambray and Doreen Coulter agreed to assist Eileen Forrest on the Social Committee.

It was moved by Ron Lilly and seconded by David Cowan that the meeting be adjourned.

WEST ARM OX BOW COTTAGERS' ASSOC.

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 31, 1977

EXPENSES:

Ox Bow Lodge	\$ 30.00	- meeting	
J. Evenden	20.00	- flowers	
Lynn Crozier	10.00	- kids' party	
Helen McRae	3.20	- reception	
Cottagers' Federation	<u>20.00</u>	- membership	
<u>TOTAL:</u>			\$ 83.20

INCOME:

Dues collected and deposited	\$ 84.00		
" " " "	<u>48.30</u>	\$ 132.30	
Bank Interest	1.85		
" "	<u>1.34</u>	3.19	
Cash on Hand		<u>4.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL:</u>			\$139.49

RECEIPTS	139.49
EXPENSES	<u>83.20</u>
(Receipts over Expenses	<u>56.29</u>

BANK BALANCE JULY 31, 1976	89.98
ADD BALANCE	<u>56.29</u>
PRESENT BALANCE ..	<u>\$146.27</u>