

MINUTES - OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

July 31, 1988

The annual meeting of the Oxbow Cottagers Association was held at the Rolls' Cottage on July 31, 1988. Don Fleck acted as Chairman, John Cowan as secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous year's meeting were distributed and their acceptance was moved, seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's report, given by John Cowan, showed:

Balance on hand, July 31, 1987	52.63
Income - Dues, bank interest	125.86
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	178.49
Less Expenses	
F.O.C.A. dues, bank charges, 1987 Mtg. expenses	94.75
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Balance on hand, July 31, 1988	<u>\$83.74</u>

The report was accepted.

There was no agenda, but items suggested for discussion included:

- Assessment - Taxes
- Garbage
- Roads
- Beaver
- Septic Tank
- Canoe Trek
- F.O.C.A.
- Election of Officers
- Camp Olympia

Camp Olympia

Don Fleck reported that at the conclusion of the last annual meeting a deputation of about 10 cottagers went to the camp and got - with some difficulty - an audience with the owner. We got a good hearing and some improvements resulted. In numbers there is "clout".

Assessment - Taxes

This area has gone to market value assessment in recent years.

In 1987 there were increases of 40-70% in some assessments - and resulting increases in taxes. Some persons feel they are not getting value for their taxes - constant problems with road in peninsula; paying hefty education taxes but Muskoka Board wouldn't accept cottagers' kids when Metro Toronto Board on strike two years ago. There was opposition to a community centre in Dwight. It was

pointed out that increased assessment (by 50%) to Lot 25 was due to road being plowed in winter. Bob Garth felt 1700 miles was too far to drive to take advantage of it. Others suggested road not be plowed past the lodge.

Garbage Dump

Restrictions are set by Ministry of Environment. Should write to province, said Gerry Dodds, to get longer hours - perhaps on weekends. Talking about taxes - we don't have garbage pickup. Don Fleck said he had assurance it would be open to 9:00 p.m. daily.

Roads

Al Barsevich reported that he met with road people week previously, and that Mayor and Mr. Walker are to survey road in week's time. There has been some progress in the past year. Hope to learn more by Tuesday, August 2, 1988. It was also reported that Muskoka Road #8 was to be paved this fall.

It was suggested by Gerry Dodds that a petition be prepared; and the Chairman undertook to write a letter. Doug Cameron reported on the hill behind the House's - and Doug Alford told of an accident on that hill a year ago, blamed on the condition of the road.

Mrs. Davis raised the problem of speeding - which is serious between the lodge and the public landing. Some persons travel at excessive speeds, unaware of small children and pets who use the road. She wondered if it would be possible to get a "Watch for Children" sign? But would those who speed now pay any attention to a sign?

Beaver

Helen McRae and Al Barsevich reported on the damage done by a beaver colony. A trapper, Al Martin, will try to trap it (them) in November. Someone should remind him. The chairman undertook to phone the Ministry of Natural Resources about this problem.

Septic Tanks

Pollution on this lake remains a serious problem and the water is not safe to drink. This is caused solely by inadequate septic systems. A problem with Lot 52 was reported and this should be raised with the Ministry of the Environment - who it was agreed, should more adequately police the lake to close down the offenders.

Canoe Trek

6th Annual Race to start from public landing at 1:30 p.m. today, circle Sunken Island, and return to Barsevich's dock for refreshments.

Public Landing

Improvements to the landing are up to Ministry of the Environment according to Township of Lake of Bays. It was felt repairs are necessary to one or two docks.

This should be raised with our local councillor, Cliff Beaman.

F.O.C.A.

The Association is a member of Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association - who do an excellent job lobbying the provincial government on behalf of cottagers. Gerry Dodds also reported they have a first rate, one-day convention for cottagers, usually held in the spring. It is worth while attending. F.O.C.A. recommends cottagers write to their M.P.P. and complain about cottage taxes - i.e., market value assessment, and duplicate payment of school taxes. Make your complaints known. F.O.C.A.'s address: 215 Morrish Road, Suite 105, Scarborough, Ont., M1C 1E9, phone (416) 284-2305.

Cottage Signs

The point was made that the Association paid for (and Vic House did the work) in the putting up of the cottagers' sign. It is spoiled with signs that do not fit in with its appearance. Jim Coulter (Lot 11) has refurbished the sign, and if asked politely, might redo some signs, or make new ones.

Elections

- Gerry Dodds (assisted by Colleen) to be new treasurer.
- Barb Barber - Secretary
- Audrey Cambray - Social Convener
- The Executive Committee to include:

Al Barsevich
Barb Barber
Dave Calder
Gerry Dodds
Kerry Judges (Lot 62)
Ed McRobbie
Doug Slatter (Lot 173)

It was suggested by Al Barsevich, and agreed that the Executive Committee would select a chairman for the ensuing term.

Fees - 1989

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the fees for next year be established at \$5.00.

Lastly, a motion was passed to thank -

John and Maryetta Rolls as hosts;
Audrey Cambray as Social Convener;
John Cowan as Treasurer,
and the meeting was adjourned.

DUES:

PAID - JULY 31, 1988 to JULY 31, 1989

58 Woods	33 Maddaugh
34 Evenden	20 Campbell
59 Singleton	2 Fleck
60 Lilly	42 Dodds
49 Wylie	63 Young
28 Gibson-Barteaux	21 Garth
22 Cowan	158 Jackson
65 Cameron	54 Barber
29 Forrest	10 Davis
3 Davies	25 Barsovich
50 McRae	38 Cambray
25 Van Eyck	40 Crozier
173 Slatter	26 Rolls
64 McRobbie	

62 (Judges - only paid \$2.00 no change)

? (Jenkins - paid \$20.00 - paid for 1989 to July 31, 1990 as well.)

<u>July 31, 1988:</u>	Received	\$ 127.00	
	Paid:		
	A. Cambray	3.00	
	Fleck	8.00	
	(Coffee & donuts)		
	Deposited:	116.00	Aug. 18, 1988

LIST OF OUTSTANDINGS (to July 31, 1988)

Ditlmar	\$ 14.00
Brookson	11.00
Herod	9.00
Arbuthnot	9.00
Kirby	9.00
Coulter	9.00
House/Clements	6.00
Bowman	6.00
Scott	3.00
Plus others - non contributors	
Cheney	
Franklin	
N. Scott	