

89 MINUTES

OXBOW COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 6, 1989
HELD AT OXBOW LODGE OXBOW LAKE

Al Barsevich opens with introductions of the executive. He thanks Gerry Dodds for his exemplary effort in correspondence to the cottagers. We acknowledge the new owners of the lodge, Dave and Deanne Dearlove and Jamie and Jill Wilson. Mayor Malcolm Scott and councilman Clifford Beaman are introduced. Mr. Van Camp is recognized as the person who travelled the farthest to get here, all the way from Alaska.

The copy of the last meeting's minutes are accepted,
so moved by Gord Jackson
seconded by John Bowman
majority passed

Gerry Dodds reports on FOCA, and asks for representation at their annual meeting in February. He advises the fee is \$1.00 per member per year for us and stresses how important it is to our association to interface with them on an information basis.

Gerry refers to the blue page financial report incorporated in the meeting agenda.

Balance forward	\$197.24
Expenses	209.41
Total Income	<u>288.26</u>
Total Balance	\$276.09

Gerry's report moved by Mr. Scott
seconded by Mr. J. Cowan
majority passed

Mayor Malcolm Scott reported that a meeting was held with your executive on August 5, 89 at the township offices in Dwight to discuss the roads. He said that he would inform us on the landfill sites and Mr. Beaman would discuss the roads.

Mayor Scott reported that \$60,000 has been spent this summer in moving certain types of toxic wastes to other sites equipped to handle them. He was personally charged with 27 counts and has paid \$2000.00. The municipality must pay \$18,000.00, his legal fees will be \$30,000.00. Total costs to date in Lake of Bays, waste management, are \$385,000.00. As a result garbage pick-up and the blue box programme will be instituted and will cost approx. half. One dump will remain at Dwight, but certain things like brush will have to go to Dorset. Recyclable material will be sorted at Dwight and then shipped to Toronto in 40 cu. yd. blocks. The municipality must pay for this service.

The mayor informs us that the last bad section on Muskoka 8 is controlled by Bracebridge which he hopes will be finished sometime in 1990. He urges our members to individually send letters to our M.P.P. Ken Black, Muskoka-Georgian Bay, Constituency Offices, Room 402, North Wing, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1A2. And to Mr. Bradley, Minister of the Environment to protest unfair taxation (see your previous agenda) for the FAIR TAXATION CAMPAIGN- make your vote count, brochure.

Mrs. Sandi McBride points out the need for animal and bear proofing is obvious but there is a by-law against building a structure to house the garbage (within so many feet of the road?). Mayor Scott said he would have to change the by-law.

Al Barsevich asks the mayor if he would consider changing the road names to all numbers, i.e. Limberlost Rd., Muskoka #8 is confusing to non-residents. The mayor didn't say yes, but he didn't say no.

Mr. Beaman took over with his distinct sense of humour, Chauvin, and then explained in detail how to make our compost piles properly to aid in gardening.

Mr. Beaman reported on the roads and said they would have the holes filled, the ditches dug out with a "grade-all" and have the launching area sculpted wider so we can turn our vehicles around. Also they will fix and cold patch the first asphalt hill and to put crushed stone between the big hill. Gerry Dodds fields a question about the need for a road study. There apparently have already been two. Gerry advises that the Ontario Engineer would be glad to come and tell us what category our road falls under and what we should be able to aim for.

Mr. Beaman says that \$10,000.00 has been budgeted to build a by-pass around big hill, to purchase it, and to survey it. It's suggested that the road at the creek will flood because the beavers have caused and continue to cause damage. The mayor said they can "handle the beavers". He says the culverts were newly installed to help with drainage problems. Al Barsevich explains that the culvert at end of his driveway has been wrongly placed and has severely narrowed the road making it dangerous. Hopefully the culvert can be moved to a new location where it has some value? The mayor didn't say yes, but he didn't say no. A question from the field about our non-existent dock, and the mayor said a small one could be constructed on the one remaining crib, perhaps with a tie-up area for boats.

Mr. Beaman explained the good condition of other roads after Gerry Dodds asked the question "Why theirs and not ours"?. Tasso and Camp Lake roads were on crown land and the cost of the roads was built into the prices of the lots. The road bases were very well constructed with a good depth of pit-run and gravel and so are easier to maintain. Fieldale Rd. and Billy Bear Rds. were upgraded by private owners of lodges and also are more easily maintained..

COFFEE BREAK

AND PERSONAL GOODBYES AND THANKS TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN

NEW BUSINESS

Gerry reports on the numbering system. There seems to be a discrepancy for fire reporting and policing. You must use the name Interlaken when phoning for police or fire dept. The call goes to the hospital and information is re-routed from there. The number is 789-6466.

When you are going to tackle a large job which you need to contract out, think of community pooling. Ian Goodham, lot #14 needs to drill a well and if more people need this it's cheaper when more people are in on it. Contact Ian for estimates.

There was a question from the floor about lowering the speed limit on Oxbow road. Tom McBride says he may be able to help us, also get the proper signs.

Recreation - The Robb Report -He has new and exciting ideas for a new improved fun trek with river crossing and portages winding up at the lodge for a family barque. Civic weekend is family weekend.He's even thinking regatta! Look out!

Cottagers from the East Arm have more complaints of noise and boat congestion produced from the Olympia Sports Camp and feel it is unsafe at times. Gerry suggests sending a note and individual phone calls at the height of the noise.

Also children swimming in the narrows have caused a few near misses and we are wondering if perhaps a new 6MPH sign(what's that in kilometres?) will help.

Reports of campers on Little Oxbow, damaged trees, and poorly-built fire pits during the recent ban on fires. A letter to the Natural Resources people may be in order. Perhaps if we look into having that land designated as a conservation area it may keep out campers.

Gord Jackson urged that we persue an effluence problem in the water coming from a lot close to him. It seems a tank or septic system is malfunctioning and we experience suds, etc.. He has contacted the Ministry of the Environment with no results.

Gerry Dodds moved we set next year's association fee at \$5.00.

-seconded by Mr. Scott

-majority passed

Our slate of officers for next year

president-Ed McRobbie

vice president-Gord Jackson

secretary treasurer-Gerry Dodds

recording secretary-Barb Barber

road co-ordinator-Al Barsevich

social convenor-Audrey Cambray

back by popular demand and in Gord's case railroaded acclamation.

Al Barsevich graciously volunteered to build us a new sign board. He was so commissioned. Fees to cover costs to be decided later.

-moved by Eileen Forrest

-seconded by John Rolls

-passed!

Meeting Adjourned.

Oxbow
Lake



OXBOW COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION

Near... Huntsville / Dwight Ontario

Township Lake of Bays

District Of Muskoka

FINANCIAL REPORT August 5th 1989.

Added to the balance reported at the last annual meeting of \$ 81:24
an amount of \$ 116:00 was collected at the meeting.
This total of \$ 197.24 was turned over to the new treasurer G. Dodds.

Balance as of January 1989.... \$ 197.24

EXPENSES for 1989 thus far:

Ontario Federation Cottagers (FOCA) Membership	\$ 88:50
New cheque book	\$ 4:91
Stamps...Two heavy complete mailings plus correspondence..	\$ 114:32
Bank service charges	1:68

Total expenses \$ 209:41

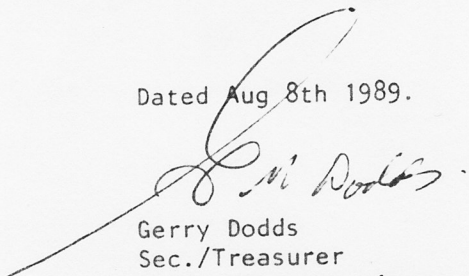
INCOME for 1989 thus far:

Membership fees received since January	\$ 285:00
Bank interest	\$ 3:26

Total Income \$ 288:26

Total Bank Balance on hand \$ 276:09

Dated Aug 8th 1989.


Gerry Dodds
Sec./Treasurer
Oxbow Cottagers Assoc.