

Oxbow Lake Cottagers Association Annual Meeting

Date Sunday August 2nd/92

Location Oxbow Lodge

Ed McRobbie introduced the head table. Gerry Dodds, Glen McRobbie (acting secretary) and Ed McRobbie

Ed McRobbie introduced our invited guests, Bill McNaughton, Councillor and Peggy Hern, Stop & Shop

Peggy Hern

- made a presentation regarding the Huntsville Hospital and their need for donations.

** all donations will be used for buying equipment, not for running the hospital. The hospital was originally designed to serve 10-15,000 people and they are now servicing between 175-200,000 people during the summer months.

Ed McRobbie

- apologized for not being able to review the previous years meeting minutes as they did not arrive for circulation. He asked that the previous years minutes be accepted as the actions requested had been acted upon.
- the request was accepted.

Gerry Dodds

- presented the financial report.
- handed in his resignation.
- asked for input for association directory.
- pointed out new members.

- discussed how he and Ed had met with other cottagers associations and government ministers dealing with the possibilities of a French school board as well as an English one. This could mean four boards in total, English/French (public) & English/French (separate); not very practical since there are only two people in Muskoka that require the support according to our Councillor.

- motion to keep the dues at \$5.00
- was seconded by John Cowan
- unanimous approval given to this motion

Bill McNaughton, Councillor

- brought regrets from the Mayor who was unable to attend our meeting due to his attendance at another meeting.
- nothing has been done to East Oxbow Road, maybe some brushing will be done.
- West Oxbow Road -has been gravelled past the hill, maybe some brushing will be done.
- no tax increase from our local municipality, although taxes increased 3%, Board of Education 0.9% increase, District increase 18%.
- the municipality is thinking about installing a light at the entrance to Muskoka Road #8. This is because of the problem with visibility at night. M.O.T. will be widening the intersection approach. This is a district concern but M.O.T. dollars. Lee Oltier 789-2391 is the person to call concerning this problem.
- Bob Garth feels this intersection is worse than before.
- M.O.T. refuses to move the sign because they say it is properly located.

Questions concerning the sale of lots.

- on water must have 200 feet of frontage
- if there is no water frontage, lot size must be 5 acres & there must be 500 feet frontage

Mr. McNaughton said maybe some work will be done on the big hill.

Several people expressed their concerns for safety and the municipalities broken promises to relocate and complete the new road over the big hill.

Bill McNaughton felt that there was no money available to assist the West Arm road to get upgraded or to have the big hill completed as promised by the municipality. Bill also confirmed that \$50,000 had previously been allocated to complete the relocation of the road over the big hill, but the municipality had overspent on 3 other projects and had used this money for the over expense situation.

Bill was asked if completion of the relocation of the road over the big hill was in any long range plans (yes). Bill said its supposed to be in the long range plan for next year.

Bill was asked to take our on-going concerns and frustrations over the delays in getting the road relocated over the big hill back to Mayor Scott and Dave McHattie for their assistance in resolving this problem.

Bill was asked when the culvert behind the Franks cottage would be installed. It has been promised by many different municipal employees.

East Arm road residents asked Bill to have brush removed when the brushing is done. Bill reassured that he will be passing on the request to Dave McHattie as a to do.

Bill confirmed that the East and West Arms both have the same legal status.

The question was raised regarding how far the West Arm road should be plowed. Bill McNaughton was to find this out.

Parking warning tickets in winter were questioned by Tom McBride as he was parked on his own property. It wasn't an actual ticket but notification of getting a ticket instead.

Questions were raised about who has recently posted no trespassing signs around the trail to Little Oxbow. It was felt that possibly the Loon Lake Hunt Camp might have posted the area. Bill McNaughton said he would get back to us on the ownership.

Thanks were expressed to Bill by the cottagers for coming to our meeting. We will send Bill a copy of our minutes and will request that he update us on the progress of each item.

Feedback will be given to the cottagers as soon as we hear from Bill or other representatives of the township.

Ed McRobbie

Mentioned the passing of Mary Barsevich and Sid Brookson. They will be missed by all of us.

Water Quality - At the end of June/July, a sample of tap and lake water was taken by Natural Resources, who reported an algae bloom. Cowan/MacRaes say that the lake water is drinkable. Im not sure whether the lake water is safe for drinking without some treatment.

There are lots of brochures available to pick up from F.O.C.A. regarding all cottage issues.

Jim Milne is doing a cottagers watch. He's available to talk to or call him.

Capital gains on cottages as part of an estate were touched on.

Jet ski operation & regulations were discussed.

Keith McRobbie

Announced the details of the 1992 canoe race---1:30 p.m.- -Municipal dock-- rain or shine-- for the Fun Trek.

Claudette McRobbie

Announced the details of the 1992 cottagers dinner. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings at 7:30 p.m.- with special surprise entertainment--get your reservations to lodge before leaving.

Don Fleck

- voiced concern about the claims being voiced by the Golden Lake Indian Band.
- tentative permission has been granted by the provincial government to let the band hunt & fish to their content using any means, including mechanical.
- historians report the band had no history in the area of the park at all
- park filled with wildlife, moose, etc.
- Bill McNaughton stated that the Indian band have taken 80 moose out of the park

Don Fleck agreed to look after the following motion:

- to have the association make a statement of concern to the government
- send a letter voicing our concerns
- requesting further information from the government
- Bill Smeaton will be assisting Don
- Ad Hoc Committee-Blue Spruce Inn- It was suggested that we join with them on this concern
- seconded by Steve Coats
- motion carried
- executive will be working with Don Fleck

Warning that wasps are on the cliff trail.

Watching water safety - M. Gibson - (lot 28).

- moral responsibility to educate our guests and renters to water safety regarding, life jackets, etc.

The lodge was requested to inform boating guests at the lodge of the location of the municipal landing. A guest & large boat & trailer were lost on the peninsula road & had a hard time to get trailer turned around.

Many thanks were expressed to the lodge for their generosity and hospitality in once again offering us the use of the lodge facility for our meeting.

Ed McRobbie.... Asked for nominations for the 1992-93 season

Secretary/Treasurer vacated by Gerry Dodds

President Ed McRobbie -willing to vacate

Members at large needed for little jobs that come up

AFTER A LOT OF KICKING & SCREAMING & ARM TWISTING

YOUR 1992-93 EXECUTIVE

-Member at large	Ian Goodhand	lot 14
-Member at large	Jim Milne	lot 168
-Member at large	Tom McBride	lot 18
-Member at large	M Gibson	lot 28
-Member at large	Don Fleck	lot 153
-President	Ed McRobbie	lot 64
-Treasurer	Lynn Jackson	lot 16
-Secretary	Glen McRobbie	lot 64

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Glen McRobbie , Secretary

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OXBOW COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION

Near... Huntsville / Dwight Ontario

Township Lake of Bays

District Of Muskoka

Secretary/Treasurer 44 Denison Road West Weston Ontario M9N 1C2

FINANCIAL REPORT for ANNUAL MEETING Aug. 1992.

TIL END OF JULY 1992.

Balance as of July /91..... \$ 320,22

Expenses 12 months ending July 30/92.

Annual meeting costs and refreshments.....	\$ 35.00
Stationery (Reg supplies + Directory)	\$ 65.81
Printing	\$ 58.95
Stamps	\$ 64.78
Ont. Federation Cottagers Assoc.....	\$ 123.00
Miscel. Phone calls Long Dist.....	\$ 15.50
Bank charges	\$ 2.47

Total Expenses.. \$ 365.51

Income for 12 months ending July 30/92.

Membership Dues	\$ 410.00
Bank Interest	\$ 15.58

Total Income \$ 425.58

BALANCE AS OF JULY 30 th 1992 \$ 373.68

Submitted by Gerry Dodds Sec. Treas. July 30/92.