

SDLCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Salerno Devil's Lake Cottagers Association was held on August 5, 2000 at St. John's Church Irondale, with approximately 40 people in attendance. Minutes of the last AGM were distributed and a motion to accept was made by Dan Pappas, seconded by Norm Wheeler and all were in favour,

The financial statement was distributed and no amendments were made. Motion to accept by Rob Stuart, seconded by Ester Atkin and all were in favour. Our expenses have increased due to inflation, insurance fees and newly initiated social functions. Nikki Wilson moved, and Marilyn Horton seconded, **the annual member's fee of \$15.00 be increased to \$20.00**, all were in favour.

Water Testing Report

Roy Landry, now assisting Don Horton in his water tests, reported that there is an increase in water clarity. We participated in the Ministry's Great Canadian Dip In and are testing the lake for phosphorous levels through FOCA and Philips Analytical.

Rob Stuart reported that his daughter Heather is testing Salerno, White and two other lakes in Algonquin Park as part of her University of McMaster thesis. The results should be known in the spring and will give a more comprehensive report on the lake's makeup, i.e. gases, chemicals etc.

Lake Steward Report

Leo McCarthy outlined FOCA's focus on septic systems at the conference held in February. The need for another Lake Capacity Study was also mentioned as the Baker Report, the study filed with Glamorgan and done for a developer, favours increased development on the lake. As of January 1, 2001 the Township of Snowdon will become part of Lutterworth, Anson, Hinden, and Minden and the Township of Glamorgan will be part of the Townships of Monmouth, Cardiff and Bicroft. This restructure will affect all of us and we should be supporting candidates that have our interests.

Motion to accept the Lake Steward's Report by Norm Wheeler, seconded by Ed Hand, passed unanimously.

Road Steward's Report

Dan Pappas reported that the Association has contacted Snowdon of their concern regarding the curve before Road 3 on the Salerno Lake Road and the sign identifying the road. Members identified the need of gravel on the roadbed, the removal of brush at the iron bridge and a wider roadbed in the newer road section. Ron Buchanon, a councilor with Snowdon, was present at the meeting and was kind enough to update us as to the new road's status. At present the Township has not assumed accountability for the road as the new owner has not met all the qualifying factors i.e. landing and driveway specifications. Signage will also change in the newly amalgamated Townships and with the implementation of 911 service. When questioned about stray dogs Ron noted that Snowdon does not presently have a bylaw or a facility to house these animals. However the Ministry of Natural Resources states that dogs running at large in deer populated areas can be shot.

Norm Wheeler moved and Joan Pappas seconded acceptance of the Road Steward's Report and all were in favour.

Guest Speaker – Tom Reddering

Tom, an inspector with the HKPR Health Unit, spoke of his role ensuring the safe sewage, water and food within the county. The staff of seven inspectors has been downsized to three, who spend most of their time with sewage concerns.

Water is of concern in lieu of the Walkerton tragedy and water sample testing has increased by 300%. The bottles can be obtained at the Haliburton Health Unit, Monday to Friday from 8:30 – 4:30, with no samples being accepted on Friday as the lab is in Peterborough. **DON'T DRINK** unfiltered lake water. The best filter on the market at this time is the ultra-violet filter provided you remember to replace your filter every two years. Dug wells that sit stagnate will have problems and ways of 'shocking' these wells were outlined. If people wish to obtain municipal water they may do so at the Minden Fire Hall. The Gooderham well has always tested safe but because of its infrequent testing it has the 'boil water' notice. If transporting water from other sources rinse the containers with a little Javex to kill any bacteria.

The Health Units have been approving and monitoring septic systems since 1974 although the responsibility for this has been shifted from the Ministry of the Environment to the Municipality as part of the Building Code. The average life span of a septic system is 20 years as with time the soil in the

system is unable to treat the sewage. Phosphates are treated by the iron in the soil and although companies have been encouraged to restrict their use since 1972 the automatic dishwasher detergent is NOT restricted. Thus look for low phosphates when purchasing this item. One should remember that the highest hill around the lake is actually part of the lake as all water run off will eventually find its way there. The Health Unit will re-inspect your system for \$100.00 and with a complaint from neighbours will investigate potentially faulty systems.

Tom was thanked with a small gift from the Association for coming to address the meeting.

Bear Report

Shari Akow reported that a non-lactating female was removed from Road 2-3 area by the Ministry of Natural Resources. However another female with cubs has been sighted. Due to the cancellation of the Spring Bear Hunt and the lack of food sources, i.e. berries, we may see even more bears. Pointers given in MNR web site regarding 'Living with Black Bears' include:

- Never getting between the mother and her young
- Leave no garbage around (compost is included in the garbage definition)
- Never feed a bear
- If confronted with a bear make a lot of noise, make yourself as large as possible, don't break eye contact and back away.

For problems with nuisance bears call Bart Hillhorse at the MNR 705-286-5224.

Motion to accept this report by Anita Twist, seconded by Pearle Hayes and all were in favour.

Canoe Race

Rob Stuart reported that only lightening will stop the race. The river is fast and high with a strong current. There are three areas where canoes will have to line up and at the swing bridge canoe should keep to the right side to avoid the nails. The paddles, medals, crest will be awarded at the BBQ and event shirts will be available this year.

George Simmons stated that Furnace Falls has been maintained by the Burnt Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association at a cost of \$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00 per year. Last weekend all the picnic tables in the park were destroyed. In the near future the responsibility for the park will be taken over by Snowdon Township. The executive will monitor this situation.

Clothing

Emily modeled the new line of SDLCA vests available for order. Other available clothing includes T-shirts, golf shirts, hats and buttons.

President's Report

Sydney highlighted her rapid progression to the presidency, the Spring Fall FOCA meetings and the millennium events.

The fireworks were well attended and many thanks to the Clark family for their support.

The regatta was not as popular, consisting of a paddle boat race and a volleyball tournament. Unfortunately the swim had to be canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled for Saturday August 12th at 11:00 a.m. Call Sydney to register.

The dance to be held on that same Saturday at the Glamorgan Community Centre and tickets are available.

We will be allowed to mail in our votes in the municipal election this fall so please exercise your franchise!

The newsletter will again be your link with the Association and promises to be even better in 2001.

Andrea Weatherall was present to offer the membership the opportunity to take their boating license. Cost of \$45.00 to be held on August 26, 2000.

Volunteers for the BBQ were Florence and Roy Landry, Ken Clark and Esther Atkins with Nikki Wilson on ticket sales.

Games are up and running with Jim and Deb McKee.

Executive 2000-2001

Margaret Clayton was nominated by Susan Thompson, seconded by Shari Akow and unanimously accepted to the executive. The present executive has agreed to sit another year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan Pappas and seconded by Marianne Cassin with all in favour.