

1975

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Windsor Club in Windsor on October 31st at 7:00 pm. Twenty four members were present. Al Balfour had the power plant serviced by Peel Engine Service for \$210.86 and \$37.50 for a spiral muffler for the power plant during the season and was noted for his input. The main discussion for the meeting was the fact the Camp had been operating at a loss for a number of years due to the projects and maintenance costs. Spending such as the extension to the kitchen and a purchase of a 9.9 hp motor for \$578.08 US this year were questioned and the Board was asked when they had authorized the items with no reply received. A motion was made by John W. Haddow Sr. that any new capital expenses of \$500.00 or more, being made by the Board of Directors, would have to be accepted by the general membership. This was seconded by Fred A. Isaacs and was carried. The boat Committee had not put together a price for the new boat yet and Kenny Hayward sent a letter to Al Balfour in February 1974 stating he did not have enough information as to what the Camp wanted to submit an estimate. Mr. Bennett had not even replied to the request for an estimate. Discussion on funds not even being available to build this boat force the item over to the new Board of Directors. Les Sever gave a report on the Building Committee that in the Spring the covering on the Cook's Cabin had been completed, the chimney removed and the hole in the roof closed. The storm door to the wood porch was installed and the grounds cleaned up. In August the new foundations were put under the kitchen. Nine new piers were put in place and the kitchen expanded onto the wood porch so the two refrigerators from the dining area could be put there. Kenny Hayward was to use the flooring stored upstairs in the Main Lodge to finish the new area. There was still work to do to the kitchen door to the dining room as a piece of log had dislodged in construction and jammed the door. Two cabins, Pulling and Kenogan, were only partially covered and materials were in Camp to complete this work. A motion was made to purchase a gift for Mrs. Tingey, John Bedard's Secretary of not more than \$50.00 for her services. Merv Wright resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reason but continued his membership in the Club. The group elected John Haddow Sr. as a new director. Al Balfour and Willis Ball were nominated to fill the vacancy made by Merv Wright's resignation. The vote was a tie and Willis Ball graciously declined in favour of Al Balfour. There had been many new membership nomination presented the previous year of which three did not pay the initiation fees and dues and two other passed away before accepting. Membership still stood at 46 with two nominations made which would bring the total to 48 for 1976. It was made quite clear to all that the need to bring in guests was important to the Club for finances and new members. A motion by Les Server, seconded by Gary Mathews, to accept proxy votes at meeting was amended by motion, by Leo Bratt, seconded by John Haddow, to include; as long as the member had attended Camp once in the last two years. The motions and amendments were carried.

Camp fees were increased to \$18.00 per day for members and \$23.00 per day for guests with anyone in off season camps paying \$8.00 per day. Man days in the 1975 season were 248 member days, 70 guest days and 33 off season camp days. Yearly dues were \$25.00 and initiation fees were \$125.00 . This was to offset the \$1,261.80 year end Camp deficit for 1975.

The Board of Directors met immediately after the Annual General Meeting and elected Les Sever

as President, John W. Haddow Sr. As Vice President and Al Balfour as Secretary - Treasurer. Ned Riley and Leo Bratt were Directors. The Board gave Merv Wright the task of hiring a new cook and he was having Al Aulbrook look into it for him. Darryl Heisler was given the task by the Board of ordering the Camp staples through a wholesaler as he had done last year. Leo Bratt wanted it established that the Camp Cook was to clean the linens in Camp as part of the duties as it was not a job the members could do and would not cost the Camp any extra money. Cost cutting items were tabled and sent to members including members have to supply their own bait, ice. Fruit, vegetables and meat. Basic staples would be supplied by the Camp. They discussed the 1974 Minutes where the boat with 6' beam 20' long was approved for purchase by the membership and gave Fred Bray Isaacs and Al Balfour direction to bring forth a quote for the Board to authorize and to pursue the building of and delivery of the boat with Kenny Hayward. This was hampered by the new rule of \$500.00 Board spending without member approval but the direction was received in the 1974 Minutes. A letter to all members asking for a yes or no vote was to be issued in early 1976 getting around the problem. The reply envelope was to be marked "Ballot" and would be opened at the Board of Directors Meeting. Non returned votes were to be taken as a no vote. It was then motioned by Leo Bratt that in view of the condition of the Betty Lou, it shall not be put back in the water in 1976 which was seconded by Al Balfour and carried. Anticipated needs for 1976 were life jackets, fire extinguishers, oars, anchor, ropes, paddles, a fold down top for the steel boat, repairs to the steel boats windshield making it larger in height by 6" and the required additional footing for the kitchen. A motion was made by John Haddow Sr. That all Camp cheques be signed by both the President and Secretary-Treasurer. Seconded by Ned Riley and carried.

Fred A. Isaacs had sent the Board of Directors a quote on a boat for Camp. The sent him a letter saying they had decided at the Board Meeting in 1974 to have him get Kenny Hayward to service the Betty Lou for the 1975 season and Al Balfour to get prices on a steel boat similar to Kenny Hayward's. They noted the boat Fred had submitted did not meet the objectives of the Club and the resolution as passed. The Board did not question the value of the boat, it was a bargain. When the membership was canvassed about the said boat, it was found that a commitment to a boat like this would result in a large amount of resignations and jeopardize the Club.

On July 7th, 1975 just before lunch, a guide from Island Lake came in to Camp to see if we had a phone to call Bennett's as there was a fire in the bush on the trail from Deep Bay to Island Lake. The guide had tried to put it out without success. Mario Ramos had his citizen band radio and tried to get a hold of someone while John Haddow Jr, Rob Haddow, Cam Crowe and Alex Minigan (cooks son) went out to fight the fire. After approximately 1 hour, Mario Ramos and Kenny showed up to lend a hand. The Department of Natural Resources had been notified and were coming in from Parry Sound. After digging and clearing trees and bush, the group got water on and around the fire from the swamp down below. It was under control then and pretty well contained. Kenny Hayward and John Haddow Jr. stayed behind to keep an eye on it and the rest went back to Camp. Half an hour later the men from the Department of Natural Resources came by and were directed to the site by members in Camp. They brought a pump and hose to wet down the area and as they began to spray the water, the flames shot out of the ground again. When the fire was out completely, the men from the Department of Natural Resources asked if they could store the equipment in Camp's boathouse as they wanted to return the next day to

ensure the fire was not burning underground. All the members who assisted with the fire fighting were remunerated by the government for their time and received thanks for their efforts. They were, Rob Haddow, John Haddow Jr, Cam Crowe, Mario Ramos and Alex Minigan. Each received a cheque for \$7.00 . Two hours at \$3.50 per hour. Kenny Hayward was also given \$7.00. The official cause of the fire was blamed on lightning by the Department of Natural Resources. The balance of the day was spent relaxing and bragging with a bit of fishing thrown in for good measure.

Camp help this year was Helen Riberdy and son Alex Minigan. Helen was fine but her son was said to have been a drawback. When Mrs. Riberdy left suddenly mid season, Mrs. Bottrell was called in and paid \$500.00 for the balance of the season. Total costs for Cooks fees for 1975 were \$1,326.00 .

Resignations (3) David Selby, Joseph Hartner, Rick Beaumont. All did not pay the initiation fee and yearly dues.

New Members (1) Michael Mitchell.

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