

## 1976

All elected Board of Directors met on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1976 at the Holiday Inn room 195, Windsor Ontario to prepare a list of “to do’s” and assign the work to members. Al Balfour reported on the Camp boat and safety equipment stating they needed five rechargeable fire extinguishers, seven new life jackets, 100 feet of half inch poly rope, three new sets of boat oars, 2 cases of Mercury outboard oil and one case of #30 inboard motor oil. He also reported that Kenny Hayward told him the canoe left up Farm Creek had gone missing. Al Balfour was to check with the Cook, Mrs. Bottrell, and find out what staples would need to be replenished as she had the leftovers from last season. A cabinet was required for storage in the boathouse and the Board authorized the purchase of the materials and a lock.. Kenny Hayward was instructed to get new Catamaran cables and ends, to lock the Johnson motor to the Catamaran with his own key as there were no more Camp keys available and to get a carburetor kit to rebuild the steel boat carburetor. The steel boat did not require painting this year but Kenny Hayward was to rebuild the windshield increasing it’s height 6 inches. It was decided that the Spring Work Party would use lumber in Camp from the old porch to make a new ramp to the docks. Kenny Hayward was advised not to bring in any more Camp wood. John W. Haddow was assigned the task of updating the Camp medical kit and to make up signs concerning the life jacket regulations and put them up in the boathouse. Les Sever was to pick up termite control liquid and apply it and to replace the 3 way switch to the poker table light during the Spring Work Camp. It was agreed to lock the Camp gas tank and tell members it had to be locked at all times. The tentative Camp Schedule was checked and the Camp Managers were to be contacted to confirm the Camps. Final details for the new boat were discussed as to size and design and a letter was to be drafted and mailed to the 46 members to authorize the expenditure. Finances were discussed and there was \$1,975.00 in the bank with Mr. D. W. Selby’s Fall Camp dues outstanding. All purchases of gas, propane, food and materials were in line with past years but detailed lists of purchases had not been submitted by Cliff Bennett and the Board was to let him know it was necessary in the future for payment of the account.



Betty Lou & Hyah-Hyah hulls.  
Picture May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 by Tim Inkster.

Ways to reduce the insurance costs were to be investigated by the Secretary - Treasurer. Foundation work, moving the Cabins, kitchen enlargement, lumber and dock floatation costs from 1974 & 1975 were to be declared as Capital Expenditures for taxation purposes.

What to do with the hulls from the Hyah-Hyah and Betty Lou was put over to the next meeting. [both are still on Kenny Hayward's property rotting as of January 19, 2003].

Hiring of the Cook for 1977 was left to Les Sever and Merv Wright with \$1,100.00 offered and \$1,200.00 the maximum for 11 weeks to be the pay. However, if they could get the Bottrell's again they would pay \$1,500.00 . John W. Haddow made a motion to hire G. Woods as Auditor, seconded by Ned Riley. Carried. (The audit on file was done by Banghart Kelly Doig & Co. Not G. Woods) The Directors sent a \$25.00 cheque to the Heart Fund in the name of deceased Mrs. Florence Wright, wife of Merv Wright. A limit of \$25.00 to \$30.00 was placed on flowers or donations for members or spouses in event of death. The meeting ended at 11:05 pm.

The Board of Directors met again on June 16<sup>th</sup> , 1976 at the Holiday Inn, Chatham, Ontario room #134. Leo Bratt was unable to attend and Honorary Member Fred Bray Isaacs attended. The deficit position noted on the financial statement was discussed in length. John Haddow noted that if this trend continues, the Camp will be bankrupt within the year. Ned Riley concurred. The loss in 1974 was \$1,070.83 and in 1975 was \$1,261.80 . The largest expense that was hurting the Club was the amount spent on meat. A letter to Camp Managers to reduce this cost was to be sent by Al Balfour. The bank balance on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1976 was \$2,864.28 with all dues and initiation fees collected. Ballots sent in by members were opened and votes tallied. This took a long time as many items had been voted on. The outcome of the vote was in favour of Kenny Hayward building the new Hyah-Hyah II, putting a new larger counter top and sink with cold running water in the bar area and replacing the gutter & down spout on the North kitchen porch. The ballots authorized the purchase of an electric coffee percolator, 6 volt batteries and 12 volt batteries but due to the low funds available the Board of Directors turned them down.

The Annual General Meeting was held in Windsor on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1976. It was decided that in future, Minutes of any meetings of the Board of Directors should be mailed to Camp Managers to keep them in the loop. A thank you note from Mrs. Ollie Tingey, Mr. Bedard's secretary, who did the books for the past 5 years and received a, jewelery, token of the Camp's appreciation. The Secretary - Treasurer noted he had \$3,300.00 in the account at the time of the meeting and Camp was owed Camp Fees of \$675.00 less the grocery bills of \$255.00 from Don Selby's Camp which had been mailed to the wrong address. Once this amount was collected the balance would be about \$3,700.00 . Capital improvement costs were way down in 1976 and included \$100.00 for downs spouts and gutter and the transom repair to the steel boat. The Building Committee reported that the cabins were all covered this year, the new support beam was under the kitchen but not in place as 1 more pier was needed, the new piers under the west wall near the kitchen door and sinking floor could not be done in Spring of 1976 but will be attempted again in the Spring of 1977, openings between roof boards and rafters was not completed yet, gutters could not be put on the west side of the high roof because there was no fascia board, bad lower sheeting board and rotted rafter ends and the kitchen sink still had to be reset and clamped. To eliminate duplication and overbuying, a motion was made by Doug Lauder and seconded by J. Haddow to entrust the new Cook (when secured) to buy all food and supplies required in excess of those now on hand and under no circumstance will any members purchases be compensated by the Camp without the Cook's authorization. The Camp Managers are to advise the Cook, two weeks in advance, of a general meat menu and number of people contemplated. A written price for the

building of the Hyah-Hyah was not in yet so the verbal price of \$3,000.00 was accepted by the membership. Al Balfour was to police and monitor Kenny's progress. A cheque was sent to Kenny for the steel purchase right away. Rob W. Haddow made the motion to name the boat "HYAH\_HYAH II", seconded by L. Sever and carried. Members days in Camp for the 1976 season were down but for the first time in 5 years, guest days were up. Camp rates remained the same for the upcoming 1977 season. Members \$18.00 - Guests \$23.00 - Off Season \$8.00 - Initiation \$125.00 .

The Board of Directors met immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Ned Riley had arrived late for the AGM and was brought up to date with the finances and arrears from the Selby account. More gas drums were to be looked into so Camp didn't run out of gas again as was the problem during the past season. A better propane service and spare supply was needed also. Additional Camp locks were ordered and had to be master keyed to the existing locks. A 9.9 Johnson motor with a damaged scag was to be taken by Kenny Hayward into Parry Sound for Heliarc welding. Al Balfour was to place an ad to hire a Cook for the 1977 season and make a new list of duties to include the ordering and pick up of food. \$1,100.00 for the season was the set wages by the Board of Directors.

Camp help this year was Mr. & Mrs. Kadey from Dunchurch.

Resignations (1) J. O'Grady had paid no dues in 1975 and resigned in February 1976.

New Members (2) October 1975 AGM - Pete Waller, Douglas Warford.

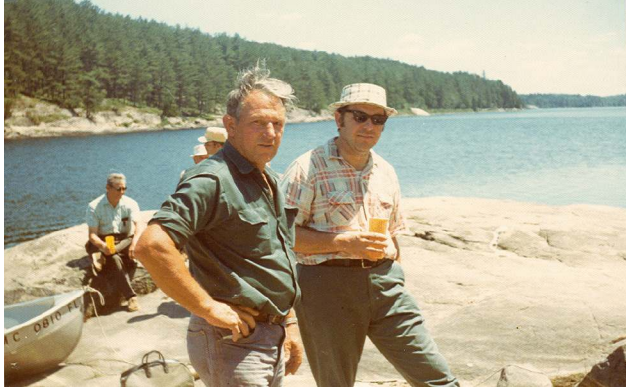
1976 Riley June Camp.



Gordon Long, Francis Tufts, Les Sever.



Shore lunch down river. Francis Tufts, Bob King, Les Sever, John Kennedy, Chris Teeter, ?, ?.



John Kennedy, Bob King.



What a great picture. Shore lunch down river with plenty of sun and great friends.

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