

1999

The Constitutional Committee sent in all the recommendations to the Board in time for the April 1999 Board Meeting and the draft was put together by me, the Secretary then sent out to all the members to view prior to the vote set up for the Annual General Meeting on October 24th, 1999. The meeting went very well and the turnout for the vote including proxies was 87.5%. The documents were read over with some being altered and was then passed by the required 80% vote for the Constitutional changes and close to 30% more than the 50% + 1 required (80%) for the Rules & Regulations changes, by the membership.

The gas pump was returned in the spring and installed by Rob Haddow. Unfortunately the company that did the repairs didn't fix it properly. Kenny Hayward had to be called over to assist in the installation and found that they had put the cups in backwards which caused the pump to blow air into the tank instead of pulling the gas up and out. We had a good laugh over this but were miffed at the fact we had paid good money to have it done right the first time.

The major scare of the year came on Sunday, July the 4th, 1999 when Keith Balfour had to rush an ill Bill Gracey from the Camp to the hospital in Parry Sound. It was determined that he had suffered a heart attack in Camp. Keith traveled back and forth to the hospital throughout the week checking on Bill and took him home when the doctors released him. Bill has recovered well since the incident. Bill came to the Annual General Meeting and on record he thanked Keith for taking care of him even though it caused Keith miss much of his time in Camp. At the October 24th, 1999 Annual General Meeting, Dennis Pettit offered to give a free course on C. P. R. to all members as he is a certified instructor and has all the items necessary to put the course on. The Board scheduled the instruction to be given immediately after the October 2000 Annual General Meeting to all those interested in attending.

Ned Riley had the next scare in Camp when he had to work with Kenny Hayward to repair the Onan generator that had seized up during the summer. At least with this scare, it was something you could go out and replace if needed, unlike Bill's case. Fortunately they were able to repair the generator and level it but more repairs or possibly replacement will be required.

All the bat houses have been installed and they seem to be working well. There were no bats in the 2nd floor of the Main Lodge where I sleep this year.



23' Crestliner purchased used in 1999.

The old Party Boat has been decommissioned this year after 29 years of service as the members authorized Steve Nyitray and Bud Lutman to purchase a used pontoon boat in November 1998. A 24' Crestliner. Upgrades were done to get the boat in top notch shape such as new floor and skids on the pontoons to lessen the effect from beaching. The cost was \$2645.00 for the boat, \$50.00 and a case of beer to transport it to Strathroy and \$175.00 in maintenance upgrades. Steve Nyitray got it up to Camp and installed the

motor and steering controls. Kenny Hayward was told to put the larger steering wheel on the boat at the end of the season or in the spring of 2000.

Ben Clarke repaired the chimneys on the Kenogan & Pulling Cabins.

Keith Balfour installed new water lines into the lake and set up the old line on a tripod so we now have 3 lines available. The gas fire pump was moved to a new location. Steve Nyitray and Fred Issacs re screened the widows.

Membership for the 1999 season was 40. A push was on to find new members as this number was too low and 8 new members were voted in and no resignations were submitted at the October 24th, 1999 Annual Meeting bringing the total to 48. The financial aspect of the camp is fine with two \$5,000.00 G. I. C.'s in the bank and cash on hand but we do want to purchase new motors soon and this will cut into the funds.

It was decided at the beginning of the season to offer Kenny Hayward a bonus each year if he was able to complete projects for the camp on time. His time is precious and spread over the whole lake so we felt this would be an incentive to him to take care of our needs on a priority basis. It worked and we paid him a \$300.00 bonus at the end of the year. We were pleased and he was pleased. Money well spent.

The hopes of getting hydro to the Camp were shelved this year due to the high cost to run in the line of around \$30,000.00 plus incidentals. At this time, the membership would have to get a bank loan to proceed and with new motors as a higher priority, the decision was made to stay on generators for now even if we have to buy a new one to replace, or possibly repair the old Onan.

The membership set up a Boat Committee and a Building Committee to research and prioritize work and purchases to and for the camp. Each committee was given a \$2,500.00 budget to work with in the 2000 season and were to bring these items to the Board for final authorizations.

Committee Members elected were;

Boat Committee - Steve Bachle, Steve Nyitray and Rob Glenn.

Building Committee - Keith Balfour, Ed Urbaniak and Vic Kinsella.

The Boat Committee was instructed to purchase one 9.9 HP motor for spring 2000 with funds above the \$2,500.00 budget of an additional \$1,700.00 .

The Lake Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association is currently working on getting the dam replaced on the Magnetawan River to help keep the water level of the lake up. The Camp members directed the Board to submit \$250.00 to them in trust towards a study to replace the dam. The members were asked strongly to write letters to the Ministers, M. P. P. and Reeves.

After receiving approval at their Annual General Meeting, tenders for the initial engineering work, were requested from STANTEC Consulting Ltd. , Tottem Sims Hubicki Associates and Georgian Engineering. Following an analysis of their submissions, an interview and a review by both the Dam (DEPENDS) Committee and the Executive, STANTEC was awarded the contract for the initial study at a cost of \$18,150.00 paid by the Association. A site visit to the dam was made on

October 9th , 1999 with the Final Report issued by STANTEC on November 30th , 1999.

In their study, STANTEC considered three (3) options:

- 1- Repair the existing dam. \$475,000.00 .
- 2- Build a new concrete dam at the same height as the old dam, some eighty (80) metres downstream. \$485,000.00 .
- 3- Build a new rock and crib dam at the same height as the old dam, some eighty (80) metres downstream. (Recommended) \$275,000.00 .

The Association is now analyzing this report in detail and will be working with the stakeholders (M. N. R. , Hydro, Township of Whitestone, Federal Government and Provincial Government.



What was Vanna thinking !!!!!
John Haddow Sr. Camp

Resignations (0)

New members (8)

Gerry Shaw, Jim McCallum, Rob Glenn, Vic Kinsella, Tom Kinsella, Pete Roth, Derek Stratelak and Darryl Lechner.



Riley Camp. At the dam September 1999.



Riley June Camp 1999. Down River.

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