

2002

The Board Meeting was held on April 14th, 2002 at the Village Inn in Sarnia. Opening of Camp was discussed and the roofing of the main lodge was set for May 10th to 15th. The fascia project was set to be completed this season and vinyl siding was authorized by the Board of Directors to be installed on the Pulling & Kenogan Cabin, which should be completed in the 2003 season. The above ground electrical wires were slated to be removed this season and a stronger gauge wire laid out to the water pump in the boathouse in an attempt to correct the, line loss, electric motor starting problem. Many of the jobs on the 2001 Cookie Jar List had been completed and the Camp was looking terrific. One more season of Work Camps was anticipated to complete the larger projects. During the 2001 season, the # 5 - 9.9-hp motor bought in 1997 had been dropped in the water running sucking water into the motor. Unfortunately it was not reported by whomever was responsible and the perpetrator just put in the boathouse where it rusted internally and seized up. The Treasurer, Bud Lutman, noted that he had sufficient funds for the opening of Camp even though major expenses had been paid for the last seasons work and money was set aside for this season's expenses. Also, the Camp's for the 2002 season have been almost totally taken so the revenues from this should be higher this year. The membership stood at 42 going into the meeting but it was found that John Gillies had not paid his 2001 or 2002 dues bringing the total to 41 current members. Reluctantly, the Board terminated his membership for non payment of dues. The Secretary, Tim Inkster, followed up on this matter and shortly after the meeting finding simple errors on the part of the Board and by John Gillies to be the problem, the result being, best of all, that John Gillies reinstated his membership and paid up his dues and assessments with late fees included (\$785.00).



Fred Arnold Isaacs. Picture taken in Camp July 2002.

Fred Arnold Isaacs and John Walker Haddow Sr. will be celebrating their 56th year as Members in Camp surpassing the record of 55 years set by Fred Bray Isaacs, who was Fred A. Isaacs' father and father-in-law to John W. Haddow Sr. They, John & Fred, started as guests of Fred Bray Isaacs in 1946. Congratulations were sent from the Board on behalf of their fellow members. On a sad note, Fred Isaacs' wife passed away on January 17th, 2002. Camp sent a donation to the VON in her memory.



John Walker Haddow Sr. Picture taken in Camp July 2001.

Larry Ancypa



Larry Ancypa got the copy of the old roll up map laminated at a cost of \$38.00 US and took it into Camp in June 2002. This will save a lot of wear and tear on the original roll up map.



Through this 2002 season, many Camps pitched in and undertook a task assigned to our cookie jar list. The major project this year was the roofing of the main lodge which took place in May and was headed by Tim Inkster and Rob Haddow. Danny Villeneuve of First Rate Roofing was hired to do the work (\$5,840.00). The group (9) took up the supplies to Camp in a cube van and Tim's truck towed a trailer. Kenny Hayward came to take the men and materials over to Camp May 10th at 11:15 a.m. in his barge

and large steel boat. Crossing the lake was not a lot of fun as it was very windy and snowing. It took a long time to load and get to Camp due to the weight being transported. We estimated it was more than 7,000 pounds of men and material. Arriving in Camp at 12:54 p.m., five guys unloaded the barge while four got to work on the main lodge roof, stripping and preparing for the new shingles. The Spring Cleanup was done by Rob Haddow and Tim Inkster while the roofers pounded away. A new insulated stainless steel chimney was installed in the Pulling Cabin by Rob Haddow and Tim Inkster.



A family of raccoons were discovered in the rear corner of the second floor during the cleaning and returned to the outdoors where they belonged. Many trips to the dump were made with debris and old junk. The roofers





worked right through to Monday morning and the job was completed. Rob and Tim stayed on in Camp and continued to clean up to get ready for the following Camps.

The second large project was the siding of the Pulling Cabin, shutter replacements and a lot of painting around Camp by Vic Kinsella and gang. A wonderful transformation was created

by these guys and all appreciated the amount of time and labour that went into this project. Vic had to be taken from Camp on August 8th and into hospital on the 9th. He is back on his feet again and they will continue siding next year on the Kenogan Cabin and the Cook's Cabin after that.



Many Camp's pitched in and did assorted work projects. Larry Ancypa's Camp painted the porch floor, cleared the shrubbery between the Main Lodge & Main Sleeping cabin and installed the hot water heater in the shower. Al Glover's Camp repaired the crow's nest on the kitchen, repaired the bathroom door, leveled paths, collected logs for firewood, cleaned out the boathouse and took garbage to the dump. Bud Lutman's Camp got the new drive shaft for the 48 h.p. installed, repaired the Hyah-Hyah, repaired motors & boats and repaired screening. Dennis Pettit's Camp re-chinked the front of the main lodge. Each and every Camp took part in some type of project and the Camp looks terrific for the efforts.

An in line water pump was purchased to get the pressure increased in the shower building. It did not do the trick by itself so a metal pressure bladder will be installed with it in the 2003 season by Vic Kinsella.

The 4 HP and 25 HP motors were put to rest this year. After many years of service they finally got to the point of no return. The 4 HP was discarded and the 25 HP is being used for parts.

The work on the dam continued through to completion in September 2002. Dennis Pettit woke every morning at 7:00 a.m. in his August Camp to the sound of a helicopter flying concrete to the dam site. This completed project should help keep our lake water level reasonably constant through the year. Members Steve Bachle and Tim Inkster assisted Andy Vurma of the Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Lake Conservation Association taking pictures during the construction for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Ben Clarke getting down and dirty.



The boat committee, Ben Clarke and Steve Nyitray, had enough work to choke a horse this season. Replacing drive shafts, water pumps, gears, props, exchanging motors and rebuilding the Hyah-Hyah. All this work for a few free Camp days and a bit of food allowance. A special acknowledgment for their selfless efforts was mentioned at the Annual General Meeting. These guys are dedicated & appreciated. Steve Nyitray got a great deal on a 2 cycle Mercury 5 h.p. motor at the London Boat Show, \$1,259.25 tax included and brought it into Camp in June 2002.

One of our 9.9 h.p. motor had been dropped in the lake running and then just put in the boat house in a cowardly act by an unknown person. It seized up because of this neglect and the cost to repair it was \$600.00 . Had it been noted and taken to Kenny Hayward it would have been remedied for about \$15.00 . These types of costs are ridiculous and this item was discussed in full at the Annual General Meeting. Steve Nyitray made a motion at the Annual General Meeting in October 2002 to make Camp Managers responsible for bringing in their own boat safety kits due to the fact that for the last number of years he had purchased replacement flashlights and assorted other items from the kits due to lack of responsibility on the part of members and guests. This was passed by the members.

Camp Members Dues were \$260.00 this year with an additional \$40.00 work camp assessment which was refundable to members who completed a job or 2 from the cookie jar list. Many members donated their refund back to the Camp anyway and many jobs were completed making the Camp look super. Fantastic Camps this year for revenues. Up almost 100% . This helped keep the finances in order with the large dollar amounts being spent upgrading the Camp. One can't help but think that the Camp improvements also added to the desire to bring friends in!

Member John Gillies had fallen out of the communication loop and had been terminated for nonpayment of dues. The Board had Tim Inkster track John down to see what was up or ask if he would send a letter of resignation. Tim got hold of him



Dam on the Magnetawan River below Camp. May 2002. Work completed in September 2002.

and through discussions got John Gillies to pay his arrears and late fees and had him reinstated as a member in good standing which was approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Repeated attempts to get a letter of resignation from Jim Steele by Tim Inkster and President Dennis Pettit failed and Jim was terminated for nonpayment of dues.

A used 14 cubic foot propane fridge was bought on the lake for \$500.00 in August to replace the white Servel fridge in the kitchen that died on September 1, 2002. The purchase of a brand new 18 cubic foot propane fridge was authorized by the members at the Annual General Meeting to replace the brown Whirlpool kitchen fridge which had been repaired but was getting on it's last legs. The cost was estimated to be \$4,000.00 for the new replacement 18 cubic foot unit.

Bears made their presence know to some in Camp this year. They came into Camp searching for food as the berry supply was poor. Fortunately they were still timid of humans and would run away with the slam of a door but it made for some uncomfortable walks down dark paths at night!!!

Dennis Pettit donated a large plaque to the Camp at the Annual General Meeting listing all the past President's of Morton's Point Camp from 1925 to current day. It will be placed over the fireplace and has room for many more names to be added in the future.

The Pussy Kat was taken off the lake in September by Tony of Dunchurch Marina for a good boat and motor overhaul for an estimated cost of \$1,200.00 . She will be brought back in time for the first Spring Camp of 2003. In all, Camp had a very successful year and Members and Guests reaped a lot of enjoyment from the time in Camp. The work done to date has improved the Camp greatly and we can now see a light at the end of the tunnel. The items on the schedule for the next season, 2003, will be refrigeration, generator servicing, shower building water pressure, stove pipes and the siding of the Kenogan Cabin and Cook's Cabin.

The past years spending on the major upgrade and maintenance items had left the reserve funds at under \$3,000.00 . Roofing, new boats, new motors and boat maintenance had cost over \$15,000.00 and the need to increase the reserves forced a \$100.00 assessment to be charged to each current member(\$3,800.00 expected). The assessment would have been higher if not for the higher than anticipated Camp Guest Fees collected through the season which was almost doubled that of last year. The top three Camps were Ned Riley's, Al Glover's, and Jack Campbell's. Thanks guys! Five new members were voted in to the membership in October which added an additional \$2,600.00 to the pot. Orlyn Lewis put up Bruce Herbert Jr for nomination after the Annual General Meeting and the membership voted him in by correspondences with the Secretary, Tim Inkster. This will put the reserve situation back on track but more assessments will be required in the near future to purchase the 2 new bar fridges, new motors and possible repairs to or new generators down the road.

Resignations (1) Jim Steele terminated for nonpayment of dues.

New Members voted in on October 20th, 2002. (5) J. Doug Spearman, Fred Rowles, Joe Deosd, Danny Villeneuve and Ted Petter. In post AGM votes Bruce Herbert Jr. and Dr. James Shelton were voted into the Membership.



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