

2006

January 2006.

Derek Stratelak notified the Board and Boat Committee that he had a line a free aluminum boat for the Camp. The boat had a motor and trailer as well. Steve Nyitray and Derek were left to investigate the possibility of procuring these for the Camp with the result being it was not worth having. The 2005 Camp History was put on the Historian's web site for Members to view and inspect it for correctness. The insurance premium for 2006 came in at \$3,754.08 and was paid by the Treasurer Vic Kinsella. Increasing the insured values fo Camp Buildings was to have taken place prior to Vic paying the bill but with the invoice paid and policy issued it was decided to leave changes to the 2007 policy. Members on line were polled to find out if there was enough interest to have the 16 mm films taken in Camp from 1928 by Fred Bray Isaacs transferred to DVD to save them for the future and allow them to be enjoyed by current Members. Not enough feedback was gained from this to have the Board make a call, so Tim Inkster felt he should proceed on his own to have one of the films transferred as a pilot project with hopes it would encourage the saving of the rest. David Ladore sent the Historian a web site containing names and pictures of past Camp Members who were also Presidents of the Windsor Rotary Club (1918). Hans Thorup took on the task of changing the sign on the Pulling Cabin which currently says "Pullan Cabin" and hopes to do it during his July Camp. Al Glover verbally resigned from Membership on January 21, 2006 stating new job and lack of available time as the reason. His written letter of resignation was submitted on January 23, 2006 via President Rob Haddow. Al's Camp Managers positions were taken over by so in law Mark Shaw. The Camp Web Site was updated by Web Master Steve Nyitray to include the 2005 History and current Newsletters. Bruce Herbert notified the Secretary that he was going to take over the Jack Campbell Camp as Camp Manager as Jack Campbell and Nathan Schonier were planning to submit their resignations from the Camp. Mobility and age were noted as the reasons for the resignations but hopes to come in as guests when possible was noted. Jack would send in a written letter of resignation when the Camp Manger position was secured by someone to continue the Camp. To end the month off, a Letter of Resignation was submitted by Gerry Shaw stating a recent move and traveling in his retirement as his reasons. Membership numbers dropped to 43 including our three Honorary Members with Gerry's resignation.

February 2006.

The Board of Directors had to ask Members if any more resignations were to be expected and asked Camp Managers if they expected lower than normal man days in the 2006 Camps early in February 2006 so they could see how the financial picture looked for the 2006 Camp budget. Many items from the Annual General Meeting were put on hold by President Rob Haddow so a full picture could be seen before allowing the Camp to proceed with these expenses. A worst case scenario would have been a loss of revenues in excess of \$6,000.00 . Just under 25% of the last years income. Two additional resignations came in from the correspondence sent out to Members. One from Orlyn Lewis noting age and distance from California as his reason and the other from Doug Spearman who said it was something he had to do. These brought the roster down to 41 Members. New Member Mark Shaw acknowledged that he was intending to take over the Al Glover Camps and expected similar revenues from the past for each Camp in 2006. The Board of Directors voted to put one of the boat purchases on hold as well as the chimney parts for the wood stoves in the Cook's Cabin until finances could be guaranteed with further discussions to be held at the Board of Directors meeting on March 26th. Nathan Smale told the Board that he was able to work on the old 4 hp motor and got it running. It needed a new impeller and one was purchased to make it useable in Camp this coming season. Mrs. Thorup, wife of Hans and mother of Dave and Jim, passed away on February 18th. A donation was sent by the Treasurer on behalf of the Camp.

March 2006.

Questions of how much insurance was needed to properly cover the Camp buildings had never been properly investigated. The Secretary worked on getting an appraiser into Camp in 2006 to evaluate the required amount. Steve Nyitray and Bud Lutman priced two new 14' flat bottom boats at \$2,000.00 tax included and asked the Board for approval to purchase them. They were felt to be too small and unstable for our needs and the Board decided not to proceed with them and to continue looking for 16' used boats as directed at the AGM.. Rob Haddow sent a revised estimate to Ed Bennett noting errors found on his original estimate for the boathouse crib work and asked him to confirm the amounts. Rob was also hoping he could have Ed look at the main lodge footings to see if there was anything that could be done while the excavating equipment was in Camp for the boathouse work which would save paying transport costs if done later. Tim Inkster noted this was something that the Constitution did not allow the Board to act on without a Members vote, but the investigation into the matter needed to be done in order to inform the Membership. Rob Haddow talked to Gerry Shaw and was able to encourage him to continue his Membership. Rob called Kenny



New 14' boats investigated.

Hayward on March 17th to ask how the Camp was fairing the winter. All things were well in Camp and Kenny only had to shovel snow from the porch room once. Kenny's storage shed roof had collapsed under the snow load which had prompted him to check the Camp. The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wellington Sportsman's Club. Derek Stratelak and Mark Farmer agreed to have it there to lower the cost of room rental. The main focus of the Meeting was a budget. With the number of resignations received to date, concerns were brought up about not having money to proceed with the purchases authorized at the Annual General as well as leaving a working balance for the end of the season. One used boat purchase, chimney purchase and assorted small items were placed on hold by the Board until July or such time revenues could be guaranteed for them. Bruce Eyre was noted as not accepting his nomination into Membership due to personal problems. The Main Lodger Foundation problems were discussed and investigation by the Building Committee and Board of Directors was the decided plan of action.

APRIL 2006.

Dunchurch Marina sent an e-mail to the Secretary informing him that they would be closing the doors of the operation at the end of June if no buyer was found. Ben Clarke and Vic Kinsella went up to the Marina on April 17th to see what was available to purchase for the Camp. Oil, rope, oil pump and spark plugs were put on our shopping list at the Marina. There were no 16' boats available and a pontoon trailer for sale was too expensive for our budget. Nathan Smale completed the rebuild of the 48 hp motor but found the starter was in poor shape. A new one was authorized to be installed so the motor would be in top condition for the season. The old 4 hp was also worked on but still needed work with hopes to be in Camp in July. A new lock box for down river was donated to the Camp by Nathan Smale.



Lock box down river.

MAY 2006.

Dennis Pettit opened Camp on May 16th. Everything faired well over the winter and no problems were encountered. The weather was very cold and stayed that way through the following Haddow Camp. The Bennett children took over the store this year from Ed and Marlene. Gas price at Bennett's was very high at \$1.34 per litre. In town was running \$1.09 for the mid grade gas . It was hoped this difference would not be continued through the season under the new management. The 48 hp motor was repaired over the winter and returned to Camp by Nathan Smale during the Kinsella Camp. Small motors were also tuned up but parts had to be brought in to repair one of the 9.9 motors so this was left to Steve Nyitray in the following Camp.



Fred Arnold Isaacs.

Honorary Member Fred Arnold Isaacs passed away peacefully at home with a beer by his side on May 28, 2006. The funeral was held at Graham Giddy Funeral Home in Fergus on June 1st. Many Members attended the funeral. The Kinsella Work Camp installed the vent on the shower hot water tank, got the 48 hp motor to Camp, installed it on the Crestliner, removed the old Pontoon II flooring, replaced the flusher on the toilet, repaired the weed eater and replaced the burnt out spot light on the Main Lodge.

JUNE 2006.



June Camps noted that the bugs were hot and heavy. The flooring on the Pontoon II was replaced by the Nyitray Camp and the canopy frame from the Pontoon II was installed onto the Pussy Kat. The leak in the Pontoon II tube was sealed by Ben Clarke.



The new storage box donated by Nathan Smale in April was modified to hold everything and taken down river and loaded up with the Camp gear. The old box was taken to Porcupine Lake and used for the boats there.

The 48 hp motor on the Crestliner broke down and stayed out of commission for the balance of the year.

One of the 16mm reels of film, from 1928, was transferred to VHS and then DVD by Tim Inkster on June 6th at a his own expense of \$109.25 .

July 2006

The flagpole was worked on during June and July to replace ropes and rotted wood. The generators were giving some Camp problems by draining the battery. The oil usage in the Onan was continuing and may Camps used the Kholer.



Brian and Cathy Soehner brought the ashes of Fred A. Isaacs, E. Sydney Isaacs and Verna Hae Isaacs to the July Haddow Camp. A ceremony was held to pour the ashes around Sandy Hook as per Fred's request. The Haddow group always holds a Tontine for Fred Bray Isaacs, Fred A's dad, and all were remembered. Cathy & Brian Soehner pledged \$500.00 towards the transfer of the 16mm films to DVD in memory of Fred A. Isaacs and Glen Noble offered another \$100.00 in a pledge. They gave a box of 400 & 50 foot reels to Rob Haddow to sort out what ones were Camp related.

During the Haddow Camp, a freak storm raced across the lake and blew the canopy off the Pussy Kat. Luckily no one was hurt, but the canopy did not survive.



A section of rotted log on the exterior of the building by the bar window at the kitchen porch area was cut out and face replaced by Tim Inkster and Rob Haddow. The 48 hp motor was removed from the Crestliner by Rob Haddow, Tim Inkster and Gerry Shaw. Nathan Smale took the motor home during the Kinsella Camp to see what went wrong.

Cell phones could be used this summer if you stood by the flag pole. This was a plus to the Thorup Camp who could keep in touch with home to see how Hans was doing. He had been in hospital but was getting better but not well enough to attend Camp.

The Kinsella Cam worked on the other motors in Camp and the 28 hp was found to be OK thank goodness. Nathan had looked at the Hyah-Hyah motor and eventually made an offer of \$200.00 to buy it which was accepted by the Board.

August 2006.

Rainfall in July and August had the lake levels very high. The Government Dock at Bennett's Bay had very little rise to it. Almost Spring level Steve Bachle noted. The Lutman Camp used Steve Nyitray's Argo and a log skidder to get a large tree from down river onto the Camp property to cut it up for firewood. More motor projects were completed by the group. Late on Tuesday evening of the Camp the group was called out to assist an injured girl in Deep Bay on a canoe trip. They got her out to a waiting ambulance at Bennett's Bay and from there she was taken to Ardbeg and flown out by helicopter to the Parry Sound Hospital.

The outhouse by the Cook's Cabin had a new roof installed by Tim Inkster. There were a few rotted boards and supports that had to be replaced and the time used on this work left the second outhouse roof undone.

The drivers seat on the Pussy Kat gave way and one of the new seats was taken from the other boat to replace it. A new marine battery was purchased for the Pontoon II and the spare was then put onto the generator.

All the Summer Camps noted excellent fishing and a large increase in Pike being caught.

Ned Riley had trouble with the Onan generator and had to use the Kohler. Work now had to be done to get the Onan into good shape. Eight more new Master locks were donated to Camp by Steve Bachle. The water level had dropped and left the Camp docks high and dry on the rocks. The new fireplace damper installed last year had given many Camps problems. Ned's Camp removed it as it caused the place to fill with smoke.

September 2006.

Work on the Boathouse footings was underway after the Riley Camp went out. Ed Bennett worked on the building while Bud Lutman was in Camp and the end product was great. Bud's group worked on repairing the siding that had come loose. Following Camps worked on grounds repairs and grass seeding. Cost overruns on the project came in at \$2,000.00 but was covered by the Board's budget. Bud Lutman and his Camp group repaired the siding on the boathouse and did some work on the grounds around it. Each following Camp spent time on the grounds as well with grass seed being sown in hopes of sod for the spring.



The rear slope behind the Boathouse was leveled off to make it easier to get trailers up and into the woods for future boat storage on the property. It was too soft to use this year.

October 2006.

Steve Nyitray and group once again closed the Camp for the season. Motors winterized, docks stored in the Bay, water system shut down, boat out of the water, etc... A very large job which is appreciated by all Members. Each year new methods will be put into effect until they have it streamlined.

A few jobs have been left over to the next season such as the lighting on the larger boats, horns and leak repairs on the Pontoons and 16' Crestliner. The 25 hp motor and a couple of 9.9 hp motors were taken out of Camp for service & repairs over the winter too.



The Annual General Meeting went well and Camp was in fine shape physically and financially. Tim Inkster brought in the DVD of the 16mm film from 1928 for Members to view. The group was told that \$600.00 had been raised to date to transfer the rest of the films. A lot of interest was shown in purchasing copies to cover the balance of costs. The group authorized the purchase of the 2 used boats with less restrictions to the size set at the 2005 Annual General Meeting as 16' boats had been hard to find. Another 9.9 hp motor was authorized for purchase by the Board and a used motor between 25 hp and 50 hp for a spare to run any of the larger boats when needed is to be bought by the Boat Committee. The Main Lodge footings is the major project being looked into by the Board and Building Committee. Ben Clarke was elected to Board of Directors replacing Rob Haddow and Mark Farmer continued for another three year term as Vice President. Ben took over the Board Members position, Tim Inkster the Secretary position, Vic Kinsella the Treasurer position and Derek Stratelak was placed in as President. Ned Riley was voted in as Auditor with Tim Inkster as assistant. Vic continued as Building Committee. Nathan Smale was voted in as Head of Boat Committee with Ben Clarke and Steve Nyitray as Boat Committee Members. Three new Members were voted in. Fen Vesecky of Dallas Texas, Troy Toner of Milton, Ontario and Chuck Thody of Waterdown, Ontario bringing the membership to 41 including our 3 Honorary Members. Rates were increased by an average of 5% across the board bringing yearly dues to \$330.00, Off Season rates to \$17.00 per day for Members, \$29.00 per day for relatives, \$37.00 per day for Guests, Summer Rates to \$25.00 per day for Members, \$58.00 per day for relatives and \$64.00 per day for guests.

After the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting went out, John Lauder pledged an additional \$600.00 to the transfer of the 16mm films bringing the total contributed to date to \$1,309.25 .

November 2006.

Glen Noble sent in his \$100.00 pledge towards the transfer of the 16 mm films to DVD. The Camp insurance policy was updated by Tim Inkster and the premium for the 2007 season came in at \$3,997.08 .

Steve Nyitray and Ben Clarke picked up three used motors for the Camp at a cost of \$750.00 .

December 2006.

Derek Stratelak hunted out a few boats and motors for the Camp with one coming in as described at the Annual General Meeting.



A 14' Meyers for \$600.00 US which came with a free trailer that could be restored for under \$125.00 . Rob Haddow completed sorting through the 16 mm films and turned them over to Tim Inkster who in turn started the process of getting the films transferred. Brian & Cathy Soehner and John Lauder sent in their pledged monies to Tim Inkster.

Tim Inkster started getting quotes for the transfer of the 16mm films to either VHS or DVD with the \$1,200.00 sent in by Glen Noble, John Lauder and Brian & Cathy Soehner. Five additional 7" reels of 16 mm film from Camp were found when Rob Haddow sorted through everything he had been given. Hopes were that these could get done with the money that had been collected so far by doing many price comparisons.

Resignations. (8) Al Glover, Jack Campbell, Nathan Schonier, Orlyn Lewis, Doug Spearman, Joe Devost. The above by Letter of Resignation. Bruce Eyre declined Membership. Honorary Member Fred Arnold Isaacs died May 28, 2006.

New Members. (3) Fen Vesecky, Chuck Thody, Troy Toner.

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