

2007

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the date R. M. Morton and Ed Kenning went looking for suitable sites for a fishing Camp on Lake Wah Wash Kesh on September 6, 2007. (See the 1907 History section at www.mortonspoint.com)

January 2007.

Membership yearly dues for 2007 were \$330.00 and Camp fees were up by 5%. The Membership was at forty one (41) including the three (3) Honorary Life Members (John Walker Haddow, Willis Ball and Hans Thorup).

The 16 mm film transfer project was well underway and Nick Mozzoni of World Video Conversions was chosen to do the work by Tim Inkster. The master copy of the three DVD set was completed on January 30, 2007. Twenty eight (28) First Edition Copies were ordered by Tim Inkster. The final cost of the transfer ended up at \$865.60 which was covered by donations from Tim Inkster, Brain & Cathy Soehner, John Lauder and Glen Noble. A price was set to sell First Edition sets at \$25.00 Cdn plus postage and handling with all profit going to the Camp. One copy was purchased by Steve Bachle and donated to be put into Camp for in Camp enjoyment. Another set was purchased by John Lauder and gifted to Tim Inkster for his work and dedication to the project.



The purchase of the 14' Meyers boat and trailer was completed on January 6, 2007 by Derek Stratelak.

The Camp insurance policy was modified on January 11th to correct technical errors found by Tim Inkster in the written policy . There was no effect on the cost for the year which remained at the quoted \$3,701.00 .

The purchase of three used motors for a total of \$750.00 was announce by the Boat Committee. A 50 hp Force 1 long shaft, a 40 hp Johnson short shaft and a 28 hp Johnson long shaft. All were 2 cycle made in the 1960's to mid 1980's.

Rob Haddow had discussed the \$2,740.00 overages (73% cost overrun) from the original estimate from Ed Bennett for the boathouse repairs. The explanations given by Ed were sound and the cause found to be that too many Members had talked to Ed Bennett during the construction and more work was done than in the original estimate due to their input. The lesson was learnt by all that only one Member would be in charge of any project in future. The overage cost was charged to the Board of Directors 2006 \$3,500.00 budget which was able to absorb the cost.

Nathan Smale tore down the 48 hp and took the crank shaft to be machined. It was found that this could not be done and an additional \$200.00 over the estimated cost to machine the original was requested to buy a used crank shaft in order to finish the work on the motor (used crank shaft \$390.33 plus shipping). The board had to decide if a motion by Dennis Pettit made at the Annual General; Meeting in October 2006 negated the possibility. It was found not to apply but the Board was not willing to make a judgement and the matter was to go to a Members vote. In the end, a donation was made to cover the cost of the crank shaft through monies submitted by Cathy & Brain Soehner and Glen Noble which had originally been sent in to cover costs of the 16 mm film transfer which came in under budget. Rather than receive a rebate of the funds, they were applied to the crank shaft cost in memory of Fred Arnold Isaacs. Nathan Smale donated his time for labour to rebuild and reinstall the motor which was easily a \$500.00 value for the Camp.

It was discovered that Kenny Hayward had not taken out the Kholer generator panel for repairs in the fall of 2006. He was asked to get it if he got across the lake to check snow loads on the Camp roofs.



Donelda Hayward had a hysterectomy this month and was set to go on Chemo Therapy.

February 2007.

A cd containing pictures of the Main Lodge footings was sent to Ed Bennett by the Secretary so he could offer some solutions to Rob Haddow who was charged with the procuring of an estimate.

Official announcement of Honorary Life Member of Morton's Point Camp status was sent to Hans Thorup on February 5, 2007.

Money was requested to repair the old 4 hp but in the end it was remembered by the boat Committee that the motor had been scrapped by motion at a previous Annual General Meeting

due to it's constant breaking down and the waste of over \$300.00 for repairs in past years. The Board instructed Nathan Smale to dispose of the unit so it would not surface again.

March 2007.

Errors had been noted in the December 31, 2006 Treasurer's Report by Tim Inkster and Ned Riley did an audit of the Camp books. He met with Vic Kinsella at the Wellington Sportsman's Club on March 23rd to accomplish this with the findings to be sent to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting in April.

Plans were made to bring the 14' Meyers boat & trailer from Michigan to the April Board Meeting between Derek Stratelak and Steve Nyitray. Discussions with the Board and Boat Committee resulted in a decision being made not to get papers for the boat and trailer as the boat was going down river and the trailer would never be used on the road after delivering the boat to Camp.

April 2007.

Kenny Hayward had been unable to get into Camp this winter due to poor ice on the lake so the Kholer panel was still not out for repairs with concerns it would not get done in time for Camp opening in May. Ben Clarke was looking into a dealer in the London that could repair the panel. Discussions started between the Board of Directors and Rob Haddow to allow him to knock out the bad piers under the Main Lodge and build a temporary crib to allow the beam to be lowered and remove the excess pressure being placed on the floor. Rob also asked if he could jack up the kitchen and install new lumber on the rotted supports. The Board of Directors supported his request and set an amount of \$350.00 aside at the Board of Directors Meeting to purchase any materials he needed. Vic Kinsella was able to get some large barn lumber donated by his son in law that could be used for temporary supports and save purchasing anything new. Derek Stratelak picked up the Meyers boat and repaired the lighting on the trailer and bought new tires for it at a cost of \$42.50 US. He donated his time and material to paint the trailer.



Wellington Sportsman's Club.

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wellington Sportsman's Club on April 15th. Camps had all been accepted and finalized for the season. Wm. E. (Ned) Riley was complimented on his 40 years as a Member and Tim Inkster noted that he plans to nominate Ned for Honorary Member status without dues at the October Annual General Meeting. Repairs and maintenance items from the Annual General Meeting were ongoing and the Boat Committee told the group about the three motors they had purchased for \$750.00 which need a small amount of work to get ready for Spring. The Board authorized expenses of \$60.00 plus tax for a new boat seat, \$250.00 - \$300.00 for the Aunt of Nathan Smale to sew a new canvas Bimini top for the Pussy Kat, \$100.00 for new plywood to make a floor in the 16' Crestliner and \$350.00 for material for the Main Lodge repairs. Ben Clarke and Ned Riley spoke about the Camp generators and the fact that there would be no power in Camp for the opening Camp. A number of options were looked at from new to used generators. Due to the Main Lodge expenses we could be looking at, two Onan stationary generators found by Ben Clarke that one, a 6,500 watt Onan which had been rebuilt by the company and another 5,000 watt Onan for parts to repair our old unit were decided on as the 6,500 watt unit could be put into Camp and work right away and the old repaired, all for under \$1,100.00 . The Kholer panel was also to be rebuilt as per motion from the Annual General Meeting so the possibility of having one unit to sell to recoup money in the end was available also. This would give us some leeway time before expending thousands on a new one and allow financial freedom for the Main Lodge work. A stainless steel counter top with double sinks was donated by Ben Clarke and the Board allowed \$50.00 for parts to install it. Only one boat had been purchased to date so the 9.9 hp motor being looked for by the Board was left on hold until a second boat was found as per the motion from the Annual General Meeting. Rob Haddow was asked to continue investigating the Main Lodge requirements and to get Ed Bennett's friend into Camp to inspect the fireplace. The Board talked about correspondences and possible by-laws or protocols to ensure errors were avoided during fast paced e-mails. This matter would be dealt with over the balance of the season with any modifications brought up at the Annual General Meeting. The meeting went very smoothly and took just over 4 hours to complete everything which proved that e-mails were making a big difference and were a positive overall. \$1,900.00 of the Board's \$3,500.00 yearly allotted budget had been used to date, mainly for the generator work, which left finances in good standing for the balance of the season. Ned Riley brought information on what would be required for a water pump so loads on the generator are reduced and the Board decided to seek a full price before proceeding. Profits of close to \$700.00 from the 16 mm film to DVD sales were given to the Treasurer with notes from Brian Soehner, Cathy Soehner and Glen Noble to use part of the proceeds to cover the additional costs

for repairing the 48 hp motor with the rest going to general funds. Also a set of tools was purchased with proceeds for use by Committee Members in Camp. The Board Minutes were sent out to Members on May 2nd.

May 2007.



Bill Inkster working on the new 6,500 kW Onan Generator. May 2007.

The new Meyers boat & trailer, the 6,500 watt Onan generator, chimney parts for the Cook's Cabin and lumber for the Main Lodge and 16' Crestliner floor were brought into the Inkster Work Camp by Ben Clarke. Tim Inkster donated a DVD VCR player to the Camp but power fluctuations from the new Onan caused the donated DVD VHS player to burn out.

The Boathouse piers had not moved and the new grass was filling in well around the work area. The barbeques in Camp were in a bad state but with a lot of work they were made usable with hopes the Board would authorize a new one and parts for the backup unit. Ben Clarke and guest Bill Inkster spent over 16 hours working on the Onan generator. Things did not go as well as was expected due to power surges from the unit, boards burning out, coils failing and the unit not charging the battery up when running. It took until July to finally have it working within reasonable parameters but not on demand. The lack of good power put some of the work camp jobs on hold until the Haddow July Camp. The spring Camps were very good about accepting the shortfalls with power which was appreciated.



Rob Haddow and Gerry Shaw worked on the temporary piers for the Main Lodge. The main beam was braced with jacks and the bad concrete block piers were knocked out. The building shuddered and the jacks were driven into the ground when Rob Haddow broke away the last block and the outer walls came back to rest on the exterior piers. The beam in the center has to relax and allow the bend to come out before it will settle down on the temporary piers but the improvement to the interior floor was very noticeable. It was different enough that the propane bar fridge had to be re-leveled as it stopped working after the Haddow Camp before the Kinsella Camp arrived. Unfortunately worms had been left in the fridge and they had gone bad. Phew!!! The support base for the bathroom had rotted and the building had to be lifted during the Haddow Camp to get blocks of wood under to balance the floor and allow the toilet to be supported by the floor. More work was still required.

The 48 hp motor was returned to Camp and installed on the 18' Crestliner by Nathan Smale during the Kinsella Camp. They also lifted the kitchen up 3" with plans for 3" more in the fall as Kenny said not to do it all at once or it could cause damage to the walls. More work and parts

were required for the Onan generator and the Kholer was not running yet either. Kenny Hayward had reinstalled the rebuilt panel but it did not work. A brand new panel was then ordered for the Kholer by Ben Clarke. Nathan Smale used his cell phone to send the Secretary the first recorded text message from Camp.

June 2007.

By the end of the Nyitray Camp, the 48 hp motor went down with electric wiring problems and the boat & motor were taken to a mechanic, Steve Crosswell, on Mary Street in Ahmic Harbour. He had been highly recommended but by the July Haddow Camp we still did not have the trailer, boat or motor back and he could not be contacted. Ben Clarke installed the new water pump in the boathouse. The Onan was worked on again with new points & coils required. This time Ben got it going on demand but not charging the battery. This was short lived as the demand panel failed by the end of the week. Several leaks / cracks were found in the Pontoon II. As long as it was not overloaded it was felt it would be OK to use. It had to be beached during the Mark Shaw June Camp.

Moreen Poddington of the Municipal Property Assessment Board dropped into Camp while Larry Ancypa was in. She did a walk through and made notes. Hopefully this will get our property taxes reduced. Bill Waters reported damage to the 40 hp prop at the end of the Ancypa Camp and the prop was changed over by Mark Shaw when he got into Camp. The Isaacs Camp did in the spare and broke a section off the skeg at Hyde's Island and had to take in the two damaged props and buy a new one to put on the Pussy Kat.

July 2007.

The Mark Shaw Camp had a great income week with \$1,100. coming in. The new Onan generator was still not working on demand, the 18' Crestliner was out of service due to the 48 hp being down and the Pontoon II leaks had it out of commission. Still a good time was had by all. Another DVD VHS player was brought to Camp and donated by Tim Inkster to replace the unit burnt out in May. He also donated more thermometers for the fridges and stove to make it easier to tell how the appliances were running. The cost to run hydro cables to the Camp were found to be \$35.00 per metre which would cost around \$70,000.00 from where it currently is on the lake. All Camps noted how much gas the new Onan generator used. The fishing was reported as good to great by the majority of Camps. A new Bimini top for the Pussy Kat was taken into Camp and installed. It needed some adjustments and was taken back out by Nathan Smale so his Aunt could work on it. Enough material was available to have his Aunt make up two tops. Nathan had gone into Ahmic Harbour to see what was required to get the 48 hp motor working but the Board

advised that nothing be done to the motor due to the standing motion from Dennis Pettit that it be scrapped if problems occurred.



Honorary Member John Walker Haddow passed away in London on July 31, 2007 at 3:30 pm.

August 2007.

Steve Bachle donated a Camp DVD of the 16 mm films to the Camp for all to view. The use of cell phones in Camp was increasing and Mark Farmer used his Blackberry Wireless Device to send an e-mail to the Secretary from Camp saying they located the missing keys and had put them upstairs in the Penthouse Suite for Tim Inkster. Parking was becoming an issue at the Government docks this year and some were forced to park on the road leading to the other docks

at Indian Narrows. The weed whacker in Camp was noted as dead in August. It had been giving prior Camps trouble as well so hopes for a new one were to be sent to the Annual General Meeting. The florescent light fixture over the card table burnt out and a standard bulb unit was put up temporarily by the Bachle group. Ben Clarke and group replaced all but one of the florescent light fixtures in the Main Lodge and also removed the last of the knob & tube wiring that was still live in the kitchen. A new ground fault plug was installed in the kitchen replacing the broken unit. Red squirrels were getting into the snack foods forcing Camps to be more careful with what was left out. The Herbert Camp went through all the propane gas lines and repaired leaks they found.

A memorial Service for John Walker Haddow was held on August 17, 2007 at A. Millard George Funeral Home in London. Many continued on to the Haddow home afterwards.

September 2007.

The Onan generator quit working due to panel problems and the Kholer was put on line. The Camp was fortunate to get through the season with the units but hopes were high to have them both in good order for next season. Farm Creek Club had installed a solar power system last year and Rob Haddow went over to talk to them about it. They run lighting, refrigeration and small electronics with it and said a system supplying our needs would be about \$5,000.00 . Ed Bennett told Rob Haddow that the Main Lodge leveling would require an engineered concrete pad to do it properly at a cost of \$60,000.00 . To do drainage and a similar footing as the Boathouse would end up around \$30,000.00 as the fireplace would have to be taken down and rebuilt. Work done by Rob Haddow in May had resolved the buckled floor issue and the old footings were holding. A fireplace builder was to be on the lake working and Ed Bennett was asked to get him in to have a look at the cracks in the fireplace and the base under the lodge to see what was required. Derek Stratelak took the material for the Grumman seats and bow home to work on it there with plans to get it back and installed next spring.

October 2007.

The work done by the Building Committee lifting the kitchen was going well.



Nathan Smale instructed Kenny to get the Pontoon II out for welding to repair the leaks even if he has to rent a trailer. Work is planned to get the base of the bathroom replaced next season. The Nyitray Closing Camp went well and a list of materials was made to get the water lines designed to allow the use of the air compressor to drain all the lines. Ben Clarke took the outboard motors to Camp. Of the three motors bought last November, one was left in Camp working, another had a stripped plug in the head which was to be swapped next season and a 50 hp Force motor was not worth trying to get going.



The Annual General Meeting was held on October 21st at The Village Inn in Sarnia. Finances were strong and no new surprises were introduced. Dues and fees remained the same but a new pricing for under 19 year old guests was voted in at ½ the going rate. The age minimum was dropped from 14 years old to 10 years old in Summer Camps. Off Season Camps remained with no minimum age requirement. Ben Clarke said he believed he would have the Onan and Kholer

working well next season and plans to buy a new generator were put off until the next Annual General Meeting with a motion in place to buy a new power source in 2008. Mixed Summer Camps were applied for by the Isaacs, Bachle and Glenn Camps. A vote to change the Constitution failed. The motion from 2006 to purchase another 16' boat and a newer 9.9 hp motor was put on hold due to the unknown costs for the Main Lodge fireplace and foundation work. Three new Members were voted in, Bruce Eyre, George Gray Jr. And George Gray Sr.

Yearly dues and initiation fees remained at \$330.00 . Camp fees remained the same at;
Members - off season \$17.00 per day, summer \$25.00 per day
Relatives - off season \$29.00 per day, summer \$58.00 per day
Guests - Relatives - off season \$37.00 per day, summer \$64.00 per day
Children will be charged 50% of the applicable rate.

Future Meeting Minutes will provide an area for Committee Heads to provide a detailed report at the Meeting without interruption followed by a question period as is currently done with the President's Report. This will allow the Committee to get points out without the topics being bounced around and remove interjections by Members during the report as well as make it easier for the Secretary to record & produce the Minutes. Each Committee Head will have the option of doing this, or they may allow their section to go straight to discussion.

The increase in the use of e-mail & web sites to send out Camp information, Minutes, etc... has saved the Camp printing costs in the area of \$300.00 per year. Steve Nyitray and Tim Inkster are still personally funding the operation costs of the Camp Web Site. A computer crash during the 2007 season lost a lot of information. Steve Nyitray got the back up files from Tim Inkster and reloaded the site but things had gotten behind because of this.

November 2007.

With the introduction of child rates at the Annual General Meeting, the Camp Fee Submission Form had to be revised. The Secretary provided the new form to the Treasurer, Vic Kinsella, and it will be used starting in May 2008.



The Insurance Broker for the Camp advised Tim Inkster that they were pricing the 2008 Insurance through ING Insurance. Amounts of coverages on the Camp Buildings was increased. Main Lodge from \$190,000.00 to \$200,000.00, Boathouse from \$30,000.00 to \$37,000.00, Cook's Cabin from \$14,000.00 to \$16,000.00, Kenogan and Pulling Cabins from \$7,000.00 each to \$8,000.00 each. The generators were dropped from the policy and the listed insured contents remained at \$16,000.00. Economical was the current insurer up to December 31, 2007 at midnight, but it was felt by the Broker that ING would now be better for the Camp. Marine insurance was declined by the Membership in 2002 and this was to be continued. It did leave the Camp open to liability in the event of a marine accident but the costs had gotten prohibitive.

December 2007.

December came and went without any real news or updates. Rob Haddow was still trying to contact the bricklayer about having the Main Lodge fireplace and base inspected. Plans were left to get him into Camp in the May Camp if he had not been into in October while he was doing another build on the lake. Economical Insurance may not be chosen for the 2008 policy. ING Insurance was asked for a quote through Ford and Chambers Insurance Brokers.

Resignations: (2) John Walker Haddow died July 31, 2007. Jim McCallum terminated for non payment of dues March 31, 2007.

New Members: (3) Bruce Eyre, George Gray Jr. And George Gray Sr.

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