

2008

January

The Camp insurance was switched from Economical to ING for the 2008 season using Joe Potter at Ford and Chambers in Hamilton. The cost came in at \$3,701.00 plus 8% PST. The biggest challenge facing the Board over the winter was preparing to have all the generator, boat and motor problems resolved by the end of the 2008 Spring Work Camps. Rob Haddow worked to get Bob Hicks organized to do the fireplace base work in July which had been estimated at \$1,500.00 .

February

Rob Haddow started corresponding with a fellow he knew of about solar power for the Camp needs. Tim Inkster was getting information on Northern Lights diesel generators (later Ned Riley got prices near him as the Mississauga firm Tim dealt with went under). Ned also got quotes on Onan gas models) . Camp Managers firmed up their Camps and “guesstimates” for the 2008 season income looked good. The change at the 2007 AGM to having a Board Member at the head of a committee hit a few bumps with correspondences, but was quickly put on track and proved to work keeping information flowing throughout the season. The summary of the 2007 Repairs & Maintenance costs showed spending of \$2,698.35 on the generators (6500 Onan - 5500 Onan & 4000 Kohler) and the Camp was no better off with power than in the fall of 2006. Only the Kohler was working at the end of the 2007 season but not on demand.

March

Larry Ancypa was sent a letter of congratulations by the Secretary for his 25th anniversary as a Member of Morton's Point Camp. Steve Nyitray was working on the Camp Website, updating files and creating space for new ones. Two members were granted dues payment extensions of 60 days without penalty by the Board of Directors because of financial circumstances. These dues were in well before the 60 day extension set by the Board. Honorary Member Ned Riley submitted his dues even though he was exempt from doing so. John P. Lauder, a fine Member since 1985, submitted his letter of resignation to the Secretary on March 30, 2008. He noted that it was with heavy heart that he submitted the letter after agonizing for months while making the decision. President Derek Stratelak wrote, *“While it is always sad to learn of the resignation of a long time member, I totally understand the position that John finds himself. This said, living on Vancouver Island is indeed a fantasy. The hunting and fishing, not to mention the fantastic scenery leaves no doubt that John has found a wonderful location (of course it's not equal to camp, but, a close second). Good luck to him. Derek.”*

Larry Ancypa. Picture taken June 2007.



April

The Audit Committee, Ned Riley & Derek Stratelak, traveled to the Wellington Sportsman's Club to go over the books and due to minor items did not close the books in time for the spring meeting. The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wellington Sportsman's Club on April 20, 2008. All Board Members and Committee Members attended. Finances for the year to April 19th were at \$11,640.87 after projected opening expenses. The main lodge foundation work, generators and boat motors were largest topics covered. The rebuilding of the two docks was approved by the Board with a third new dock to be constructed from salvaged wood from the others with a cost allowance of up to \$1,800.00 . The expenses for the work on the generators (including purchase costs) was re-totaled to \$2,555.30 from

the January figure of \$2,698.35 by removing a maintenance cost. This topic was investigated in depth. The past meeting minutes showed it had been expected to spend \$1,100.00 for a "running system". Due to the near 250% cost overrun the Board asked for all generator costs to be pre approved for the 2009 season. Work Camp projects and Members job lists were made up by the Board Members and the Camp Schedule was finalized by the Secretary. Kenny Hayward had not taken the Pontoon II off the lake for the estimate to weld the support cracks as had been asked, so the Boat Committee was told to follow this through and get Kenny to have it done ASAP.

May

Cost for parts to continue the work on the water supply system came in from Steve Nyitray at \$350.00 . The 28 hp and 40 hp Suzuki skegs which had gone to Maple Island for rebuilding over the winter were returned to Camp by Kenny Hayward.



He put the one skeg on the Pussy Kat in time for the Inkster Opening Camp on May 10 but could not find the bolts for the 28 hp motor. The spring run off had the water level 2' above the concrete pad at the Government Dock in Bennett's Bay making it necessary to park the Pussy Kat on the road to load up! This level was not above the high flood point from the past but was very close. Many cottages close to the water lake had been flooded. Gas prices at Bennett's were \$1.79₉ per litre at Bennett's store and Camp Managers were all asked to pick up gas in town as it was 50 cents per litre cheaper. The 18' Crestliner was out of service as the 40 hp motor on it had a damaged head and the 28 hp motor was not together yet.

During the Inkster May Opening Camp, the Kholer carburetor choke flap broke leaving the Camp without power as the Onan was also not working.

Fortunately Tim had brought his small 1200 watt generator just in case and it sufficed for the operation of lights and small electric tools. Camp Managers Rob Haddow & Vic Kinsella were called from Camp by Tim to tell them to bring up one with them too. The carburetor was removed by Kenny Hayward and taken to Ben Clarke by Dennis Pettit to see if it could be repaired. Luckily it was a simple mend and only cost \$5.00 and Ben Clarke supplied the labour. The carb was sent back to Camp with Vic Kinsella and Bruce Eyre was asked to service the electrical portion of the Kholer once the carb was installed. Rob Haddow had Bob Hicks come into his camp to estimate the work on the fireplace base and hearth. The base estimate repairs was \$1,500.00 and the stone work in the lodge was estimated at \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 . The base would have to be done first, then the rest next year if the base work was successful.

The Board authorized the \$1,500.00 cost for the base work to be done in July 2008. Rob tried to switch the 40 & 28 motor onto the 18' Crestliner with Kenny Hayward but they could not get the 28 hp motor running. The Kinsella Work



Camp tore apart the first dock and found heavier rot damage than initially thought. Wood taken up for re-decking was mostly used to completely rebuild the one dock with plans to get more wood to complete the second dock and make the new one from the salvaged wood. A temporary repair was done to the bathroom building to shore up the rotting foundation. The Kinsella Work Camp put in a bill for \$300.00 to cover their gas and food expenses which was below the amount of money the Camp offers under the Rules & Regulations for food expenses alone.

June

The May Work Camps had everything, except a back up generator, up and running in time for the Shaw Spring Camp. A remote start / stop controller for the Kholer was added in the kitchen by Ben Clarke to eliminate the need of running back and forth to the power plant to turn on and off the power due to the loss of the on demand panels. High water continued to create docking issues both in Camp and at Bennett's Bay for all June Camps and it was reported that the only thing visible of the painted "Sandy Hook" was the top of the K.. The falls at the top of Lovesick past Cameron Island were sending through a tremendous amount of water and the boats could get right up to the falls without problem. The down river motor box was surrounded by a crop of poison ivy and the Evenrude motor only ran for 5 minutes and quit on the Ancypa group. The 9.9 hp Johnson motor there was missing the safety kill switch clip but was Gerry rigged to work. High water levels down river made the lunch rock unrecognizable but fishing proved successful although less than normal. The 40 hp motor on the Pussy Kat started to act up and the problem light come on in early June and for following Camps. The oil level was fine though and it ended up being caused by damaged gears in the bottom end later in the season (August). The Kholer generator continued to work well for the Camps but the 6500 watt Onan was not working yet. Bob Hicks was scheduled to do the work on the fireplace base in July by Rob Haddow. Problems with the water supply getting to the Main Lodge turned out to be caused by clogged pipes. Once the sludge was removed from the feed line that goes into the second floor it worked fine and did not have to be primed after that.



July

The 6500 kW Onan generator was removed from Camp by Ben Clarke, to be worked on at home. A diode problem was found during the Isaacs Camp along with other repairs that were best done at home by Ben so he could be closer to suppliers as he worked on it. The Board was also continuing the requirement for all expenses to be authorized first.



Bob Hicks and 4 helpers came into the Haddow Camp and did the work on the fireplace base at the quoted \$1,500.00 price and also did a few cosmetic repairs on the fireplace stonework inside so we could tell if there was any "new" movement over the next year before starting the balance of the work required. His workers were very tidy and left the area looking as if it had not been touched. Two full days with 5 men working was required to do the work. They were brought in and out of Camp by Rob Haddow in the 18' Crestliner to save barge costs from Kenny. A prop slippage problem on the 28 hp motor was found to be from a rubber bushing on the prop and once a new prop was installed later by Ben Clarke the problem stopped. Six plastic lawn chairs

and two electric lamps were donated to the Camp by Rob Haddow. The Memorial Service for Honorary Member John Walker Haddow was held during the Haddow Camp and the flag was flown at half mast for the day. Few fish were caught during the Haddow Camp but the catches made were very large fish. Water was coming down the chute at Lovesick so fast, the 16' Crestliner could not make it up. The Grumman was able to make the trip as it was a lighter craft. The roof of the outhouse by the power plant was shingled by Tim Inkster. A thunder & lightning storm went through the area with violent winds during the Haddow Camp which caused two of the dock arms to come off sending the two docks, with boats attached, colliding together. Fortunately no boats were damaged and the group was able to repair the damaged arms to reset the docks. Propane deliveries to the lake were poor and it was a struggle to keep propane in Camp. The reason was because Kenny was not delivering the tanks and cottagers were helping themselves to full tanks before they really needed them making the supply of fresh tanks low. The Camp web site size was increased to handle 2.5 gigabytes of content by Steve Nyitray with hopes of including Camp videos as a feature on the site. The cost relating to the expansion was covered by Tim & Steve.

August



Suzuki 40 hp damaged gears.

The Bachle Camp had the 40 hp Suzuki bottom end quit on them, leaving the Camp without either pontoon boat. The Pontoon II welding estimate was not done yet and the boat was still on the lake at Hayward's beach. The bottom end of the Suzuki motor was removed by Ben Clarke during the Rob Glenn Camp and taken to Georgian Bay Marine for repairs. Calls from Ben in Camp to the Secretary to have the Board approve the repair at a cost of \$1,238 were answered the same day. "Proceed". Cells and e-mails were showing how well things go using technology even though some call them a curse in Camp. The Servel propane fridge in the kitchen developed a leak in the cooling system, filling the lodge with a heavy ammonia odour, during the Herbert Camp. Kenny Hayward came to inspect the unit and pronounced it "dead at the scene". Once the Servel unit was shut down it was

noticed that the new fridge CO detector did not shut off the new fridge anymore, so the leak from the old unit was determined to be the cause of that nuisance factor.

September

The DePater Camp go the bottom end back on the Suzuki motor. They also brought in a 50 hp Evenrude motor that had been swapped for by using the broken Johnson 48 hp and the three motors purchased in the fall of 2006 as even trade. Two elements on the Magic Chef stove had rusted out and were not working properly. Ben Clarke was able to clean them up satisfactorily enough to get the season out of them but they would have to be replaced in 2009. Ben Clarke did some repairs on the Onan generator at his own expense and got it going and planned to take it into Camp during the October Closing Camp.

Ben Clarke found information a new Crystal Cold propane fridge in the States (\$1,995.00 US) and the Board decided to take it to the Membership at the Annual General Meeting for approval instead of getting it right away. Derek Stratelak installed the new seat and bow material on the Grumman as well as purchased & installed a new seat for the boat. One of his guests donated a huge pile of adult reading material which was stored under the stairs out of sight because of the following mixed Camps who might not appreciate such literary artifacts!!! Steve Bachle noted the Kholer generator was having battery charging problems which were dealt with by Ben Clarke in a following Camp. Steve Bachle had brought his own 2200 watt generator to Camp and hooked it up to the Onan wiring allowing them to use everything in Camp satisfactorily except for the microwave oven. The Haddow Camp installed new down spouts on the Main Lodge to keep the run off water from going under the lodge and around the



fireplace base. The Kinsella Camp painted them. Remaining shutter work was authorized without sets costs but it was noted to keep the cost within reason.

October



The Onan generator was brought back to Camp by Ben Clarke. It would work but had a problem with the choke so it was left off line. A automotive style electric choke was donated by Steve Nyitray to be installed by Ben Clarke next June. A new after market prop was installed on the Evenrude 50 hp on the 18" Crestliner which fixed the plane problem and idling speed. Steve Nyitray made a motor bracket to use on the docks allowing him to put a motor on the docks to move them to Parson's Bay which will save wear and tear on the Pussy Kat which was used in the past to push them over. The new water line system was blown out using the air compressor which should stop any frozen / burst lines having to be repaired in the May 2009 Opening Camp. The water lines to the second floor and bar sink of the Main Lodge were taken off the feed line and the feed line taken straight to the kitchen which increased the water pressure there and removed the galvanized lines from the system that had given blockage problems to other Camps. New lines for the bar sink and second floor sink will be run at a later time. Two 9.9 hp motors and the 20 hp motor were taken out of Camp for service. The 20 hp motor is to be switched back to a tiller by Nathan Smale. One of the 9.9 hp motors was noted as having issues. Lake Partner secchi disc & water temperature readings taken over the 2008 season were sent by e-mail to the Ministry of Natural Resources by Steve Bachle.

The Annual General Meeting was held at The Village Inn, Sarnia on October 26, 2008. The Secretary and Rob Haddow were an hour and 15 minutes late for the meeting due to missing the 402 cutoff by 128 km. They called Derek Stratelak to let him know they would arrive late and the meeting began without them. Highlights were; The treasury funds came in at a health figure of \$26, 225.00 as of September 30th. The Audit Committee was able to finally accept the Treasurer's Report from the 2008 Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Five new Members were voted into the membership. Two new 9.9 hp motors were authorized to be purchased as the Board saw fit with the Treasurer to ensure we had finances for them with an approximate allowance of \$5,000.00. A new propane fridge purchase was authorized with an amount of \$3,000.00 allowed. A new gas generator purchase was authorized with a cost of \$5,000.00 allowed. The microwave oven in Camp was found to be hard on the generators and a motion to get rid of it was passed. Burners for the Magic Chef stove were authorized for purchase on e-Bay at an allowed cost of \$100.00 . Pleasure Craft Operator Cards and the September 2009 deadline for everyone to have one were discussed and a new rule put in place roughly stating that every Member who wants to use a Camp boat must supply the Secretary with a photocopy of their card. Members without a card can not operate a Camp boat. Guests allowed to use a boat by a Camp Manager must also have card with them. It was noted that some age groups have to have the card to operate a boat right now and it was left to each individual to know the law. Rates, dues and fees were not changed from the 2008 set amounts. Treasurer, Vic Kinsella, finished his term and did not run for another. Nathan Smale was elected to the Board of Directors and was given the Treasurer position. He will computerize the books which will be a great asset. Derek Stratelak remained as President, Mark Farmer remained as Vice President, Tim Inkster remained as Secretary and Ben Clarke remained as Board Member. Audit Committee elected was Derek Stratelak (Head) & Ned Riley. Boat Committee elected was Mark Farmer (Head) , Nathan Smale, Steve Nyitray, Ben Clarke, Building Committee elected was Nathan Smale (Head) , Vic Kinsella. Generator Committee elected was Ben Clarke (Head) .

November

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting were sent out to Members on November 6, 2008. The Camp insurance policy was renewed by the Secretary, Tim Inkster, with ING through Ford & Chambers Insurance Brokers in Hamilton for \$200.00 less than 2008 even though increases to coverage amounts for building and contents were increased. The listed buildings on the policy are covered to \$305,655.00 and listed contents are covered to \$16,320.00 .

The Board authorized the purchase of one 9.9 hp 4 cycle Yamaha motor with a second to be bought if finances are deemed OK by the Treasurer. Rob Haddow put a \$200.00 deposit down (December 2008) to hold two (2) motors, tanks & lines at Bay City Marine in Hamilton for the Camp at a cost of \$2,230.00 each, plus tax. Ben Clarke noted the chainsaw had required service and had been taken out of Camp by the Closing Camp for repairs. The shop had informed Ben that a screw had broken off the choke and sucked into the motor damaging the piston and piston walls making repair costs more than a new chainsaw. The Board discussed buying a bottom end Homelite / Poulan or an equivalent chainsaw to our deceased Husqvarna (other makes - Stihl, Johnsered & Echo) and decided that due to the amount of use and abuse the Camp chainsaw gets, a high quality unit was to be purchased. Ben Clarke purchased the new chainsaw, one model up from ours, with Board approval, for \$455.16 . The old chains can have links added so they work with the new chainsaw. The warranty was increased to two(2) years by buying a 6 pack of oil deal as well. Mark Farmer let Ben Clarke know he could take delivery of the propane fridge when it was bought and he could store the fridge until it could be brought over the border. The Magic Chef stove parts were received by Derek Stratelak who will take them to the Spring Board Meeting. Cashing of Camp cheques in the States was becoming a problem due to high bank fees charged to process it and their holding of the funds until the cheque cleared.

December

Ben Clarke picked up the new chainsaw and said he would bring it to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting in April so it can go into Camp with Tim Inkster in May 2009. His investigation into the new fridge pricing got a quote of \$1945.00 US with a \$300.00 US shipping cost to Mark Farmer. Ben noted there is no CO monitor on this fridge but the supplier will install a CSA sticker and it comes with a magnetic mount thermometer to read the freezer / fridge interior temperature. Ben was still working on a reasonable price for the new generator. The year end financial report (*submitted in January 2009 by departing Treasurer, Vic Kinsella*) showed the Camp to be in a fine position with a cash flow of over \$24,000.00 which would cover the items slated for purchase at the Annual General Meeting without touching any of the incoming 2009 dues & initiations.



Resignations: (1) John P. Lauder by letter of resignation March 30, 2008.

New Members: (5) John Fenwick Vesecky, Ryan McLeod, Kyle McLeod, Carl Rockburn, Al Glover (past member from October 1991 - January 2006).

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