

2009

The year started out with the payment of the insurance policy in the amount of \$3,781.08 and this was not the end of the large payments to be made through the season due to budgeted and authorized purchases from the last AGM totaling just over \$24,000.00 . The Camp was in a very good financial position coming out of 2008 but due to the recession and worries in the job market, income expectations for the year were held low and the Board of Directors had to watch the finances closely. Two members were granted deferments for their 2009 dues payments and were able to maintain their membership but one member had to submit his letter of resignation due to a job loss causing a financial problem. Ryan & Kyle McLeod, stepsons of Jim Thorup, had to turn down their memberships granted at the 2008 AGM due to a move and a financial factor. Due to the financial turbulence seen through January and February, the Board of Directors worked together to determine the best approach to the spending ahead of them and decided to proceed with the generator and fridge purchases first, then work through the rest of the expenses as they got a better feeling of money coming in from dues by the end of March and what an expected camp income for the 2009 season might be.



Ben Clarke worked with the suppliers for the fridge and generator and was able to come in under the allotted amount for both. A US draft was sent out in February by Nathan Smale, Treasurer, for the new 18 cu. ft. propane fridge in the amount of \$2,065.00 US. By the Spring Board of Directors Meeting on April 5, 2009, the Board had gained back some financial confidence and again proceeded with many more of the purchases set at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. All Camp Managers were asked to do their best to buy gas in town as Bennett's price was still

\$1.79.9 at the pump. In town prices ranged from \$.89.9 to \$1.15.9 through the season.





The Inkster Opening Camp and following Haddow Camp could not get the water pump to prime and water was bucketed from the lake for the first camp. First thoughts were that we had a frozen water line, but this was proven not to be the case and the fault lay within the piston pump itself. The water tank in the woods was filled using the fire pump for the Haddow Camp. The new chainsaw was taken in to Camp by Tim Inkster and it had a workout right away to remove a large pine tree that had fallen across the water tank lines right beside the water tank. Fortunately there was limited damage to the new manifold system and this was fixed right away. Both the Kholer and the Onan generator had problems during the Inkster / Haddow Camps and a personal generator brought to Camp by Tim Inkster was used while the others were down. A larger portable generator was brought up by Gerry

Shaw for the balance of the Haddow Camp but Rob Haddow and Kenny Hayward got the Kholer generator working again so Gerry's was not used. The Onan gas line problem persisted through the Kinsella Camp. Rob Haddow brought up the two new 9.9 hp 4 cycle Yamaha motors purchased from Bay City Marine in Hamilton for \$5,047.72 and broke them in for the most part, then left a note for the Kinsella Camp to finish the break in period during their Camp.



The following Kinsella Camp replaced the old water pump unit with a jet pump which shortly after they left camp, burnt out, and the jet pump was later returned for a refund. They worked on the dock rebuilding project and got the first one done, but replacement of the rotted base was not expected and the additional repairs used up the better part of the wood purchased for work to repair both docks. The second dock was put over to a following trip in. The group removed the old 14 cu ft fridge from the kitchen in preparation for the arrival of the new 18 cu ft fridge and was able to repair the gas valve so it did not leak. The Kholer generator limped through for the Camp and the Onan was still down.

The Nyitray Camp brought up and installed the new propane fridge and the new Onan stationary generator (generator \$3,339.00 US plus cost of a small amount of wire and welding of a mounting bracket). Rob Glenn was contacted before the group headed up to Camp by Ben Clarke so a part could be picked up in Mississauga that was found faulty when testing the new generator before heading to Camp. Rob Glenn paid for the part on his VISA card (\$930.00) and was credited when the faulty part was returned. The new generator was a blessing to all 2009 Camps and worked extremely well. By seasons end, over 900 hours of use were recorded. Ben Clarke contacted the Board to say the jet pump installed by the previous work camp was burnt out (too small for the load) and was given Board approval to buy and install a new piston pump & electric motor from O'Rourke Auto Electric & Electric Motors in Parry Sound to match what was there before, at a cost to the Camp of \$1,005.70 including tax. The cost was put against the Board budget, the second large bite against the Board budget this season. The old pump portion was to be sent to a neighbor for inspection / estimate by Nathan Smale to see if it could be rebuilt as a back up, and the electric motor section which was recently purchased by the Camp, was returned to Camp by Nathan Smale. The pump was found to be worn and not worthy of a



rebuild. The Porcupine & down river motors were taken by Steve Nyitray and guest Bill Herridge. Steve Nyitray had purchased 2 boat motor locks which use a camp lock from Guillevin International for \$58.76 tax included for use on the new 4 cycle Yamaha motors in Camp.



An account was set up by Ben Clarke with United Propellor & Marine to repair the Camp props. Members had to take the tagged props to McKellar Marine for pick up by United Propellor and they would return them to McKellar Marine where they could be picked up by

anyone heading into camp. It was noted by Ben Clarke that the 9.9 hp props were not worth repairing as the cost was too close to the cost of buying a new replacement one.

The late spring camps were having trouble with the septic system backing up into the toilet and in June Camp Manager Larry Ancypa asked Bennett's to pump out the septic tank as Larry could not recollect it ever being done since he became a member. The cost took everyone by surprise as it ended up being \$950.00, with \$500.00 being charged to the Camp Managers account and the Board budget covering the balance, but at least the problem was solved. "Who knew shit was so expensive" was the key phrase for the year! Parts for the shower valves were installed to stop the leaks and the burner in the water heater was cleaned up as it was burning poorly and which caused soot buildup on the exterior of the tank.

By July, the Boat Committee was still facing problems with the shifting on the 50hp motor on the 18' Crestliner. Even Kenny Hayward was stumped as to what the problem was. Ben Clarke eventually got the shifter problem rectified but another problem came up requiring a new power pack for the motor which was bought by Ben Clarke and installed later. The old fridge was taken to the dump by Ben Clarke who had a bit of excitement when the fridge fell off his truck and rolled into the ditch after leaving the Government Dock. With help from a passerby, Ben got it back on the truck and to the dump.



The July Haddow Camp picked up Bob Hicks for the inspection of the fireplace. He found there had been a small amount of movement over the winter but this had no ill effect on the base work done last year. The main beam was settling well but had come to rest on an old pylon. This pylon was broken down by Rob Haddow so the beam could continue its settling path to reach the height of the new footings installed by Rob Haddow and Gerry Shaw in 2008. Poor weather that haunted all 2009 Camps so far continued with heavy downpours and cold weather.

A propane leak at the regulator was caught and repaired by the Thorup Camp when they entered Camp. Recommendations were made at the October AGM that the connections be changed over to new flexible lines for 2010. The uncommon thing for a July Camp is that firewood was in high demand with lows of 8 C. The front stairs to the boathouse had rotted so the Thorup group repaired them. A Red Squirrel had taken up housekeeping in the kitchen and was causing havoc by getting into everything and destroying things to make its nest. Multiple times through the week the group ripped out the nest. Kenny Hayward turned 75 and was wished well by the group.



The July Kinsella Camp brought in the wood to complete work on the docks during the camp, as well as beams for the kitchen foundation repair which was left for their return in the fall. The fun for the week was having a large number of bats flying around in the dining room. A dead birch tree on the pathway to the Kenogan and Pulling Cabin was felled and left for firewood. Vic Kinsella noted that he had to clean up a lot of crap and leftovers from all the fridges and chastised previous Camp Managers for letting it build up to such a mess because the rule is, if you bring food in and don't use it, take it out with you.



By the August Bachle Camp, we were down to only 3 operating boats in Camp due to breakdowns. Running were the Pussy Kat, the Grumman and the 16' Crestliner. Down river was down to one working motor due to a pull cord break on the #12 motor. The remaining motor had idling problems but would restart. Below normal temperatures and high winds were recorded for the week but the time was enjoyed. The light on the boathouse side of the main lodge was replaced.

The August Rob Glenn Camp noted the Porcupine Lake motor and paddles etc... were fine but a red Auldbrook boat leaked terribly. The strange thing with that report is that the Camp did not own a red boat at Porcupine and our second boat seemed to be missing. Rob Glenn ran into major problems down river as both motors were non operational. He had taken down tools and parts to do repairs so his nephew could have a day on Trout Lake but spent all his time trying to get the motors to go to no avail and returned to Camp very frustrated and disappointed that his nephew didn't get to enjoy the down river experience. Ben Clarke made arrangements for motors to be swapped out down river for the following Camps. The group had some wet weather for their time in camp.



The August Pettit Camp enjoyed a R&R camp with one trip to Dunchurch for gas. Warm weather and small amounts of rain made for a great week. On the Friday, the canvas Bimini top on the Pussy Kat was torn 2' from the front in the center by a severe gust of wind.

The Bruce Herbert Camp had few problems during their Camp. A change of battery for the CO detector unit for the kitchen fridge and repairs to the drain in the kitchen were undertaken. Fishing at the skidoo bridge down river proved excellent. While out in the boat the group got a lucky break when stopped by the O. P. P. and just given a warning for not having a full safety kit on board. Bruce had not realized the Camp Manager was made responsible since 2002 for supplying their own boat safety kits. Departure day was rainy and windy.

The August Glover Camp came into Camp under heavy rain and lightning. They waited at the dock for 2 hours for the storm to subside but eventually headed out, storm or not, and men & gear were thoroughly soaked by the time they arrived in Camp. This was a first time to Camp for most Guests, workers from L K Q / Keystone in London, Burlington and Oakville, and although they had a wet trip in, the balance of week was good weather and highly enjoyable. A wood run was done to replenish the stock pile.

The September Depater Camp found damage to the Pussy Kat prop when arriving and took it to McKellar for repairs. Later they found the 16' Crestliner prop damaged as well and bought a new one at a cost of \$158.20 . No notes had been left by the Glover Camp about hits to the props. The water heater in the shower was noted to be blackening the front with soot residue but still working. The burner had been cleaned up by Larry Ancypa earlier in the year but it had now reached a deteriorated point which needed to be addressed for the 2010 season. Great weather and fishing was noted too.



During the September Stratelak Camp, the Pleasure Craft Operator Card came into effect (on September 15th 2009) making it law for all boaters to carry a card while operating a motorized watercraft. The Secretary had already put out a blitz of notices right from January 2009 to September 2009 and the majority of Members had a copy of their card in to him as required by the new Rule & Regulation passed at the 2008 AGM. Those who chose not to get the card lost their rights to operate a camp motorized boat. Derek Stratelak noted that there was a lot of boating activity on the lake, more than he had ever seen at that time of year before. No notes had been left explaining the missing seat on the Grumman or the rough running of the motor which bothered Derek. During the week, the Pussy Kat Suzuki motor quit and would not restart.

Calls were made to let the Board and Boat Committee know and arrangements were looked into to rectify the

problem. The following (Haddow) Glover Camp found it to be from water in the tank & lines, fortunately. The balance of the birch tree was cut up and split.

Rob Haddow allowed Al Glover to use his September Camp time. While Al's daughter and group were down river fishing, they smelled smoke and found a fire in the woods on the North Shore towards Deep Bay. Using cell phones, she called Camp to get help from Kenny and the fire department was called. The Camp fire pump was brought down river and used to fight the fire. The unit and some gas was left with the fire fighters to use overnight and picked up the next day. Thanks was given by the fire department and coffee mugs were left in Camp by the firefighters. The ground had been so hot, the bottoms of the running shoes worn by Chuck Thody and Mark Shaw were



melted off! The 18'

Crestliner lost it's reverse gear again during the camp. Frustrations were high with having such a nice boat and a motor that was not dependable and Al Glover called Rob Haddow from Camp to let him know the 40 hp Suzuki motor on the Pussy Kat was OK and had been affected by water in the gas, but also said to Rob that it was time to get a new motor for the 18' Crestliner at the Annual General Meeting and for the Camp to quit "dicking" around with old motors. A new lock was installed on the bathroom door and plenty of firewood was brought in.



The September Kinsella Work Camp was not pleased with the state the boats as they had to remove all sorts of plastic and bottles from them. The kitchen supports were installed which lifted the kitchen 6", but the work took much longer than anticipated. As well as the time, other problems were incurred and uncovered. The kitchen drain was found broken off under the lodge so all water from the sink had been going under the floor and around footings for what appeared to be a long time. The drain pipe was repaired by Nathan Smale. Other beams under the kitchen were then found to be in need of replacement as well and measurements were taken for materials required so work could be authorized at the October Annual General Meeting for completion in 2010. The red squirrel that had tried to



inhabit the kitchen gave up trying to live in the kitchen. The Kinsella group caught the bugger setting up shop in the upstairs lounge this time and evicted him again! The balance of the dock repairs were also completed with a final cost being \$2,128.50, but a third dock discussed previously was not built because the Pontoon II not being in Camp anymore made it unnecessary. All members present at the October Annual General Meeting applauded the work done by the group on the docks and the kitchen.



An oil painting of the Camp was taken from Camp. It was there all season for all to see and make silent auction bids on. Al Glover got the painting for his bid of \$50.00 .

The Nyitray Closing Camp was able to get everything done and still have a good time in Camp. The use of Steve's Argos makes for a much easier go of things. A large tree was felled and brought in so the Spring Camps will have more than enough wood to burn. Boats were hauled out of the water and left in a better location for the Opening Camp as they have to manually get them back into the lake in May. Docks were equipped with 9.9 motors and driven to the winter storage area in Parson's Bay. This has proven to be much easier than pushing them over with the Pussy Kat.



Eight new locks and a hydraulic jack were donated to the Camp by Steve Bachle, Ben Clarke donated a \$75.00 power pack for the 50 hp motor, Ned Riley made a financial donation as did Fen Vesecky. All were thanked for their donations by the Secretary. A walk to the down river Skidoo bridge proved excellent for fishing.

The 50th Annual General Meeting was held on Christina Street in Sarnia. The hotel had changed it's name from The Village Inn to The Quality Inn but was the same otherwise. A 93% turnout was achieved including proxy votes submitted. Revenues for the year were healthy and a good reserve of money was available for 2010. Gas consumption had increased significantly for 2009 from the previous year but cost could have been much worse if many had not bought gas off the lake. The use of the 45 gallon drums to get cheap gas from town will be undertaken by Rob Haddow in 2010. The group also decided that only mid grade gas, or high test gas where mid grade is not available, is to be bought due to the numerous water in gas problems we faced in 2009. Kenny Hayward was paid \$2,500.00 for his services this year which is down about 50%. This shows the Inkster Opening, Kinsella Work Camps and Camp and Nyitray Closing Camp are saving the Camp a lot of money. The 2008 Treasurer's Report was audited and accepted by the Audit Committee after a few questions were answered prior to the meeting. The Camp Schedule is in a year which pushes Camp dates out of whack. A bit of finagling had to be done by the Secretary, Tim Inkster, in order to fit in all the Camps which was completed a few weeks after the meeting. One resignation, Troy Toner, was noted for 2009 but Troy was re-applying for Membership at the meeting. New Members voted in were Troy Toner, Tom Vesecky and Mark Foster. Membership total was now 46 including our three (3) Honorary Life Members, Willis Ball, Ned Riley and Hans Thorup.

The most important item voted for was to buy a new, "in the box", 2008 40 hp E Tec motor found for sale on line by Rob Haddow in Dunnville Ontario to be used on the 18' Crestliner.



The Boat Committee was told to prepare a report for the Board of Directors on what old motors and generators are to be sold off. The Pussy Kat will be taken off the lake in the spring of 2010 for a full service and to investigate the Pontoons for possible leakages. Flooring repairs on the Pussy Kat were authorized using wood from the Pontoon II (in London) which was scrapped at the meeting. Beautification of the Pussy Kat was left over to the October 2010 Annual General Meeting. The base of the bathroom replacement and additional work required under the kitchen was approved. The last chimney for the Cook's Cabin did not get installed this year and will be on the 2010 list. Bar fridge replacements were discussed but held over to 2010. The insurance quote from Ford & Chambers in Hamilton for the 2010 season came in at \$3,978.72 and was accepted. Rates dues and fee changes were made to the rules & regulations. For Members... Off season rates are \$18.00 per day - Summer Season rates are \$25.00 per day. For relatives... Off Season rates are \$29.00 per day - Summer Season rates are \$58.00 per day. For Guests... Off Season rates are \$36.00 per day - Summer Season rates are \$64.00 per day. Child rates remained at 50% of the applicable rates. 2010 Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association memberships were approved for Board Members and 2 docks permits

for 2010 were approved to be ordered as well. Mark Farmer was re-elected to the Board and a vote was held to decide between incumbent Ben Clarke and Rob Haddow. Rob was elected. At the Board Meeting following the AGM, Rob Haddow was elected as President for the 2010 Centennial year due to his family ties to the camp dating back to Original Member W. H. Isaacs. Mark Farmer remains as Vice President, Derek Stratelak will sit as Member of the Board, Tim Inkster remains as Secretary and Nathan Smale remains as Treasurer. A number of recommendations for possible Centennial projects were discussed and a Committee was set up including Dennis Pettit and Tom Kinsella to investigate ideas to be brought to the Board of Directors attention.

The last summer camp slot had been used as a fall camp time by Ned Riley for the past few years and the time was taken on by Al Glover as a full time summer camp. A fall time slot was found for the Riley camp for the 2010 season but will be have to changed around again for the 2011 season.

The E-Tec motor was picked up in Dunnville by Rob Haddow in October. It was stored in the garage at Tim Inkster's house until April, 2010. Cables and controls for the motor were set to be purchased in the spring of 2010 and installed at Bay City Marine in Hamilton with Rob Haddow offering to transport the boat back and forth from Camp with the Camp paying \$100.00 for his gas.

Resignations: (1) Troy Toner by letter of resignation May 29, 2009 with plans to re-apply for membership when finances improved.

New Members: (3) Mark Foster, Tom Vesecky, Troy Toner.

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