

2011

The practice of allowing a grace period for dues and fees to be submitted was eliminated and dates noted in the Rules & Regulations for such payments were now to be adhered to. Membership dues were up from \$330.00 to \$350.00 per year but extra man day fees and guest fees remained the same.

In January, the Board was beginning their search for a back up generator with many models being considered. The Pussy Kat had not been taken in for welding in December as planned due to the amount of snow that fell which stranded the Pussy Kat where it was stored.



The Pussy Kat was taken in for welding to Hully Gully Marine in London by Nathan Smale and was completed at a cost of \$678.00 tax inc. The Board was also looking at a BBQ found by Rob Haddow at the Bass Pro Shop for \$400.00. The Tentative Schedule for 2011 was filling well with only 8 empty days left open. The new year brought a computer virus problem to Sean Smale, the new Secretary, which made the need for any Secretary correspondences to go through the Treasurer, Nathan Smale. There were additional problems encountered between servers used by the Board Members which caused some not receive e-mails and / or attachments. Eventually this was cleared up.

By February, the old 50 hp Evenrude motor, that had been dropped off by Rob Haddow in his mom's garage in London, had been picked up by Ben Clarke. At this time, Ben had all the old units being sold in his shed and was trying to sell them off. Ben was also working on the drafting plan for the new dock ramp for the Board to preview, and was working on the sale of the old Onan generators for \$500.00 which was anticipated for the end of the month.



Other purchases authorized at the 2010 AGM, such as the fridge, pontoon trailer and canoe, had been discussed by the Board of Directors but left for closer to opening camp time to purchase. One problem that had been found out by Ben Clarke was that a 14 cubic foot propane fridge was not available at all, and the Board accepted buying a 17 cubic foot all fridge unit in lieu.

Rob Haddow had continued his correspondences with Valerie Ella of Macquarie Private Wealth, to try and have the missing share from the Morton's Point Limited company bought back by the Camp from her client. Valerie noted that the client was grateful for details recently supplied to her by Rob Haddow, but she was not sure of the client's future plans, as the share certificate was passed down to him by his father, but she would pass on the request for him to sell it back to the Camp and encourage him to be in contact with Rob Haddow. This was the last the Camp heard about the share.



The Camp Web Site continued to be financed and operated by Editor Tim Inkster and Web Master Steve Nyitray. Many updates & improvements to the site had been completed by Steve since the previous year, keeping it fresh and new.

The Camp Insurance Broker, Ford and Chambers, was bought out and now operates under the name Morrison Insurance with our contact people, Joe Potter & Olga Lamb, remaining the same. The offices were merged together in April 2011.

March found the Board of Directors in a dilemma with what type of canoe to buy. The motion supplied by the Membership was not specific and multiple possibilities made it very difficult for the Board Members to reach an agreement. The canoe ended up being left un-purchased, with the motion to be sent back to the Membership at the 2011 AGM in October for revision. In addition, a Gheenoe canoe to be used up in Farm Creek, proposed by Rob Haddow for the Board to purchase, was not supported by the other Board Members. Rob felt it had incorrectly been listed on the 10 year plan as a low priority as many camps noted to him they wanted one at Farm Creek. The purchase of a craft for Farm Creek was also left over to the next AGM for the Membership to make a call on. Steve Bachle donated a small punt to the Camp for use in Farm Creek.



The 2010 Treasurer's Report was sent out to Board Members in February by Treasurer Nathan Smale in preparation for the April Spring Board of Directors Meeting, and it showed a \$1,214.29 increase in revenues from 2009. Most revenue areas were up with only Guests Fees and donations showing as down from 2009. All in all, the Camp was on solid financial ground. The report was covered in the March Newsletter to the Membership.

The Audit Committee (Steve Bachle & Ned Riley) met with Nathan Smale (Treasurer) on March 17th at the Wellington Sportsman's Club and inspected the books. Much of the audit work had been done previously and the books were accepted. Plans were made to request the purchase of bookkeeping software to make the audit & bookkeeping easier in future. The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wellington Sportsman's Club on April 17, 2011.



By April, the new propane fridge, BBQ and pontoon trailer had been purchased. The fridge, found by Ben Clarke, a Crystal Cold 17 cu ft all fridge unit cost \$1,706.91 (*under budget by \$793.09*) ...

and the pontoon trailer, found by Mark Farmer, a 24' crank up unit with all the goodies cost \$1,735.06 (*over budget by \$735.06*). Mark also picked up the new BBQ at a cost of \$375.04 (*under budget by \$124.96*).



One of the Camp 9.9 hp old outboard motors was traded for a 4.5 hp motor which was taken in to Porcupine Lake for the boat there.

Larry Ancypa brought the recommendation of renaming Pine Ridge Point to Hayward's Point to the Board's attention. Don Comrie, President of the Lake Association, was trying to get this approved. All Morton's Point Camp Members and Guests were asked to submit their support for the name change to honour the Hayward Family for their many years of service to the Camp and other lake residents. Later in the year, additional forms were asked to be filled out and sent in by everyone as the government needed them to show the Point was historically know as Hayward's to the majority of lake residents in order to continue with the name change request.



May Camps went well and the new items purchased for Camp and the Pussy Kat were taken in. The Pussy Kat flooring had not been replaced due to time restrictions. The back up Whacker generator found by Rob Haddow for \$1,100.00 (*\$900.00 under budget*) came in handy at the end of the season when the Onan broke down. A new heavy duty seat was installed on the Pussy Kat and later another was put on the 18' Crestliner. The cost for the two was \$452.00 (*over budget \$152.00*). The old steel boat had been stored on the trailer over the winter and became top heavy when it filled with water, tipped over, and damage occurred to the trailer fender and broke the wood guide rail. Donelda Hayward did not get on to the lake this season but did continue to have propane supplies available for the Camp although there were times when the supply was brought in just before the camp tanks were drained.

The Clarke work Camp built the new dock ramp and installed it on the main dock. It was sturdy and a welcome addition so a second similar ramp was discussed and sent to the 2011 AGM for a vote.



Rain in May kept the water levels of lake high and temperatures were on the cold side all month. (*Note: date shown on pictures was not set right on the camera... they are from 2011*). Even with the high water levels, props were damaged and had to be rebuilt.

June weather continue to be iffy at best but Camps all had a great time. All noted they were pleased with the new items in Camp... fridge, BBQ, generator... etc. Derek Stratelak picked up 2 props in McKellar on his way to Camp and had placed one on his bumper which fell off when driving away, luckily it was in the parking lot and found by the guys at McKellar Marine. Derek picked it up on a return trip mid week. The E-Tec motor was starting to have idle problems which continued throughout the season. Gas at Bennett's was now \$1.75 / litre and in town was \$1.25. Many camps did make the trip to town for gas in order to save money. Flying ants became an issue in June and it took a few months for them to be killed off with sprays.



The Auld's Road Dump had a fence erected around it last May (2010), eliminating the walk in entrance it had in the past so garbage could be walked in and still had terribly set open hours, making it impossible to dispose of their garbage when departing camp on the closed dates... Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Mark Shaw took the punt, donated by Steve Bachle, up to Farm Creek and left it there locked it up for other Camps to use in July. Rob Haddow used it during his Camp and was awarded with an 8 pound bass and many other large fish which were all caught and released. It is truly a great area for fishing.



The old wood stove from the Cooks Cabin was removed by Rob Haddow in July in preparation for the installation of a new stove and chimney by the October Kinsella Camp. One of the chimney parts was the wrong size which put the project over to the spring of 2012. Fortunately the error was found before cutting a hole in the roof!

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The August Bachle Camp took the old bar fridge to a scrapper, Adams Brothers, in Parry Sound which saved the Camp a \$50.00 disposal fee at the dump. The Coleman canoe in Camp had many repair attempts made in the past couple of years but each was eventually unsuccessful due to the location of the split including the use of \$100.00 worth of industrial adhesive brought in from Steve Bachle's workplace. A new canoe was a must for 2012. After flying ants in the spring, August brought bees into the shower house between the east wall and the shower stall. These were killed off and the entrance to the nest blocked off by the Bachle Camp. The Whacker generator was hooked up to the transfer switch in the power plant so it could be used as a backup unit. It was good timing as the Onan was beginning to have starting issues, not surprising considering the Camp had put 2,500 hours of use on it since it was installed in May 2009 (*by September 2011 it was at 2,815.3 hours*). It was decided that the Camp would use Marvel Mystery oil in the gas for the Onan from this point on to help control carbon buildup in the cylinders and on the spark plugs. The Clarke Camp brought up and installed a new gasket on the oven door. The propane regulator was changed over and the copper lines were replaced with rubber ones so it is easier for Camp Managers to connect the 100 pound tanks. Talks of installing a manifold with valves at the regulator so each appliance could be segregated and tuned of and on from outside at the tanks were started.

By October, the decision was made to remove the Onan generator and take it out for service as it was running poorly no matter what we tried. The E-Tec motor problems were also at a point where it was necessary to take it off the lake for repairs. The CRV 4 x 4 purchased through Al Glover for \$500.00 was taken in to Camp along with the new pontoon trailer by Bennett's barge in October at a cost of \$282.50. The trailer hitch sent up with it could not be installed safely as it was to near the gas tank for Bennett's to weld. Another method of attaching it or a different hitch was left over to the spring of 2012. The Clarke October Closing Camp brought in Argos to do the manipulating of Camp boats. When batteries were being set up to the solar winter charging system. One of the four solar panels was found to have been removed and stolen, a theft from within our ranks, a sad discovery.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held at The Quality Inn in Sarnia on October 24, 2011 @9 am and was covered in the November 2011 Newsletter as follows.

The meeting went well but we had a lower than normal turnout of votes. Thirty seven (37) of the possible forty three (43) votes were available for an 86.05% turnout. The Treasurer, Nathan Smale, reported that extra member days were down 46%, relative days were down 15% and guest days were up 10%. Fluctuating US exchange rates caused the remittances to end up with a total shortfall of \$116.55 Cdn. which was discussed. Being that in past years this amount had been in surplus, Tim Inkster made a motion that the shortfall amount be written off the books and not collected from the parties that were short, which was seconded by Mark Farmer, and passed. Capital in the banks as of September 31st (ING & Canada Trust) amounted to \$26,583.40 and camp fees submitted since September 31st added another \$3,909.00 to the total. Accounts Payables of \$2,536.46 left us with a balance of \$27,955.78. After taking into consideration costs anticipated for 2012 such as opening expense, known repairs and insurance we had a surplus of \$14,955.00 towards expenses to be accepted during the meeting. The Audit Committee, Steve Bachle & Ned Riley noted the 2010 Treasurer's books had been inspected and approved and added that Nathan Smale had done a great job on the books. A software package that can be passed on from Treasurer to Treasurer without licensing problems is being looked into to simplify bookkeeping and the Audit in the future with \$250.00 set aside to buy it with. This along with standardizing the format of bookkeeping will make future reports easier for everyone, most importantly during transitions between Treasurers. Camp rates, dues and fees have remained the same because the fixed costs facing the Camp have not risen to a point where extra money is required. What is brought in from dues currently covers our fixed costs well enough.

There were a few minor adjustments done during the Camp Scheduling and all Camp Managers, either in person or by proxy, have accepted the tentative dates. They will have until February 28th, 2012 to cancel these times without penalty. There were two resignations from the Membership. Fred Rowles did not pay dues by March 31st, 2011 and resigned. Hans Thorup passed away on October 22, 2011. We are currently 43 members including our two (2) Honorary Members, Willis Ball and Ned Riley. Ned Riley continued to pay his dues even though he is exempt.

During Repairs and Maintenance, most of the listed items from the 2010 AGM were noted as completed. One item not purchased was the canoe for Camp which was due to the difficulty of the Board agreeing on what to get based on the motion made back in 2010. A new motion was created giving the Board a better description of what to purchase with an increased budget to \$1,400.00 allowed, so the canoe purchase will be done for Spring 2012. The 10 year plan was discussed with a proper boat trailer for the 18' Crestliner, and a boat for Farm Creek added to the list. Solar power was raised from low priority to high priority with Nathan Smale assigned to procure a detailed estimate for the 2012 AGM. The Board of Directors budget was set at \$3,500.00 for 2012 to cover overages and purchases not set at the AGM. The \$3,000.00 Opportunity Budget for the Board was cancelled as it had not been required in 2011.

A good portion of the Boat Committee time was spent on the purchase of a pontoon boat. Mark Farmer and Rob Haddow had quotes on new ones ranging from \$14,100 plus Canada Customs charges to \$16,800.00 plus HST and \$750.00 delivery. A used pontoon boat had not been located for a price yet.



There was a deal breaker thrown into the mix that made the purchase of the new pontoon out of reach. An accident with the boat trailer winch letting go sent the 18' Crestliner and the Onan generator into the ditch when Ben Clarke was taking them out of Camp this October resulting in \$4,000.00 in damage to the motor & generator. With this amount of money being spent, something had to give, and it was the new pontoon boat.

The generator is being repaired for a cost of \$806.74 which includes the cost we would have paid for the service it was going out for, plus to repair damage from the toss and tumble. The E-Tec motor repair estimate came in at \$2,913.87. Rob Haddow had contacted Bay City Marine in Hamilton and found that it may be in the Camp's best interest to buy a new 2012 40 hp E-Tec motor and sell / trade the old one for salvage as it should only cost Camp \$1,500.00 more to go brand new, and in doing so, not be faced with unseen accident related problems down the road with the damaged one. Both avenues are on hold until all the facts and figures are received by the Board at which time a decision will be made. A freeze was put onto \$10,000.00 of the Treasury finances and will be held through to the 2012 AGM for the use against a purchase of "a" pontoon boat to be better prepared. "a" meaning new or used!



Dennis Pettit made a motion, seconded by Derek Stratelak, to assess each Member \$100.00 which would make up \$4,200.00 and therefore eliminate the losses from the accident so the Camp could go with a new motor and not consider repair the other. He noted this would also ease the financial burden on the Treasury and 2012 expenses. After a lengthy discussion it was found not to be necessary and Dennis withdrew his motion.

During the Building Committee Report, the normal wear and tear issues were addressed with supplies OK'd to do the assorted painting, glass repair, screening projects as well as cleaning up debris from all around the Camp, in buildings and under buildings. Those that can cart stuff out can take crap to the dump. Those without transport will be asked to pile up stuff they find in a suitable location to be announced later. Increasing the size of the power plant was discussed for future needs storing solar batteries as well as making room in the interior so work can be done on the generators. Ways to run the Whacker generator outside the building in a lean to were discussed to reduce the risk from CO gas inside. The old propane fridge is to be removed and taken to a scrap dealer in Parry



Sound who will take it free, saving us the \$40.00 dump fee at Auld's Road. Another project that has been on long term hold is the siding of the Boathouse. Tom Kinsella can get the same siding as is on the two 2 man cabins for \$78.00 / 200 sq. ft. and is to let the Board know the material cost for what we need to cover the Boathouse and the material cost to cover the Cook's Cabin. The Board will OK the material purchase/s, prior to, or during the 2012 Spring Board of Directors Meeting if finances allow, and at that time will see if they can go ahead with the labour to install it in the 2012 season as well. This year will be a difficult one for the Board as they will have to keep a close eye on the dollars they spend. Another project we are doing in house to save money is to repair the gap between the kitchen and lodge created while repairing the foundation under the kitchen. Talk of

using Mennonites to do log replacement work by the bathroom were dismissed due to their costs and our limited supply of funds. The Cook's Cabin chimney had not been installed last season. Luckily, the Kinsella group found that one part was the wrong size before they cut the hole in the roof!!!! Bud Lutman is getting a proper size unit and the work will continue next year. A second dock ramp, similar to the first, will be built by Ben Clarke at a cost allowance of \$300.00 for material and a gift certificate of \$40.00 to \$50.00 for someone who helped Ben Clarke. The CRV 4 x 4 is in Camp but isn't ready for use yet. The hitch did not get installed.

Camp still has a few of the old generators and old outboard motors to sell so they are going slowly but surely. The price asked for the 50 hp motor is to be dropped in order to be rid of it and the Kohler generator was added to the sell list.

The Clarke Closing Camp got Camp shut down and docks & ramp over to Parson's Bay for winter storage. Motors were brought back from off lake locations and boats brought in and stored as usual.



The new pontoon trailer worked well getting the Pussy Kat out of the lake even though it was the first time it was used. A few learning curves were noted, such as how to tie down the pontoon boat to stop it from sliding, and pulling it through the beach sand with the pontoons dragging when the wheels sunk in. One item needing repair for the 2012 opening Camp is the replacement of an 18" piece of PVC pipe to replace the piping on the intake side of the water pump, and piping is available in Camp for this. The Whacker back up generator was used and worked well, although it is much noisier than the Onan. If not for the trailer accident on the way out, it would have been a perfect Camp.



The term on the Board for Nathan Smale was up and he was nominated for another term by Ned Riley, seconded by Bud Lutman. Tim Inkster was nominated by Dennis Pettit, Seconded by Derek Stratelak. After a vote, Tim Inkster was elected to the Board. At the Board of Directors Meeting held afterwards, Sean Smale stepped down from the Board to allow Nathan Smale to be elected by the Board for the balance of Sean's term of two (2) years so Nathan could continue his position of Treasurer. Mark Farmer remained as President, Steve Bachle became Vice President, Rob Haddow became Member of the Board and Tim Inkster became Secretary. The only new item covered by the Board of Directors was a gas allowance of \$200.00 for transport cost to Ben Clarke. The Board was, to say the least, hesitant to allow him a gas

allowance... but they did decide to honour the payment for Ben as requested, stating that had the accident not occurred, a gas allowance would have been granted by the Board without question as it has been to many other members in the past and declining the money would be something that should come from Ben himself out of conscience, and not something to be dictated by the Board. Items from the previous meeting were discussed with many sent over to the 2012 Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Between now and the spring meeting, the group will be creating and submitting documentation to President Mark Farmer stating responsibilities for each Board & Committee position and notarizing dates and times that events / reports / communications / responses are to be done / completed... so that there is a written guideline for the present and future Boards to follow. With that, many of the Board were chomping at the bit to get it over with in order to see the "game", and the motion to close the meeting was made at 2:46 pm.

Between the meeting and the end of the year, the Board investigated the costs of repairs /replacement required to get the 18' Crestliner back into shape as well as looked at trailers that would better suit the Crestliner. A trailer had not been purchased by years end but the decision was made by the board to trade the damaged 40 hp E-Tec for a 2112 40 hp E-Tec from Bay City Marine in Hamilton at a cost of \$4,500.00. Bay City noted they were dealing in good faith for the amount credited for the trade in allowance noted by Precision Marine due to the fact that Morton's Point Camp had been honorable in past dealings. A deposit of \$500.00 was sent to Bay City Marine to hold the price. Welding on the Crestliner was required and it was set to go to Berklemans Welding in the New Year. Nathan Smale would store the boat until then.

New Members (1). Bob Topping. Nominated by Dave Thorup, seconded by Tim Inkster, accepted by the Board November 2011.

Resignations (2). Honorary Member Hans Thorup. Died October 22, 2011. Fred Rowles March 31, 2011 by letter of resignation.

THORUP, Hans Otto - Passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Victoria Hospital London, in his 83rd year on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Johanna Thorup. Survived by his sons Jim(Joanne), Pete(Marg) and Dave(Sue), 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Judy, Jean, Carol and Michael. Predeceased by brother Walter. Hans will be greatly missed by many family and friends. Hans was a retired GM Diesel employee and enjoyed many years of retirement. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 27, from 7 to 9 pm at Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel, 1997 Dundas St. E. (at Wavell) where a Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 28 at 1 pm. As expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Diabetes Association or the Cancer Society.

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