

2012

Forever In Our Hearts



Stanley Bruce Fyre
March 22, 1941 - January 8, 2012

Bruce Eyre passed away Sunday January 8, 2012 in his 71st year. Bruce had become a Member of Morton's Point Camp in October 2007 and he very much enjoyed his time in the Kinsella Camp's. He assisted in many projects in Camp for the benefit of all and he will be missed. The Secretary, Tim Inkster, sent out the condolence card to the family and arrangements to send a \$50.00 donation to a charity in Bruce's name were taken care of by the Treasurer, Nathan Smale.

The Lake Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association was proceeding with the new parking lot which was expected to make 60 new parking spots available by 2013. They had sent out requests for lake residents to purchase parking permits at \$35.00 each to assist in payment for the expenses in creating the lot. The Camp could have one vehicle in for some camps and up to seven vehicles in larger camps. The Board of Directors decided to purchase 5 permits as that number seemed to reflect above the average number of vehicles that would be using the lot for each Camp and would show that the Camp was willing to be a good partner on the lake. The purchase of 2 dock permits and 5 Association Memberships for the Board Members continued as well. A mild winter made it possible for the Parking Committee to get further ahead with parking lot than expected and many additional spots were available for the season. The lake Association noted in the Fall Newsletter that they would be charging for trailer permits in 2013. The Camp will not be purchasing a trailer permit and told Members and Guests who bring in personal crafts that they have to buy these on their own.

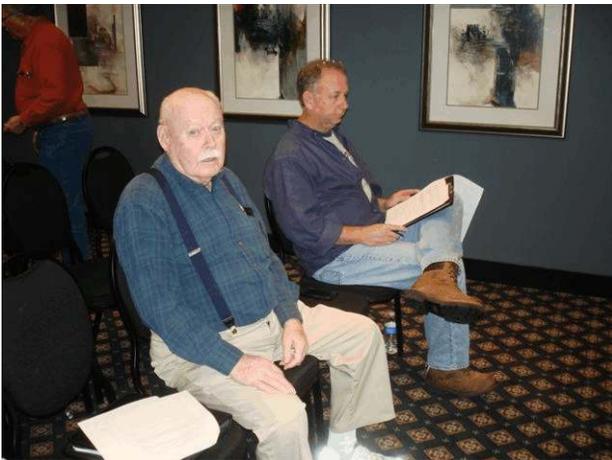


Many used boat trailers were looked into for purchase by the Board. Some were sold by the time contact was made and others did not suit our purpose. In the end it was suggested to Nathan Smale by Precision Marine, just to add 2' to the Camp's existing trailer. The Board agreed and Berkleman's Welding did the extension work for \$200.01. The new E-Tec motor was installed on the 18' Crestliner by Bay City Marine in Hamilton for \$4,500.00 tax included after trade in of the damaged E-Tec motor... the Onan generator was repaired by SMD Services in Orillia with the final cost being \$1,192.49 however the battery charging issue caused damage to two batteries by



year end, battery replacements cost \$293.78, other starting problems were noted which ended up being caused by a poor electrical connection... the new canoe was purchased by Mark Farmer from Nordic Sports in Tawas Michigan, a Wenonah Spirit II with Royalex hull, web seats and keel protector at a cost of \$1,568.80 US with Michigan 6% tax included..

the new Gheenoe canoe for use up in Farm Creek was purchased by Rob Haddow for a cost of \$1,200.00... boat seats were purchased for \$112.95... new Camp locks and extra keys were purchased for \$413.34... screening was purchased and replaced on Camp windows at a cost of \$330.92... spare glass panes for window repairs cost \$118.82... a service company was called in to repair the older 18 cubic foot fridge at a cost of 228.26... new boat seats were purchased and installed for \$112.95.



The 2011 Treasurer's Financial Report figures came in strong and supported the expenses for all the known and estimated costs for the 2012 season, including the \$10,000.00 which was set aside at the October Annual General Meeting in 2011 towards the purchase a new pontoon boat / barge to be authorized at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, with just under \$1,400.00 in surplus before the 2012 dues were remitted. The Audit Committee, Steve Bachle and Ned Riley, inspected and accepted the Treasurer's Year End Report prepared by Nathan Smale.

Members yearly dues remained at \$350.00. Rates and fees did not change either.

2012 Insurance was purchased through Morison Insurance Brokers in Hamilton at a cost of \$4,512.24. This covered a small amount of contents, most of the buildings and liability but not boats or liability for boats.

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Wellington Sportsman's Club on April 22, 2012. Hopes were to get some form of discount from Ed Bennett Jr. for gasoline purchases if we purchased all our gas from him but he did not come through with it. Gas purchases off the lake continued as the difference was 30 cents per litre on average. Savings on the year were over \$600.00 making the loss of sales to Bennett's significant. At one point

Ed complained how many people on the lake were buying gas in town but it did not make him budge on the price.

Dennis Pettit reported to the Secretary that he had seen a death notice for Honorary Member Willis Ball and this was passed on to the general membership. Bud Lutman and Ben Clarke attended the funeral service on behalf of the Camp, but once there, discovered it was not OUR Willis Ball and they made a hasty retreat. Willis had a good laugh about the whole ordeal and noted he was pleased to know we cared. LOL!!!!

Larry Ancypa retired from Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. and started off on a boat journey to do the “LOOP” in September. A web site was set up for all to follow his adventure.



A lean to was built on the back of the power plant by Mark Farmer for the Whacker generator. This eliminated the CO problem of running it in the building.

Debris that had collected over the past few years in the woods and around Camp was cleaned up and Al Glover took a few loads to the dump. The old dump site in the woods was used to have all Camps take trash items they found so it can be removed to the dump by anyone with a proper vehicle. The aesthetic improvement in Camp was terrific, especially around the Boathouse.



The new dock ramps and assist bars were completed during the season by Ben Clarke & Bud Lutman making the way much safer for all to get to and from the docks.



The Steel boat was cleaned up and painted by the Nyitray family. It was scrapped, sanded and painted bringing it's appearance back to new.

Throughout the season there were few problems that cropped up and all were dealt with quickly and efficiently through great correspondences and the actions of Members.

The Main Lodge front door sill that had become a trip hazard was replaced by the Thorup Camp as the old one finally gave out. Repairs were done to the screen doors by Derek Stratelak.



The CRV 4 x 4 brought in to Camp in the fall of 2011 had a trailer hitch installed so it could be used to get boats in and out of the lake. The new sandy beach was a problem for the vehicle but plans were made to get some form of traction runners made for the future. The Fall Closing Camp used Steve Nyitray's Argo to get the boats out.

Prop hits on the Pussy Kat and 18' Crestliner ended up costing the Camp \$1,000.00 for repairs and replacements. Reporting of the hits was getting better but a couple had not been noted in the Camp Managers Notes. These were caught by the following incoming Camp who did do the prop inspections as advised. There was no damage done to any of the small motor props this year.

At some point during the spring of 2012 there had been a severe wind storm which brought down many trees on the paths to Porcupine and down river. Lloyd Davis proved to be a great lumberjack and cut up these trees to clear the paths.

The kitchen grease trap stopped working allowing waste water from the kitchen to pool under the back deck. It was thought to be a simple blockage in the 4" pipe so Tim Inkster dug up the pipe to clear it, only to find the whole 45 gallon catch drum was packed to the top with a thick decaying block of sludge. In July, Tim Inkster & Gerry Shaw emptied the packed sludge from the drum through a 6" x 6" opening by hand using a soup ladle and also cleared and reset the drain lines. The stench of the sludge was horrendous and could be smelt within a 100 radius of the tanks. The system had to be left open and exposed until August to insure all the parts were working properly and to ensure there was no sediment problems with the second 45 gallon leaching drum and weeping tiles, which meant the odour escaping from the tanks had to be lived with by all in Camp for the time period. In August, Tim



Inkster reinspected the system and found it was operating very well so it was buried once again, hopefully not to be done again for many years. Based on the fact Bennett's had charged \$900.00 for draining the septic tank it was concluded Gerry & Tim saved the Camp at least \$500.00 by doing the work in house.

The Main Lodge logs had some rot noted and contractor Mike D'Allaire was brought in by Mark Farmer to provide and estimate for repairs. His estimate noted that 39' of log needed replacement and that he would use trees from the property to do the work. The cost for labour was \$5,750.00 + tax, and materials \$490.00 + tax. The project had to be left over to 2013 as the finances were not available to have the work done in the fall of 2012.

The solar system estimate came in at \$14,450.29 tax included, \$7,000.00 less than the previous time Camp looked into solar power. However, this too was put on the back burner until finances were available. Bringing hydro to Camp was still a high cost estimated at \$35,000.00 plus costs to bring the wiring in Camp up to the building code.

By years end, 99% of the work items on the job list had been completed as well as items that popped up during the season. It one of the best years on record for having completed job list work items.



A Memorial Service was held for Honorary Member Hans Thorup in front of Sandy Hook during the Thorup July Camp. A carving of a loon was placed on the fireplace mantle in his memory. Hans truly loved Morton's Point Camp.

The 2012 season weather was for the most part hot, hot, hot!!!! What rain fell was evaporated quickly. Many days of over 100 F were noted by Camp Managers. The Fire Marshall placed a fire ban for pretty much the entire season. A large water bomber plane had to be brought into WahWashKesh on August 1, 2012 near Deadman's Narrows on the top lake due to a fire in the woods. The fire burnt 2 hectares before it was put out.

Donelda Hayward continued to supply the lake with propane but it continued to be difficult to get tanks at many times due to people hoarding them. Some 60 pound propane tanks had to be purchased at Bennett's at a cost the same as 100 pounds from Donelda in order to tide the Camp over until a delivery from her supplier came in.

The porch on the Cook's Cabin had deteriorated over the years and was removed in the fall. A replacement is to be built in the future, possibly in stone.

All Camp boats were stored on the property this fall and Bennett's water taxi was used to take out the closing Camp attendees. Four of the 9.9 hp motors were taken out to Rose Point Marina (they purchased McKellar Marine) for servicing over the winter. Having the service done locally will make it possible to get warranty work

done if the motors do not work properly when returned to the lake which had been a note of contention in the past when problems arose with motors service near London. The 2013 spring opening camp was assigned the task to bring these motors back to camp.

A 4 x 4 utility vehicle for down river use was not found during the year and the Board reported to the Membership that the \$500.00 approved for such a purchase at the 2011 Annual General Meeting was found to be inadequate and requested an increase of the allotment to \$3,000.00 which was granted at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. An additional \$3,000.00 was added to the \$10,000.00 held over for the pontoon boat purchase with plans made to get one in time for the opening May Camp in 2013.

Pine Ridge Point had an official name change in 2012 and is now called Hayward's Point in honour of the Hayward Family. Donelda Hayward received congratulations from the President of the Lake Association Mr. Don Comrie, and from the Mayor of Whitestone Mr. Chris Armstrong.

Wife of Honorary Life Member Ned Riley, Mary Ellen Riley passed away October 5, 2012. She loved the Camp and had enjoyed many visits to Camp with her family. Ned Riley continued to donate the yearly dues amount even though he was exempt from paying due to his Honorary Life Member status.

Rob Haddow & Mark Farmer finished their terms on the Board of Directors, Rob did not run for a new term and was replaced by Dennis Pettit. The Board is now comprised of Mark Farmer as President, Steve Bachle as Vice President, Nathan Smale as Treasurer, Dennis Pettit as Member of the Board and Tim Inkster as Secretary.

The Spring Work Camp times were officially changed at the 2012 Annual General Meeting so that they would all be completed prior to the first paying Camp in the future. This was due to the fact that the 2013 tentative camp schedule was full and Members wanted time for a new Camp. Future consideration was given to the possibility of having a local contractor, Paul's Management, come in to do the opening and closing of Camp which would then allow for an additional week of paying Camps in both the beginning May and at the end of October. Mark Farmer met with Paul & Kelly during the season and discussed what the Camp required, and other than the removal and return of the pontoon boat in and out of the lake, he felt it was no problem to supply the Camp with his services. The estimated cost being \$1,000.00 each for Spring Opening or Fall Closing.

The Camp Web Site continued to be funded and maintained by Tim Inkster as Editor and Steve Nyitray as Web Guru. This year, the Camp History files were converted to PDF format by Tim Inkster and these were uploaded to the site by Steve Nyitray. This made for space saving as well as ease of use and downloading by Members & Guests. Steve also upgraded the web pages and changed the overall appearance and formats of the entire site. The Camp Newsletter e-mailed out monthly by Tim Inkster continued to be appreciated by both Members and Guests as well.

Resignations. (1) Bruce Eyre. Died January 8, 2012.

New Members (4) Eddie Bachle, Richard Trimble, Scott Beachin, Mike Robinson. All at the October 14, 2012 AGM.

Last modified January 7, 2013.