

2013

The total for the 2012 revenues came in at \$28,995.05 with expenses reaching \$31,407.81. Coming into 2013, the Camp Treasury was still very health but most of the money was accrued for expenses towards the purchases of the new South Bay Pontoon boat and the Main Lodge foundation / log repairs. The Board of Directors along with Rob Haddow and Boat Committee worked diligently to acquire a brand new boat over a used model requested at the past Annual General Meeting. A poll of the Membership was required on March 11, 2013 to increase the budget for the pontoon boat and in the end,



with 34 of 45 votes cast - 31 yes - 2 no - 1 refrained, the Camp ended up with a terrific boat to head the Armada at a cost of \$14,742.15 in total before shipping costs and motor installation. The new boat was given the name Donelda-Jean at the end of the season with Mark Farmer and Steve Bachle donating the signage to be installed in 2014.

Rita Kinsella, wife of past Member Vic Kinsella, mother of Member Tom Kinsella, and Grandmother to Members Nathan, Tyler & Sean Smale passed away on January 6, 2013. Condolences and a \$50.00 donation were sent on behalf of the Membership.

Member Rob Glenn had his son pass away on September 12, 2013 in London Ontario. Condolences were sent to Rob Glenn & a \$50.00 donation on behalf of the Camp was made to the Brain Injury Association of London & Region.

Member Ed Urbaniak suffered a debilitating stroke due to a blood clot in the neck on February 28, 2013. The Board of Directors extended his dues date to the 2013 Annual

General Meeting at which time it was noted that Ed would have to resign until such time as his health permitted him to return to the Membership.

Mark Farmer located and purchased a Nemo Extreme canoe carrier with solid tires at a cost of \$143.05 US. This will make easier work of getting the canoe in and out of Farm Creek.

By February 28, 2013, some Camp Managers had let go of their Tentative Camp dates. Some of these days were filled while others remained empty. By seasons end, all but two Camps were able to achieve the minimum camp days requirements. One Camp Manager paid the “top up” dollar amount needed to maintain the Camp while the other ended up declaring the Camp Open at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Conflicts and updates required in the Constitution, noted at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, were investigated by the Board. The Secretary supplied the Membership with the corrections made by the Board and noted the articles that had to go to the 2013 Annual General Meeting for the Membership to have input on and vote to accept. In the end, the Constitution and Rules and Regulations were changed and accepted.

PayPal was used to submit dues to the Treasurer and proved successful to eliminate the long term problem of US fund shortfalls when exchanged to Cdn. funds. The President Mark Farmer took on the task of teaching the US members how to use this method.

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held on April 21, 2013 at the Wellington Sportsman's Club in North Dorchester. Much of the work was done in advance of the meeting via e-mail and the meeting was concluded in record time. Tim Inkster noted for the record that Rob Haddow had been a Member since October 20, 1972 and had reached his 40 years as a Member entitling him to be nominated for Honorary Life Membership at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. Rob became an Honorary Life Member in October 2013 and joined the ranks with Honorary Life Members Willis Ball and Ned Riley.



[Rob Haddow. New Honorary Life Member.](#)



April 27, 2013 at Taylor Bay Beach. Photo by Deborah Comrie-Taylor

High waters in the Spring of 2013 washed out Wah Wash Kesh Road. Only 4 x 4 trucks & boats could get through. Fortunately enough repairs were made in time for the Opening Camp to get through. Water level going over the top of the dam was reported to be at 7'. The Boathouse floor was under water by at least 12" which affected the chainsaw and items left on the floor over the winter. Gas cans left in the gas cage were full of water and the metal gas

tank floated away, hand pump, concrete base and all, over the dam and to God knows where. Fortunately it was empty. The funny thing was that the tank was not noticed to be missing until the Herbert Camp in August!!! The water line was up between the horseshoe pit and front door of the Main Lodge.

Donelda Hayward continued to supply propane for the Camp during 2013.

The Onan generator gave us trouble in the Spring which became very costly when SMD Services made a house call. It ran well until a second bout of problems occurred and the unit was taken in to SMD to avoid the ridiculous cost of them coming in. Turned out to be a failed muffler causing debris to fill the exhaust and not allowing the unit to start. Another costly service even though a used muffler was purchased. Also replaced was charging system as batteries were being fried. In all, over \$1,500.00 was spent on the Onan in the spring but it ran well for the balance of the season. The Whacker generator operated very well as the back up unit but it did use much more gas than the Onan.

More sand was delivered to the beach by Bennett's at a cost of \$500.00. It was finished being spread around by the Thorup Camp in July.



Rob & Denise Haddow came up to Camp for a June weekend and provided a major top to bottom cleaning of the main lodge. Old dishes were disposed of and new plastic put on the shelves. Leaks in the kitchen ceiling were noted and it was found to be from the lifting of the foundation. Leaks were also seen in the boathouse roof. The areas were tarred over in the fall by Ben Clarke. The chain saw had been taken out for repairs by Rob and returned to Camp by Chuck Thody. The service and new chains cost \$153.96.

Water levels on the lake remained high right into July. Rain throughout the summer kept the levels above average for the most part.

The lawnmower quit and many Camps tried to get it going without success. The Thorup Camp found the problem to be with the dead man switch and got it going. Nathan Smale brought in a new cable and installed it making the lawnmower run fine once again. Massasaga rattlesnakes made their way into Camp and the Porcupine trail during the summer giving close calls to Bud Lutman and Jim Thorup. Some Camp Managers noted problems with lighting and operation of the kitchen fridges but others noted none at all. By seasons end it was decided that all appliances were to be checked over and burners cleaned by Georgian Bay Propane in the spring of 2014.

After 23 years of service to the Camp, the old Pussy Kat was retired, stripped off and sold by the Board of Directors to Sean Smale for \$150.00. It was a better price than it going to a scrapper in Parry Sound and no work involved for the Camp.





Camp Guest Davis Beak built a stone stairway on the pathway to the Kenogan & Pulling Cabins during his time in the Kinsella Camp. This was a terrific addition as that area was extremely slippery when rain water came from the woods and down the path.

Bruce Herbert took apart the stove top of the old Garland stove and worked on the burners for 8 hours. The unit was brought back to excellent working order and two of the burners now light themselves automatically. Bruce will look for replacement parts to get the other two burners going and see what can be done next year to get the oven working again also.

The valves in the shower gave out and had to be replaced. Parts were not taken in in the fall and this job was put over to the spring of 2104.

Prop hits were lower during 2013 but more were not noted in the Camp Managers Book. Pictures taken by outgoing and incoming Camp Managers made it easy to see who was not reporting the hits and they will be monitored closely in future. If reporting prop hits does not improve, the Camp Manager found at fault may be billed for the repair. The reporting of a hit is more to protect the bottom ends from being damaged by a prop that is vibrating badly.





The vinyl decking on the South Bay pontoon proved to be a bit of a problem for keeping it clean. A tar footprint was put on in the spring and mud from the worm cartons made a hell of a mess. New products (Westley's BLECHE-WITE) are being sought to see if it can be cleaned easier and each Camp has been instructed to clean the flooring as they leave Camp for the 2014 season. New props were bought for the South Bay pontoon to control over revving of the motor. The old props will be used for emergency spares only.

The Riley Camp installed a new deck on the Main Sleeping Cabin in the fall. Steve Bachle pre cut the wood prior to Camp and took it in with him. The weather for the Camp was great and the lake temperature was high enough for enjoyable fall swimming.



Donelda Hayward had a new cottage built on Hayward's Point and plans to be on the lake for the whole 2014 season.

By seasons end, the BBQ was on it's last legs. A new one, of higher quality, was authorized to be purchased for 2014. The BBQ was set up to run off a 100 lb. propane tank by Ben Clarke. This will eliminate the need to keep two small tanks in Camp and the constant running back and forth to Bennett's for 20 pound tanks.



By the end of the season a 4 x 4 vehicle for down river transportation had not been found under the \$3,500.00 allotted budget. A 1984 Kubota B6100 tractor had been investigated but declined by the Board. The CRV purchased for use in Camp to get boats in and out of the lake proved to be insufficient during the Closing Camp. It was a damp Camp and traction could not be attained when pulling the Pontoon Boat out of the lake. In future it was decided that the Pontoon would be stored at Bennett's. A Budget of \$4,500.00 was requested and granted to the Board at the 2013 Annual General Meeting for the Board to purchase a 4 x 4 in 2014 for use in Camp and for down river trips.



Throughout the 2013 season, Members & Guests were dragging mattress & box springs sets from Cabin to Cabin so they did not have to use an old set. Six new mattress and box spring sets were authorized for purchase for the 2014 season so this could be stopped. Chuck Thody was asked to submit prices to the Board from Simmons whom he works for.

Senior Members of 20 years plus were given first right of refusal on "OPEN" Camp dates when they are announced by the Secretary.



At the Annual General Meeting, the day rates for Off Season Camps were increased... for Members to \$20.00, Relatives to \$32.00, and Guests to \$38.00. Summer Season Rates remained the same. Members dues increased \$25.00, up to \$375.00 per year.



A Grizzly 660 4 x 4 for sale at \$4,000.00 was brought to the attention of the Board by Nathan & Sean Smale. They had used similar machines in the past to get down river and told the Board Members that this would be a good choice for both the down river use and in Camp use to get boats in and out of the lake. The Board had not acted on the purchase as of December 31, 2013.

Resignations. (5)

Ed Urbaniak (accepted by the Membership at the AGM)

Sean VanRootseelar by letter of resignation March 18, 2013

Tyler Smale by letter of resignation March 31, 2013

Paul Clunas by letter of resignation April 26, 2013

Mark Foster June 1, 2013 for non payment of dues... letter of resignation received on October 31, 2013.

New Members. (2)

Wesley Clarke October 2013 AGM

Troy Toner on November 13, 2013 (returning Member) accepted by the Board of Directors.

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