

# OTTER LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, July 31, 2010

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President, Gary Acker opened the meeting at 9:45am and welcomed the 43 cottagers present.
- Attendance sheet is being passed around – please include your email. Information will not be shared or sold.
- Thanked the Boychoff family for hosting the AGM and Fun Day event for the 29<sup>th</sup> year.
- Introduced the other Directors – Nita Acker (Secretary), Cliff Ayer (Treasurer), June Lambden (Lake Stewart), John Waltho (Parkers Landing liaison) and Scott MacMurchy. Larry Cassie was unable to attend. Gary also asked for interested new directors.
- Announced the Directors held 3 meetings: Sept 5, 2009, May 23, 2010 and July 3 2010.
- Welcomed new cottage owners: Andrew Welker & Sue Heinrich on GM Cassie Dr.
- Welcomed guest Diane Griffin, our Algonquin Highlands Councillor, who will give a report later.
- Attended the annual meeting of the CHPOA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations) on Jun 12, 2010. Most of the meeting discussed the Stanhope Airport runway expansion.
- Announced that Erny Tiessen had lost his home to fire this past April. Thankfully no one was hurt and he is rebuilding. Also Gary shared the sad news of Milton Bowles passing on June 25<sup>th</sup>. A sympathy card will be sent to his family.

MINUTES – Secretary, Nita Acker, read minutes from the last Annual General Meeting, August 1, 2009 and the minutes were adopted as read.

### TREASURER REPORT

- Cliff Ayer reported opening balance of \$1,613.20 with a closing balance of \$1,055.08. A detailed report follows these minutes.
- OLCA Memberships were 66 this past year. Dues will remain at \$30 this year and, if paid at today's AGM, there will be a free laminated map of Otter Lake. Maps are also available for sale at \$1
- FOCA 2010 membership has been paid along with the 2009 & 2010 dues for CHPOA.
- Last year the last \$500 installment was paid to WOLRA for repairs to the culvert.
- \$250 will be set aside annually for a Lake Emergency Contingency Fund.
- Cliff motioned, seconded by Marc Chevalier, that Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.
- Copies of the June 1989 Cottage Life with the article on Camp Otter are for sale at \$4.
- Winter cottage checks were done by members Scott MacMurchy, Richard Lambden and Nita Acker who have all agreed to do again this winter. A total payment of \$1,500 will be shared by them, a bargain in the view of Cliff and several members as the cost would be much higher if someone outside the membership was hired.

### LAKE STEWARD REPORT

- June Lambden reported that signs are posted at Parkers Landing & Blueberry Island re loon nesting site. She explained the secchi water testing. Good clarity means there's less phosphates in the Lake. May's results – clarity 14 ft, water temp 22° and July's results – clarity 17ft, water temp 24°.
- Gary Acker attended the CHPOA's first Lake Steward meeting September 26, 2009. He toured the Haliburton Fish Hatchery and investigated having our Lake stocked with Splake (a recreational fish, a hybrid of a male brook trout and female lake trout). Generally speaking they are incapable of reproducing so their presence here would not alter the eco system of the Lake. He's contacted the MNR who has initially indicated our Lake to be a good spot, but would need to further investigate. More to come.

- Gary also reported that 4 Beavers were trapped at the culvert this year and 2 at Ashball Lake.

#### LAKE STEWARD REPORT (cont'd)

- June reported that a family of Otters were spotted under a GM Cassie Dr. cottage deck. After someone voiced concern about our Loon population, John Roots reported that he had seen 5 Loons this morning.
- Concerns were shared about the beavers and the increased population of Canada Geese and Seagulls this year. Jamie Penny reported that Rocky Island is being frequented by geese and there is an enormous amount of their excrement on the island. Sue Penny suggested that placing dog fur in the same spots might deter geese. A concern was voiced that cottagers might be feeding the geese and that this should be discouraged! Bears have also been spotted around the Lake so be watchful – keep BBQ clean, no garbage outside, take down bird feeders in summer and remind your renters.
- Sharon MacMurchy reported that 2 cottagers took advantage of the well water testing she offered to do. Also she brought additional bottles if anyone was interested in getting their own well water tested.
- John Waltho reported on Parkers Landing. He has sent letters to the Township about its disrepair and also that there was a near accident because of the condition of the dock. Some repair has been done to the dock – installed new boards and leveled the gravel – but the ramp itself has not yet been cleared of built up gravel. Please send John an email at <mailto:olca@sympatico.ca> with any of your concerns so he can address them with the Township. John thanked Scott MacMurchy for installing boat rings on the west side of the dock. Cliff made motion, seconded by Jane Miller that Scott be reimbursed for this expense.

#### FUN DAY

- Diana Scott reported for Larry Cassie that there will be a display table with memorabilia on Camp Otter and its 100 year anniversary.
- June Lambden reported that the Photo Contest will have 4 categories this year: People, Animals, Landscape and a new Vintage. Please vote with your ballot by 1:30p.
- Sue Penny reported the Canoe Race will be an historical Camp Otter race – entrants start on land, picking up their paddles and running to their canoes. The race begins at the Boychoff's, goes around Blueberry & Teachers Island and back. Waiver must be signed beforehand....see Jamie Penny.
- There are new Otter Lake T-Shirts (white with black logo) and Sweatshirts (green with white logo) for sale: Adult T-Shirts, small, medium, large, Xlarge and 2X sizes at \$15; Youth T-Shirts, small, medium at \$10; Adult Sweatshirts, medium, large, Xlarge at \$30.
- BBQ tickets remain the same at \$3 each or \$10 for a family of 4.
- Fish Pond will take place after lunch.
- Nita thanked cottagers for their Raffle donations. Many merchants from Dorset and Huntsville also supported our Raffle (names posted on deck). Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3.
- Re Water Games, members are reminded that participation in the swim races is at the discretion of parents/guardians and are not OLCA supervised events. Please supervise your own children.
- Karen Cassie reported that her and Lisa Lauter have organized the Water and Land Games in Larry Cassie's absence. There will be 10 stations for the Land Games and Jamie Penny volunteered to help set these up. Karen asked for 3 additional volunteers.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The winner of last year's Logo Contest was Melanie Ayer. The membership voted to keep her original logo. Earlier Melanie was presented with her prize – an Otter Lake Sweatshirt.
- Sharon MacMurchy will continue to send emails to members advising of power outages.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Elections – same Executive approved: President Gary Acker, Treasurer Cliff Ayer, Secretary Nita Acker, Lake Steward June Lambden. Larry Cassie, Scott MacMurchy and John Waltho also remain as Directors

Councillor Diane Griffin's Report (see attached)

Next Annual General Meeting – Saturday, July 30, 2011.

CLOSE MEETING – As there was no further business, John Waltho motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35am, seconded by Richard Lambden. All in favour, carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Nita Acker, Secretary

**Otter Lake Cottagers Association**  
**Year-end Statement 2009-2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>05-'06</b>	<b>06-'07</b>	<b>07-'08</b>	<b>08-'09</b>	<b>08-'09</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$ 1,504.46	\$ 1,995.63	\$ 2,228.77	\$ 1,982.35	\$ 1,613.20
<b>Revenues</b>					
Fun Day	\$ 693.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 668.00	\$ 665.00
Inventory Sales	\$ 86.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Membership	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,980.00
Interest	\$ 16.42	\$ 16.02	\$ 15.40	\$ 15.05	\$ 12.54
Donations	\$ 170.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 97.00	\$ -
Misc.					\$13.80
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 2,615.42	\$ 2,770.02	\$ 2,617.40	\$ 2,850.05	\$ 2,671.34
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Fun Day	\$ 23.30	\$ 20.00	\$ 323.34	\$ 310.85	\$462.80
Inventory Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
F.O.C.A./CHPOA dues	\$ 207.85	\$ 217.83	\$ 246.23	\$ 275.10	\$ 360.66
Warden (winter checks)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 567.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 388.80	\$ 405.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Administration	\$ 26.10	\$ 46.05	\$ 16.25	\$ 294.45	1.00
WOLRA Culvert Inst'mt	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Trans. to Contingency Fund					\$250.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 2,124.25	\$ 2,536.88	\$ 2,863.82	\$ 3,219.20	\$ 3,479.46
<b>Contingency Fund</b>					\$250.00
<b>Closing Balance</b> (include Cont Fund)	\$ 1,995.63	\$ 2,228.77	\$ 1,982.35	\$ 1,613.20	\$1,055.08
<b>Annual Profit</b>	\$ 491.17	\$ 233.14	\$ (246.42)	\$ (369.15)	\$ (558.12)
<b># of Paid Members</b>	55	65	62	69	66

Respectively submitted,

Clifford T. Ayer  
Treasurer, Otter Lake Cottagers Association  
31 July '10

## Report from Councillor Diane Griffin

Tax Assessment The Township of Algonquin Highlands tax rate is 4.18%, an increase \$4.18/\$100,000 of assessment.

Staff Changes Sheila Griffin/Twp.Treasurer has resigned and Don Kidd, Chief Bldg.Official, has taken a job with the Toronto Fire Services. Both replacements are being sought. There's a new Training Officer (Ryan Reesor) for the Fire Department and Juanita Dempster came on staff last Fall as the new CAO.

At the Landfill Site, Big Red takes disposable and rechargeable batteries/cell phones/compact fluorescent bulbs and printer cartridges. In addition, accepted Electronic waste includes photocopiers/handheld computers/phones/modems/stereos//MP3 players/VCRs/DVD players/cameras. Since Christmas 30 skids of waste electronics have been diverted. For Landfill site questions contact Gayle Short, Public Works/Waste Reduction Co-Ordinator at 489-2379 or [gshort@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:gshort@algonquinhighlands.ca)

Hazardous Waste Day (any site can be accessed with your ID card)

May 22 at Maple Lake, July 3 at Dorset, July 31 at Oxtongue Lake, Sept 4 at Dorset, Oct. 9 at Maple Lake

Emergency Important to remove old Yellow with Black number signs as they lead to confusion when an emergency vehicle is requested. You are responsible for the Blue Emerg signs. Ensure they are visible. If they get damaged or are missing call Cathy Howe at 286-2036. Please remember that GREEN flashing lights mean a volunteer firefighter is going to an emergency – pull over and let them proceed.

Official Plan Every 5 years the Township of Algonquin Highlands must revisit the Official Plan. This review is underway. One proposal is that NO wet-slip boathouses will be allowed on any lakes. A copy of the Official Plan Review is available online at <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/> A Public Open House to discuss this document will take place August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Dorset Rec Centre.

Expansion at the Stanhope Airport in respect to rehabilitation to the current runway and the planned cross wind runway is currently on hold. The draft environmental Assessment (EA) Report was released in June and during the public comment period a significant number of letters were received by the Review Team. The Township has been advised by the consulting engineer that it is unlikely that construction of the new runway will commence during this calendar year.

Municipal Elections Election day is October 25<sup>th</sup> .

Last day to file Nomination Papers is Friday, Sept.10<sup>th</sup> (between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m). So far, two people have filed their papers: newcomer Liz Danielson for Ward 2/Stanhope and incumbent Diane Griffin for Ward 3. Voters list will be posted September 1<sup>st</sup> – you can check to ensure you are on the Voters List by going to either the Main Twp office on North Shore Road – Monday to Friday or at the satellite Township office in Dorset on a Tues or Thursday. You will receive your Voter's Kit in the mail after September 27<sup>th</sup> .

The new term of Council starts December 1<sup>st</sup>

All details are on line at the Township website <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/> under '2010 Municipal Election' bar.

Personal Identification Signs The Corporation of the County of Haliburton posted signs at roadway intersections in our area that personal signs are in contravention of County Sign By-Law #3228 and will be removed. Many cottagers have voiced concern that these signs should not be removed, that they are an integral part of the 'cottage' feel in our area. If you agree, you are encouraged to send an email to Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager at <mailto:rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca> and copy Diane at <mailto:bdenter@vianet.on.ca>