

OTTER LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION – Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Gary Acker

- President, Gary Acker opened the meeting at 9:40am and welcomed 41 cottagers.
- Attendance sheet is being passed around – please include your email. Information will not be shared or sold. As well, the agenda for today's meeting was distributed along with the Treasurer Report.
- Introduced the other Directors – Nita Acker (Secretary), Cliff Ayer (Treasurer), Larry Cassie (Website liaison) June Lambden (Lake Steward), John Waltho (Parkers Landing liaison) and Scott MacMurchy. Gary also asked for interested new Directors. Su Penny inquired what age would be appropriate to join the Directors. After a discussion, George Cassie made a motion, seconded by Hester Ellerington that one teenager could volunteer each year to be a Director. Passed. Jamie Penny will be this year's rep.
- Announced the Directors held 3 meetings this year: Sept 5, 2011, May 22, July 3, 2011.
- Elections for the Executive of the OLCA will take place end of this meeting. Nominations welcome.
- Thanked Boychoff's for hosting the AGM & Fun Day for the 30th Year – last year we presented them with an original watercolour of their cottage as a special thank you. Inquiry was made by Su Penny about how many years the OLCA has been formed. Nita Acker will look up that information.

MINUTES – Secretary, Nita Acker, made a motion, 2nd by Cliff Ayer that minutes of last year's AGM, July 31, 2010, be adopted as posted on our website. Carried.

TREASURER REPORT – Cliff Ayer

- Reported an opening balance in 2010 of \$805.08 and a July 22, 2011 closing balance of \$903.68.
- Lake Emergency Contingency Fund started last year - \$250 annually (total \$500 has been set aside, mostly for culvert repairs). Therefore, the total treasury funds are \$1,403.68 (\$903.68 + \$500).
- Membership paid today will include a free laminated map of Otter Lake. Additional maps available for \$1.
- FOCA membership - \$251 (\$2 per member plus \$75 fee)
- Coalition of Haliburton Associations membership - \$50
- CHA Handbook for Lake Stewards - \$50
- OLCA Logo Sweatshirts/T-Shirts were purchased last year for \$1,100; so far revenue is \$1,300.
- Winter Cottage checks were successful last year. This season, 4 checks will be done by the team of Scott MacMurchy, Richard Lambden and Nita Acker. Cost of \$1,500 will be covered by your membership.
- \$50 donation sent to Township of Algonquin Highlands toward public access to internet at Dorset Rec Centre. Nita Acker reported a thank you letter has been received from them. Ian Meldrum made a motion, seconded by Hester Ellerington that a donation be made each year between \$50 to \$100 (depending on our affordability) to this internet service. Carried.
- Insurance for Fun Day \$340.20 (\$1 mil coverage for 10 hours today). Lisa Chipman asked Treasurer Cliff Ayer if insurance could be extended next year to include a separate race for children 8+. He will check.
- Cliff Ayer made a motion, seconded by Richard Lambden that the Treasurer Report be adopted as distribution today. Carried. A copy follows these minutes.

LAKE STEWARD REPORT – June Lambden

- Secchi, Clarity and Phosphorous test readings are being taken in the Lake.
- Barb Penny voiced concern that ecoli levels are high in our Lake. Gary Acker asked members to be vigilant in checking that their septic systems are working properly. Also it was suggested that if cottagers are concerned about faulty septic on the Lake they report it to President, Gary Acker, or the MNR directly. Please remember: DO NOT use soap or shampoo directly in the Lake. If anyone is interested in having your well water tested, see Gary Acker who has bottles and instructions. Richard Lambden reminded that all information has to be filled in or the submission will not be accepted, and that

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the sample must be kept cold and submitted within 24 hours. The Lambden's are trying to get a drop-off location to open on weekends when most of the cottagers are up.

- June Lambden reminded that germs are what's needed to work on septic bacteria so DO NOT use anti-bacterial soaps; also 1 ply toilet tissue is far worse than 2+ ply. If in doubt, put tissue in jar of water, shake and, if it doesn't dissolve, don't use it.
- Su Penny reminded to NOT feed ducks or wild life...they need to feed on natural food, such as water spiders, which will keep our shorelines clean.
- June Lambden reported that she attended the CHA Lake Steward meeting May 28th and received a copy of the newly published Handbook for Lake Stewards. It is available for perusal today. Topics include Lakes in Haliburton County, Your Community, Water Quality, Shorelines, Fisheries, Wetlands, Sustainable Waterfront Living, Wildlife and Forests. Additional sections are to be received soon and updates will be made available at no additional cost. (June's Photo & Jelly Bean Contest reports are under Fun Day below.)
- John Waltho reported on Parkers Landing. The Township did a good job of fixing the dock last year but unfortunately it continues to lose gravel which settles on the ramp and is of deep concern. He is in touch with the Township frequently and, although they would really like to remove the dock portion of Parkers Landing, John is encouraging them to possibly reduce its size instead of removing it as the dock is very necessary to many cottagers. If you have anything further to report on the safety of the dock or ramp, please contact John.
- On another matter, Diana Scott reported that John's mother, Vivian, will celebrate her 100th Birthday and a card is being passed around for everyone to sign.

WEBMASTER REPORT – Gary Acker for Sam Mason

- Address is otterlakedorset.com
- Our 5 year domain is up for renewal at the 2013 AGM

FUN DAY REPORT

- Canoe Race – Sue Penny reported race for 13 and over starts after AGM. Waiver must be signed beforehand. Last year's winners (the Chipman's) didn't receive the Presentation Paddle but it is here today for photo op. Remember Ropes, Bailers and Life Jackets.
- Water & Land Otterlympics Games – Gary Acker thanked Larry Cassie for his excellent organization of the Games and reminded everyone that the Water Games are not OLCA supervised. Children's participation is at the discretion of their parent or guardian, and the parent or guardian is responsible for their own child's supervision.
- Photo Contest – June Lambden reminded that entries can be submitted after the meeting up until 12 noon. New this year, a local artist and member of the OLCA, Diana Scott, was asked to do her wood and stone paintings as prizing. Also new this year is the Jelly Bean Contest; the person guessing closest to the number of jelly beans will win the jar of jelly beans.
- Nita Acker reported that Sweatshirts & T-Shirts are available for sale (Sweatshirts \$30, Adult Ts \$15, Youth Ts \$10); BBQ tickets are \$3 each or \$10 family of 4 (included are hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, drinking boxes, water, ice cream bars); Fish Pond will start after lunch for children 12 & under; Raffle tickets \$2 each or \$5 for 3, and will take place after Awards Presentation. Members were thanked for their donations, and also a list of local businesses who donated are displayed on the deck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Andrew Welker asked about government funding for high speed internet in our area for 2013. Gary Acker reported discussing this at the CHA meeting June 11th and will check details with CHA.

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- Ian Meldrum voiced concern about noise pollution on the Lake, specifically loud music and fireworks after 11pm. Please be considerate – direct music back toward your cottage instead of facing the Lake, and have fireworks before 11pm.
- Barb Penny offered a floating chair to anyone interested. If lost items float into the Penny's dock, they will leave it on their dock for the owner to claim.
- Richard Lambden, when doing cottage checks, will close any pad locks that are open so, if you don't want pad locks closed, please remove them.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gary Acker attended June 11, 2011 annual meeting for CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Associations) - Guest Speaker Dr. Norman Yan spoke on declining calcium levels in our lakes, and on the Queen's & York Universities testing of invasive spiny water fleas. A County bylaw is in the works to preserve shoreline trees, and the OPP made a presentation on grow-ops in our area and their danger. Please visit the CHA website for full minutes along with lots more interesting information – <http://www.cohpoa.ca>.
- Gary reported the passing of Norma Atkinson on October 16, 2010 (cott #36 Causeway Drive). A card was sent to the family on behalf of all cottagers. He also congratulated Hester Ellerington & Rob Timbers on their recent marriage, and welcomed new cottage owners Steve Burrell (#6 Tock Lane), Jamie Hurley, Elissa Boughen (#51 Camp Bay) and John Miller, Cathy Massig (#7 Tock Lane).
- Gary announced that Power Outage Notification by email will ONLY be sent to paid-up Members.
- John Waltho announced that a DVD of the 1984 Fun Day will be available for viewing inside the Boychoff's barn today. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy, please see John. He also invited everyone to an Open House which will be held at his cottage August 14th from 2pm to celebrate his Mother's 100th Birthday. Please drop by to say hello.
- Cliff Ayer omitted in his Treasurer Report that membership dues are \$30 and will be accepted until 3pm. For those who do not pay today he will send an email reminder in October.

ELECTIONS – George Cassie nominated Ian Meldrum as President; he declined. Rhonda Montgomery volunteered as a Director.

As there were no other nominations, the following Executive were elected: President Gary Acker, Treasurer Cliff Ayer, Secretary Nita Acker, Lake Steward June Lambden.

There are now 9 Directors representing the Otter Lake Cottagers Association: Gary Acker, Nita Acker, Cliff Ayer, Larry Cassie, June Lambden, Scott MacMurchy, Rhonda Montgomery, Jamie Penny and John Waltho.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – **Saturday, August 4, 2012.**

CLOSE MEETING – As there was no further business, Barb Penny motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nita Acker, Secretary
Otter Lake Cottagers Association
Email: olca@sympatico.ca

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**OTTER LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
Year-End Financial Statement
2010 – 2011**

Fiscal Year	06 - '07	07 - '08	08 - '09	09 - '10	10 - '11
Opening Balance	\$ 1,995.63	\$ 2,228.77	\$ 1,982.35	\$ 1,613.20	\$ 805.08
Revenues					
Fun Day	\$ 679.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 668.00	\$ 665.00	\$ 757.00
Inventory Sales	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,297.80
Membership	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 2,040.00
Interest	\$ 16.02	\$ 15.40	\$ 15.05	\$ 12.54	\$ 10.88
Donations	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 97.00	\$ -	\$ 9.00
Misc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13.80	\$ 70.25
Total Revenues	\$ 2,770.02	\$ 2,617.40	\$ 2,850.05	\$ 2,671.34	\$ 4,184.93
Expenditures					
Fun Day	\$ 20.00	\$ 323.34	\$ 310.85	\$ 462.80	\$ 273.28
Inventory Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,084.85
F.O.C.A./CHPOA dues	\$ 217.83	\$ 246.23	\$ 275.10	\$ 360.66	\$ 301.00
Winter Checks	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 378.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 388.80	\$ 405.00	\$ 340.20
Donations	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Administration	\$ 46.05	\$ 16.25	\$ 294.45	\$ 1.00	\$ 87.00
WOLRA Culvert Instalments	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Transfer to Contingency Fund	-	-	-	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,536.88	\$ 2,863.82	\$ 3,219.20	\$ 3,479.46	\$ 4,086.33
Contingency Fund (cumulative)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Closing Balance	\$ 2,228.77	\$ 1,982.35	\$ 1,613.20	\$ 805.08	\$ 903.68
Annual Profit	\$ 233.14	\$ (246.42)	\$ (369.15)	\$ (808.12)	\$ 98.60
# of Paid Members	65	62	69	66	68

Respectively submitted,
Clifford T. Ayer, Treasurer
Otter Lake Cottagers Association
22 July '11