

SDLCA GENERAL MEETING 1997

The Chairman, Steve Davis, opened the Salerno Devil's Lake Cottagers Association meeting of August 2, 1997, by welcoming about 45 people in attendance. He introduced the present executive and welcomed the guest speakers, Mr. Rick Kellestine and Mr. Neil Sommerville from Ontario Hydro.

Pearle Hayes read the minutes of the 1996 meeting. It was moved by Jim McKee and seconded by Bob Stuart that they be approved as read. Pearle Hayes gave the financial report showing the present balance of \$1040.69. It was moved by Bob Stuart, seconded by Dan Pappas that the financial report be accepted as read.

REPORTS GIVEN:

ROADS - Dan Pappas

In spite of repeated phone calls about the terrible condition of the roads, Mr. Pappas elicited no response from Glamorgan Council. The Reeve of Snowdon County, who was present, George Simmons stated the money just wasn't there to improve the situation. Several members spoke on the dangerous situations they had experienced because of the road surface.

LAKE STEWARD - Leo McCarthy

The quality of the water in the lake is holding up well despite the fact there was an increase in the algae content caused by the duration of the higher water this summer. Also contributing to this problem is the removal of rocks and trees near the water's edge and the addition of new earth on the shore. He also spoke on the lake capacity in respect to the number of cottages allowed and the prospective plan of a developer in South Bay, Glamorgan Township. Mr. Baker the developer, paid for a lake capacity study which has been forwarded to the planning department. No decision has been received from them. Their decision can be challenged through the O.M.B. Leo stated in his opinion, the planning department of the municipality should be the ones to institute this type of study in order to receive an unbiased report.

SPECIAL REPORT

Mr. Ted Wilkes spoke in respect to raising \$50,000.00 to renovate offices in the Sommerville township building in Kinmount as a clinic in order to encourage doctors to come to this underserved area. At present \$26,000.00 has been raised. Questions were raised concerning the availability of having prescriptions filled nearby and of having the services of specialists. It was noted that the Association had given a donation to this cause in memory of Bill Twist.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM HYDRO

Mr. Rick Kellestine, manager of Minden Hydro and Mr. Neal Sommerville of Bracebridge spoke on the new billing system and clear cutting. The new rate structure, using quarterly billing was instituted to better align revenue with cost to service.

It will mean a moderate increase for those using less than 90 K.W.H. per year and a slight decrease for those using more than 90 K.W.H. Due to fiscal restraints Ontario Hydro has gone back to relying on chemical control for right of way clear cutting, namely a chemical called Gorlon. Information on this chemical can be obtained from Ontario Hydro. Both men were presented with T shirts with the Association's crest.

RECREATION - Bob Stuart

The canoe race start this year will be from Fred Simmons property and will be an 'in the canoe' start. Bob also arranged for the clearing of the river at 3 spots where it had been blocked. Those unloading canoes were asked to park away from the unloading area. Rules for the canoe race were posted allowing for a little more flexibility in certain classes. It was noted that this was the 30th year of the canoe race and a special crest commemorating this event has been designed for the race. Kay Armatage offered her barbecue as an extra one was needed. Volunteers were also needed for the games and to assist with the cooking. Steve Davis supplied Kay Armatage with a canoe she needed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Steve Davis

Last fall, 1996, there were nine breakins on Road 3. Margaret Mark, who is with the Glamorgan Police Support Association, has suggested the Association supply a volunteer to attend their meetings with the O.P.P. the second Thursday of each month. Signs (cost \$15.00) would advertise this was a neighbourhood watch area supported by this group. The question was raised whether there was a relationship with the breakins and a Muskie tournament held just before this time.

In order to speed emergency service to cottages it has been suggested that a numbering system be instituted based on the mileage from the main road to the cottage on each specific road. This suggestion was accepted by a show of hands.

Approximately 5 cottages participated in the dock sale held July 19, 1997. It was recommended that it be held next year on a day close to Canada Day.

There are new boating regulations. Cushions are no longer legal as a floating device. Each person must have a properly fitted P.F.D. Boat speed, within 30 metres of shore, is limited to 10 K. per hour. This is to protect the erosion of the shore lines.

Discussion took place as to the possibility of having fireworks on Canada

Day and a dinner dance to be held in early July next year.

The members present were informed that we are now in a restricted fire zone due to the lack of rain and the dry conditions in the bush.

It was evident from the discussion on the roads how important it was to have representation on municipal council that are receptive to our needs. Many cottagers are unaware who these candidates are and their late registration doesn't help the executive to inform its members on the suitability of each candidate.

Reeve of Snowdon, George Simmons stated after 8 years he was not running for council. He warned that in the next 2 years it would be a very difficult time for the municipalities with the provincial government passing on some of the responsibilities to the local level.

Steve thanked Dorothy Clark and Pearl Simmons for providing coffee.

Leo McCarthy thanked the present executive for their efforts on our behalf and moved the present executive continue for another year. Steve Davis nominated Don Horton to work jointly with Ray Kane on the water testing, seconded by Dan Pappas.

A draw was held for those members present for gifts that had been donated by the following local merchants:

- Scott's Grocery Store
- Walsten Marina
- Dettman's Variety and Video
- BMD Restaurant
- Lucky Dollar Grocery Store
- Irondale Country Variety and Gas Bar
- John Austin and Sons Limited
- Schwandt Homecare Building Centre
- Rokeby Lumber
- Georgina Kountry Kitchen and Bakery
- Highland Cinema
- Barr's Hardware

It was moved by Pearle Hayes, seconded by Bill Witham that the meeting be adjourned. (12:30 P.M.)