

SDLCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999

The annual general meeting of the Salerno Devil's Lake Cottagers Association was held on July 30, 1999 at St. John's Church Irondale, with approximately 40 people in attendance. The minutes were distributed and no changes were made. Motion to accept by Jim Bartley, seconded by Marianne Cassin and all were in favour.

The financial statement was distributed and no amendments were made. Motion to accept by Bill Witham, seconded by Marilyn Horton and all were in favour.

Lake Steward Report

Leo McCarthy refreshed memories as to last year's discussion on the Baker Report. Again it was questioned why Snowdon and Glamorgan accepted the report when lack of a public landing was not considered and the peer review normally done by the Provincial Ministry was not performed. The executive will continue to pursue avenues that test the validity of the Baker report as it may be used in future developments. However the present development has been passed and may not be appealed to the OMB.

Water Testing Report

Don Horton provided a visual demonstration of a mock secchi disc test. We have an increase in water clarity of 7.8 metres at the Snowdon weed bed and 6.6 metres at the South end of the lake near the little islands. We continue to participated in the Ministry's Great Canadian Dip In, with two tests in the spring, and the six phosphorous tests done through FOCA. We have an increase in phosphorous level which is inconsistent with the secchi disk readings. The presence of Zebra Mussels could explain this abnormality, however adult mussels have yet to be identified. The following methods to lower phosphorous levels were suggested: keep lawns away from shore edges, use terraces on steep grades, use phosphorous free dish detergents and laundry soaps, promote native tree growth, preserve the wet lands, keep boats and docks at a minimum, maintain septic systems with regular pump outs, don't used bleach, compost and recycle, take care as phosphorous also comes from engine oil.

The executive will recognize Ray Kane for his past water testing. There is a concern that renters should be informed as to good environment practices. The executive will follow up on this.

Guest Speaker - Snowdon Reeve

Ross Rigney, a past cottager and now a full time resident addressed the following issues:

- Taxes will have 2 fall installments as the county government rates have not been established. Next year there will be four tax installments.
- The land fill sites are in good condition, however the M.O.E. has cracked down on sharing sites and therefore the Snowdon dump will continue to be active for many years. The Glamorgan dump site will close within the next two years. Holding stations are to be established at the Snowdon site and in August Snowdon will begin to recycle.
- The new road built at the west end of the lake will not be assumed by the Township until next May. It is required that it meet Township standards when it is formally dedicated by the municipality. Ernie Hills, Snowdon clerk, stated the private property owners have the right to make changes to the road as long as they don't impede traffic. Calcium chloride is the dust suppressant used by the township. There will also be a public boat launch on the lake.
- The county has been asked to bring the Milburn Road up to county standards. This means it will be hard top and properly laid out. The problem is that the traffic count is not high enough in the winter months. The Peacock bridge at the north end of this road is in the

process of being replanked. It is one of three bridges being reconstructed this summer.

- Ross supports the single tier government system for the amalgamation of services.
- There will be a portable community centre placed at the baseball field. An administration committee will oversee the running of this centre.
- We were strongly encouraged to send a representative to council meetings.
- The township will be celebrating the millennium with any of the unused money they have set aside for correcting the millennium bug.

Canoe Race

Rob Stuart reported that Don Horton had already cleared the river. Registration for the six categories will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. The charge will be \$5.00/member and \$10.00/non-member. Paddles will be awarded for first place, medals for second and third and crests for all. There was interest in establishing a senior women's category.

Barbecue

Susan Thompson has purchased the supplies for the canoe race barbecue and Marilyn Horton is coordinating the event. Kay Armatage volunteered her BBQ and Steve Davis will pick it up and deliver it to Furnace Falls.

Games

Emily Rayburn will be coordinating the traditional children's games and Marianne Cassin volunteered to announce the adult games. Due to lack of volunteers, the newer toddler games will not be offered.

Clothing

The new SDLCA clothing line was presented. Sweatshirts, T-shirts, golf shirts and hats are available for sale or for order through Emily Rayburn.

President's Report

Steve Davis reported to the members that we had 110 paid members this past year and encouraged the membership to be active in recruiting new members. The executive continues to be active in: publishing the quarterly newsletter, water testing, monitoring lake development, supporting local environmental and health initiatives and monitoring conditions and laws through the municipalities and FOCA that relate to cottage life. The executive also hosts various social events. Steve thanked Pearle and Bob Hayes for providing a place for the fireworks and Gary Mansfield and Bruce Thompson for implementing the event. Special mention was made of the Nichol's floating maple leaf. Steve pledged to continue initiatives of the past into the new millennium.

It was suggested that the various road stewards be approached to promote the membership campaign.

Elections

Kevin Pepper, Ron Guptabhaya and Deb McKee resigned from the present executive. The remaining members will continue for another term. Sherri Akow, nominated and seconded by Florence Landry and Sydney Clark, nominated by Bette Witham and seconded by Marianne Cassin, accepted their nominations and were unanimously elected into the executive.

Norm Wheeler moved and Herbet Weigl seconded that the annual meeting be adjourned.
(12:10 p.m.)

Door prizes were provided by:

Highland Cinema

Austin Lumber

SDLCA

Irondale Variety Store

Georgina Kountry Kitchen

Walsten Marina

passes to: Horton, M. Wheeler, Nasner