

**SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 2, 2003**

Sydney Clark, president of the SDLCA, welcomed approximately seventy members to the annual general meeting held at St. John's Church, Irondale starting at 10 a.m.

**Guest Speaker- Shannon Shepard**

Shannon Shepherd, with the Ministry of Natural Resources made a power point presentation on Nuisance Bears. She briefed the membership on: the general perception of bears; bear biology; statistics; "dos and don'ts" and what to do in case of encounters and confrontations. Shannon answered some questions and distributed pamphlets and magnets to further educate the public. Sydney thanked Shannon for the wonderful presentation.

**Guest speaker - Chuck Viner**

Chuck Viner. Deputy Reeve for the Township of Highlands East updated the membership regarding the temporary asphalt plant slated for the gravel pit west of the Bark Lake Road on Highway 503. The MNR has the final decision but they will listen to the Township Council's input. He encouraged people to attend the Council Meeting on August 12, 2003 and to make their views known to the members of Council. Chuck informed us that there is some support for Wilberforce to receive their policing from Bancroft rather than Minden. He also encouraged members to attend Gooderham's Horseshoe Days this weekend. Sydney thanked Chuck for sharing this information and making time to attend our AGM.

The minutes of the AGM held August 3, 2002 were circulated and Bob dark, seconded by Norm Wheeler, made a motion for their approval and all were in favour.

Phil Woodard presented the financial report and it was moved by Rob Stuart to accept the report. Bob Hayes seconded the motion and all were in favour.

**911 & Water Testing - Susan Thompson**

Susan reported that the 911 Implementation Team has started to identify and number the roads and cottages in the Township of Highlands East. Minden Hills Township will be started in the next couple of months. The numbered address is based on the distance from where the road begins and as a 4-digit code is required the intersection begins at 1000. Every 10 metres along the road another digit is added, thus at 1 kilometre from the intersection the address will be 1100. Odd numbers will indicate address on one side of the road while even numbers will be on the opposite side. Susan asked that members check for their cottage on the numbered lake map and list for errors and add their new address if known.

The Association did participate in the great Canadian Dip-in on the May long weekend and continues to monitor the lake. Unfortunately due to a change in volunteer testers there was no other report available and it is hoped that further information will be available in the next newsletter.

**Road Steward's Report - Dan Pappas**

Dan reported that the lake roads are the best ever and no one refuted this claim.

**Environmental Committee Report - Heather Stuart**

Heather Stuart announced that there is now an Environmental Committee, a permanent sub-committee of the SCLCA. The initial five point plan was to: create this subcommittee, compile and deliver the Environmental Newsletter (which was delivered to the cottagers' docks on July 1st); take a lake inventory; have an environmental booth complete with FOCA information at the Canoe Race (any one available to help with this?) and encourage shoreline naturalization. The lake inventory completed thus far indicates 113 cottages; 47 boats less than 10 hp motor; 105 boats of >10 hp; 110 permanent docks and 110 seasonal docks. The shoreline consists of: 10 urbanized; 18 most urbanized; 17 most naturalized and 55 very natural with minor alterations.

### **Constitutional Amendments - Sydney Clark**

Sydney presented amendments to Articles 4, 5, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 of the SDLCA constitution (presented to the membership in a handout) All were in favour of the amendments and a motion to accept the changes was made by Norm Wheeler, seconded by Margaret Clayton and all were in favour.

### **Election of the 2003-2004 Executive - Sydney Clark**

Sydney thanked the following retiring executive members for their years of service to the SDLCA: Dan Pappas, Emily Rayburn, Shari Akow, Florence Landry, Don Horton and Leo McCarthy. The running slate of Sydney Clark, Susan Thompson, Phil Woodard, Rob Stuart, Margaret Clayton and Norm Wheeler was presented to the membership. Esther Atkins made the motion, Kay Armatage seconded and all were in favour to accept the slate. Bette Witham, seconded by Barbara Gordon, nominated Doug Rodger and Heather Stuart was nominated by Kay Armatage and seconded by Laurie Bruce. All were in favour of these new executive members and Sydney declared the election closed.

### **Canoe Race - Rob Stuart**

Thank you to Scott Field, Al Russell and Rob Stuart for canoeing the river in preparation for the canoe race tomorrow. The conditions are similar to last year as the river is low and the beginning is the toughest with a jam within sight of the starting line. The actual distance is 6 miles as taken by GPS and in the future signs will indicate each mile. The registration will be taken in the field and the canoes will be launched from the roadside of the fence. Emergency procedures when on the river were discussed and it was explained that the last canoes to be launched are expected to sweep for problems.

### **BBQ & Games - Shari Akow**

Shari is co-coordinating the BBQ and Doug Rodger will transport Kay Armatage and Judy McCloskey's BBQs to Furnace Falls. Barbara Gordon will be directing the games.

### **President's Report – Sydney Clark**

Sydney thanked Do Clark, Peart Simmons and Marguerite Wheeler for providing the coffee for the AGM; Roy Landry for past water testing and Chris Whittemore and Leonora Marriner for the ice watch. FOCA will be increasing their fees by \$.25/ member in the coming year. Future plans included: a lake plan under the direction of the environmental committee; encouragement of shoreline naturalization; investigating septic company for possible discounts when groups of cottages commit; continuation of the Newsletter - please read it; encouraging cottagers to write letters of concern - as this is an election year and your voice has more impact; support the Highlands East Arts and Craft tour on the August 9-10 weekend, attend the County of Haliburton Official Plan meeting at the Stanhope Fire hall on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 p.m. Susan thanked Sydney for her commitment to the SDLCA.

### **Other Business - Sydney Clark**

- Septic companies have lost their dumpsite but the Ministry maybe opening a site in Haliburton in the future. As of this time FOCA is not involved in a re-inspection of septic systems in Haliburton
- There still is no public access to Salerno Lake
- When renting cottages please remember to check your insurance, as you may not be covered.
- It is rumoured that our tax assessments will be increasing.
- Sydney has written a letter on behalf of the Cottagers' Association expressing concern regarding the asphalt plant i.e. environmental safeguards required of a temporary asphalt plant (established in 1965) used for only 1 month of the year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Clark, seconded by Phil Woodard and ALL WERE IN FAVOUR. (12:15 p.m.)

