

Steenburg Lake Community Association

STEENBURG LAKE
HASTINGS COUNTY
ONTARIO · CANADA

April 12, 1976

Fellow Cottagers:

It is that time of year again when your executive can extend to you their wishes for both the New Year and the approaching camping season. We hope your spirits and property have survived the twenty inches of ice and two feet of snow! We hope most of this will be gone for the Annual Meeting at St. Ola Orange Hall July 10 at 7.30 P.M. - mark it now! We are again submitting our request for dues along with this newsletter. Please indicate any changes of address and include any questions you have for the annual meeting, as we will be having an executive meeting on May 23. Note that we have not succumbed to the inflationary spiral. Should any of you wish to run for election to the executive please notify us as we want as much input to this important function as possible. Complaints are more easily handled when you are in the "correction seat"!

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Report.

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My personal study of the water quality shows no deterioration and the results will be posted in the marina. The Township has agreed to install toilet facilities at the public beach. I wish to remind you to stock up on low phosphate detergent such as "Cindy". We will be studying the algae level in the lake starting May 9.

I should tell you that as a corporation we have established April 30 as our year end, and with this financial reminder look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting July 10.

Charlie Bateman

P.S. Please find enclosed a report submitted by Director, Jim Mudge who represented our Association at the F.O.C.A. Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association Annual Meeting, Mar. 31/76.

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FEDERATION OF ONTARIO COTTAGER'S
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 3-31-76

The following comments summarize the activities of the meeting as viewed by the writer.

Location: Lord Simcoe Hotel - Ontario Room.

Approximately 175-200 in attendance.

President Gordon Mewhiney opened the meeting with a few remarks regarding the organization and introduced the executive.

Secretary Sue Gray presented a recap of the minutes of the 1975 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer Charles Clay presented the Financial Statement - a copy of which is attached.

Pollution Committee Chairman Carl Brickman commented on the activities of his committee.

- Advice to association trying to help solve pollution problems.
- Contacts to be made for information regarding pollution problems.
- Seeking relief from boating gas tax.
- Seeking to end Trent Waterway tolls for cottagers.
- Keeping abreast of private dock tax discussions.

In Future:

- Plan to push for educational tax elimination.
- Negotiate for low interest rate loans for cottagers to install or upgrade septic systems.

Answers to January conference question in February "Ontario Cottagers".

Publicity Committee Chairman Bruce Walker discussed the committee's function.

- Mostly in support of issue situations - e.g. Test case of sending student to cottage country schools during Toronto teachers strike.
- Publicity of events.
- FOCA Annual Meeting.
- Sportsman Show.
- FOCA has joined news service on pay as you use basis.

In Future:

- Continue to publicize the issues.

Municipal Affairs Chairman Bert Shingler made a lengthy report on his activities.

- Attends Hydro seminars to discuss cottage country service and rates.
- Working on an ammendment to the Municipal Voting Act to provide remote voting stations for seasonal residents.
- Preparing resolution to Government to end double educational tax.
- Work with TIARA (1000 Islands) and Department of Indian Affairs etc., to determine mutually acceptable public recreational area.
- Opposing 50' frontages in Haliburton.
- Disputing 66' crown shorelines.
- Working on possibility of OPP and/or Snowmobile Club patrols in high vandalism areas.

Advice

Get involved in your local official plans.

The Hon. W. Darcy McKeough - Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Inter-Governmental Affairs.

- Could not attend due to bringing down budget 4-6-76.

The Hon. John R. Rhodes - Ministry of Housing.

- Pledged to investigate status of Lake capacity study !!!
- No firm date set.
- Did not seem to know much about it.
- Commented that the current legislature not likely to be concerned with people who own 2 homes. Government having trouble providing suitable primary housing at reasonable cost.

Constitution changes:

- Changes as a result of FOCA becoming incorporated will be mailed to all paid members.

New membership fees approved for 1977.

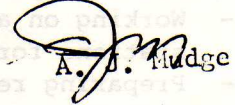
- Individuals	\$ 10
- Associations	\$ 25
- Associate Member	\$ 40
- Member of Group	\$ 20
- Corporate member	\$100 - Minimum

Other items:

- Pressed for more people to subscribe to "Ontario Cottager".
- FOCA asked for volunteers.
- Pressed for associations to advise FOCA of executive changes.
- Next year FOCA to put on 3 conferences and 6 shows.
- Some industries will help us finance full time staff if we (FOCA) prove we'll be willing to help ourselves.
- FOCA has full time 'phone answering device.

Observations:

- Impressed with involvement of FOCA executive.
- Impressed with future projects.
- Gained no confidence in Government support for our problems.



A. J. Hudge

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Membership Form.

Please find enclosed my cheque for (\$5.00) covering our 1976 membership.

Name _____

Address _____

Please make cheque payable to -Steenburg Lake Community Association
and forward to: Mrs. Joan O'Brien, Treasurer,
Steenburg Lake Community Association,
470 Colborne St. E.,
Oshawa, Ontario.
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Comments

Please feel free to include any comments or questions you may have at this time, on this form.