

SHORELINE NEWS

Steenburg Lake Community Association

August 1991

Limerick Township - Hastings County

HIGHLIGHTS OF 33RD ANNUAL MEETING, S.L.C.A. AUGUST 4, 1991

There were 115 cottagers in attendance for a delicious dinner catered by the Limerick Community Centre. Local merchants very generously contributed 36 door prizes which were awarded between dessert and the meeting which was called to order by Mike Duggan. Fifty nine members remained for the business meeting.

Old Business:

Lake Stocking of Splake: Could possibly happen in 1992 but more probably in 1993 for both Steenburg and Dickey Lakes. If Steenburg were stocked in 1992 it would be because there was a problem with the MNR's schedule in another lake.

Treasurer's Report: Account balance as of July 1st was \$3,286.61. This does not include any 1991 dues. Complete report will be in the fall newsletter.

Water Testing: Self Help Programme samples continue to be sent to Kingston every week. This measures water clarity and phosphorous. No testing is being done for bacterial contamination at this time.

1991 Lake Canvass: Membership appears to be down this year. Anita Waddell reported 137 members to date with a number of canvassers being unable to contact people. Last years membership was 157. She gave a summary of cottager's comments.

Waste Disposal Survey: Response by those that have upgraded their system has been excellent. Overall response level by cottagers now stands at over 70%. The survey will continue by direct mail with an annual update published in the newsletter.

Lake Capacity Study: Wes Moffatt reported that the final report should be completed by the end of August. This report will have input into the updated township plan which will be presented to the county by the end of September. Our association has committed financial support to the township to assist in the funding of this final phase of the study.

Association Elections: The executive remains as it is with no new candidates (somewhat disappointing). The following new directors were elected: **Social** - Charlie Quinn & Trish Neub, **Municipal Affairs:** Tom Quinn & Tom Little (excellent team as both have experience in this area)

Natural Resources: Griff Lloyd, Gene Tracy, Rick Burke, & Gary Goodfellow, **Environment:** Fred Neub.

Local Council Elections: A pitch was made to the members to make every effort to cast their vote on polling day, Nov. 12th. A proxy form and instructions are included with this newsletter. This is your community, you pay the major share of the taxes and as such your voice should be heard. At this point we do not know who is running for council.

New Business :

Dinner format: A proposal was made to separate the dinner and the meeting for next year as a possible way to get more members to attend the business meeting. The proposal is to have the business meeting on the 1st weekend of July and the social event on the 1st weekend of September. It was suggested that the balance of the membership be canvassed regarding how they felt about such a change. Marion Duggan was thanked for her many years of organizing the dinner. This was her last year on the dinner although she remained as a director on the social committee.

Association Well for drinking water: A proposal was made to have a well drilled in conjunction with a boat launching site when and if that happens. Again it was requested that the balance of the membership be canvassed on this. It would be a secure facility. It is estimated that the assessment per member would be in the range of \$30 to \$40.

Noise By-Law: Proposal was made to request Limerick and Tudor/Cashel Townships to consider putting in place a general by-law relating to noise restrictions around the lakes. Noise around water carries much further than over land and cottagers come for peace and quiet. Again it was requested to canvass the general membership over this proposal.

Boat Launch Proposal: Although the topic was discussed at last years meeting no proposal was made. The proposal this year was for the association to request of Limerick Township that they sell to the association a portion of the 66' lake front allowance from the vacant lot they own on the lake along with a strip to that frontage for access. If that transfer is possible then the association would construct a private launch on that site. The boat launch survey results are so inadequate it was requested that the general membership be canvassed on this topic again prior to any action being taken.

Rock Bass Derby: Proposal was made to revert to the old format of prizes. For the last two years the prize has been a cottage type prize in the hopes that it would get all involved and thus pull more of the trash fish out of the lake. This has not happened therefore it was passed to revert to individual prizes by age class.

Marina purchase: Outside of association business, Rich McCarthy proposed creation of a corporation to sell shares at \$500 per share for a total of 200 shares to raise \$100,000. A show of hands indicated a good degree of enthusiasm. This topic will also be included on the questionnaire.

Rock Bass Derby: The Quinn family won the Rock Bass Derby with 168 fish. The prize was a large salad bowl with utensils.

Meeting Highlights continued.....

Sailing Regatta: After our high winds of the previous several weeks there were high expectations for an exciting race. Sadly it was not to be, however, there was a good turn out and all boats were started at the same time. It made a beautiful picture. The results were as follows:

Windsurfers 1st- Chris Langman
Single Sail 1st - Dave Langman
2nd- Mike Mackey(guest of cottage #30)
Twin sails 1st - Rich McCarthy and crew
2nd - Rick Burke and crew

Trophies were awarded.

Canoe Races: The location was moved over along the north shore. A total of 9 canoes showed up and the seniors were a group to be reckoned with:

Youth (up to 15) 1st - Quinn & McCarthy
2nd - Quinn & guest
Adults (16 - 39) 1st - Langman & guest
2nd - Duggan sisters
Seniors (39 & up) 1st - Rudd & Briggs
2nd - Duggan & Walsh

Trophies were awarded in the form of small canoe paddles.

Meeting was adjourned a little after 10:00 and the only obstacle to departing was several bats in the hallway. It was a good meeting with the only drawback being the lack of members attending.

Miss Grace Winnfred Benard Passed Away on July 26th

Billie as she was affectionately known died in Toronto on July 26th. She was the only child of one of Bass (Steenburg) Lake's pioneer families. In 1917, at the age of three, Billie's parents William and Grace Benard, brought their daughter, and Grace's widowed mother Mrs. Gummerson, to spend that first summer at the "Drinkwater" cottage. This is now the home of Jack and Ethyl McGeachie. It was about 1921 when the Benard's built their own cottage at the "Landing" end of the lake next to what is now Wes and Peggy Moffatt's.

Along with the other families (Mathews, Hellings, Mathiesons) the Benards made the yearly day-long trip by train to St. Ola and then by Mr. Weller's wagon, to spend the whole summer without benefit of other transportation. After the death of her parents Billie continued to love her "Bass Lake" summers and it was her great regret that illness prevented her making the trip for the past few years. Billie will be missed by her many friends in the S.L.C.A.

Trudy Thanks you, One & All

As many of you know Trudy Heersink has had a bout with cancer. During her stay in the Kingston hospital she received many cards from cottagers around Steenburg and she wanted to let you all know how much those cards were appreciated. She is home and is doing better each day and the doctors feel that the future will be just fine for her.

LOCAL MERCHANTS SUPPORT S.L.C.A.

The following merchants donated services or merchandise that were given as door prizes at the annual meeting. Please express your thanks to them as you trade with them during the cottage season.

Bancroft

Perry's Pizza - 1 Special x-large pizza
IGA - His & Hers Manicure set
Whitfields - Lamp Wand
MOM's - Gift Certificate for dinner for two
Cashway - Weed eater cultivator
Wilson Home Centre - Multi screwdriver
POP Shoppe - Case of pop
Bancroft Sport Centre - \$15 gift Certificate
Canadian Tire - Knife set
L'Amable Sport Centre - Large Gas can
Dixie Lee - Gift Certificate for two
Mary Brown - Case of pop
Garnet's Tire - 4 Inner tubes
Dary Queen - Gift Certificate
L & M Esso - 2 liters of two cycle oil
Bancroft Sport Marine - Gearcase lub kit
Bancroft Golf Course - 2 sessions of 9 holes
Westwind Gifts - Gift certificate for \$20
All Seasons - Gift certificate
Oaken Mallet - Gift Certificate for 10% off

Gilmour

Trudy's - Flashlight set
Stan's - Floating Flash light
Lighthouse Restaurant - Gift Certificates
Beaver Lumber - Voucher for lumber
Buddy French (Bowes & Cocks) - 3 airplane rides for 2
Sam's Country Kitchen - Gift Certificates

Madoc

Two Loons Restaurant - Gift certificate for brunch
Eldorado Cheese - 4 medium pkgs. of cheese

Other

Owenbrook Golf Club - (2) 2 somes's for golf

Fall Municipal Elections

<u>October 17</u>	Clerk advertises and posts the time of the advance and regular polls, the list of nominated and acclaimed candidates, and the last day for applications for proxy certificates.
<u>October 21</u>	Clerk notifies candidates of their campaign spending limits.
<u>November 2</u>	Advance Poll opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 8:00 p.m. Clerk's office is open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to issue proxy certificates.
<u>November 6</u>	Advance Poll opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 8:00 p.m.
<u>November 11</u>	Remembrance Day
<u>November 12</u>	Polling day; polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Last day for obtaining a proxy certificate.

Attached is a description of the proxy voting process along with the required form for the voter to designate another person as the person to register his/her vote

Fall elections continued.....

The important issue is for you to register your vote in the fall elections either in person or by proxy. As a cottager you are a vital member of the townships that have an effect on the quality of life around Steenburg Lake. Cottagers form a majority of the voting population and contribute the lions share of the tax dollars that keep the community functioning. In light of this you should not think of voting locally as a passive issue. You have a vital interest in what happens and therefore should make every effort to become aware of the issues and the candidates.

As of this newsletter the candidates for council have not declared themselves. The names will be published in the fall newsletter that will be mailed to your home.

Steenbass Lake 91

The bass fishing this year has been so good that Steenbass Lake just might be a good name for the lake. Largemouth bass between 4 and 6 pounds, not been uncommon. The fishing pressure has been a little more intense this year than I can recall from past years and that brings to some of the points I want to make. I had another discussion with the Bancroft MNR fishery section and what I gleaned from that discussion is worth noting.

●The Smallmouth Bass and the Rock Bass compete for the same habitat, with Rock Bass being the more voracious feeder of the two. The Smallmouth Bass will only strike a prey straight on whereas the Rock Bass will strike from any position on the compass. Fishermen will retain the Smallmouth Bass as a prize but reject the Rock Bass and in most cases return him to the lake. Just the opposite should occur. Catch and release the Smallmouth Bass and retain the Rock Bass. In so doing this you will give the desired species a greater opportunity to breed and prosper by eliminating the more prolific fish from taking over the habitat. Give it a try, catch and release all Smallmouth Bass and pull out the Rock Bass.

●All lakes will produce the typical bathtub curve over time when you plot fish caught per fish hour. This of course is based on the number of breeder fish that survive the season and how much illegal pre-season angling occurs during the breeding season. Bass research has proved that 73% of hookwounded bass abandon their nest shortly after the incident. So those that say "I don't keep them, I'm only fishing for fun" are really doing the population more harm than they realize.

All of this leads to the question, if I want some bass to eat what ones should I keep and how does this decision affect the on-going good fishing of the lake. The 1991 "Guide To Eating Ontario Sport Fish" indicates that you should never eat either a Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass out of Steenburg Lake that is 18" or more in length. This size fish can be up to 18 years old. Many fishermen will release such a fish in the mistaken belief that these are the breeders. Wrong, fish this size are in their waning years and usually are not breeders. The best action to take with this size fish is either take a picture of you and the fish and release it or take it to your favorite taxidermist and have it mounted.

Steenbass Lake 91 continued.....

The good breeders unfortunately are the ones that the guide book tells you are the ones that are safe to eat, those up to 12" long for Smallmouth and up to 14" for Largemouth. If I could make the decision for you I would recommend catch and release any Largemouth up to 10" and all Smallmouth. If this action were taken by most people that fish on Steenburg Lake, this lake could sustain consistent good fishing and not experience the typical bathtub curve of the good and bad years.

Some interesting findings that have come out of a "Nesting Male Survey" done in Opeongo Lake in Algonquin Park are:

- Only 30 - 35% of adult males in the population nest in any given year.
- Most male bass reproduce only once in their lives.
- Most nesters are between 5 and 10 years old.
- When males leave their nesting site they can travel up to 10 kilometers to get to their summer home range. This movement usually begins within 24 hours of leaving the nesting site.
- Summer home ranges expand in area from July to August.
- Females appear to have larger home ranges than males.
- Home ranges break down in late summer and fish begin wider ranging movements. In the early fall adult bass move to their wintering grounds and are used from year to year.
- Smallmouth Bass seem more susceptible to disturbance caused by angling than were Largemouth Bass.






If you would care to receive "Eastern Ontario Fisheries Update" write to

Regional Fisheries Biologist
Ministry of Natural Resources
Postal Bag 2002
Kemptrille, Ontario
K0G 1J0

Please don't forget to keep a record of total party hours of fishing and type and numbers of fish caught. Use the record sheets that were provided with your July newsletter.

Water Body/ Cours d'eau	Fish Species/ Espèces de poisson	Fish size in centimetres (inches) Longueur du poisson en centimètres (pouces)									
		15-20 (6-8)	20-25 (8-10)	25-30 (10-12)	30-35 (12-14)	35-45 (14-18)	45-55 (18-22)	55-65 (22-30)	65-75 (26-30)	>75 (30)	
Steenburg Lake Lac Steenburg 44507741 Tudor & Limerick Twp. Cantons de Tudor et de Limerick Hastings Co./Cité d'Hastings	Smallmouth Bass! Achigan à petite bouche!										
	Largemouth Bass! Achigan à grande bouche!										

Consumption guidelines for fish caught by anglers

Consumption Frequency					
Long-term consumption	No restrictions	0.2 kg/wk (0.5 lb./wk.)	0.1 kg/wk (0.3 lb./wk.)	1 or 2 meals per month 0.5 kg/mo. (1 lb./mo.)	None
One-week vacation	No restrictions	10 meals 2.3 kg (5 lb.)	7 meals 1.5 kg (3 lb.)	1 or 2 meals 0.5 kg (1 lb.)	None
Two-week vacation	No restrictions	5 meals per wk. 1.3 kg/wk. (2.8 lb./wk.)	4 meals per wk. 0.8 kg/wk. (1.9 lb./wk.)	1 or 2 meals/wk. 0.5 kg/wk. (1 lb./wk.)	None
Three-week vacation	No restrictions	4 meals per wk. 1 kg/wk. (2.1 lb./wk.)	3 meals per wk. 0.6 kg/wk. (1.4 lb./wk.)	1 or 2 meals/wk. 0.5 kg/wk. (1 lb./wk.)	None

Children under 15 and women of childbearing age should eat only fish in  category.

Note To Steenburg Lake Community Association Cottagers

Re: Interest In Purchasing Marina

As most of you know the old Double D Marina is up for sale by the Wilsons. Several interested parties around the lake have suggested a way that the Marina might be purchased and used for the benefit of the cottagers. Ownership could provide:

- Arestricted boat launch site.
- Winter storage for up to 20 boats.
- Storge for snowmobiles
- Parking space for guests with boats.
- Potential for "Trudy's On The Lake".
- Potential for small engine repair (Cashel Small Motors).
- Cottage for rental
- Youth Center.
- Source for drinking water.
- Meeting site for lake events.

Ownership , should it materialize would not be by the association but by a separate corporation with either shares or lifetime membership being issued to provide funding for the purchase. If 200 memberships or shares are sold at \$500 per share, \$100,000 would be raised.

The real estate has been viewed and found to be in good condition and it was agreed that \$85,000 was a fair price. The site as it stands is not a good cottage site nor has it proven to be a profitable venture on the lake.

The balance of the \$100,000 or \$15,000 would be applied against the cost of a survey, closing costs, legal fees, new roofs,taxes and insurance. When in operation the income generated would be adequate to cover the annual expenses.

The questionnaire attached covers and area for you to express your interest in this venture.

PROXY VOTING

Any person whose name is on the polling list or who has obtained a certificate under section 33 may vote by proxy. Note - Absolutley no limitations on who can vote by proxy.

A person wishing to appoint a proxy voter must do so on the prescribed form. (form #24). included with newsletter.

The person must be an eligable elector.

Aperson may only act for:

- a) One person who is not a relative.

or

- b) One or more persons who are relatives. Relatives are defined as parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters or spouse.

The person appointed a voting proxy shall complete an application in the prescribed form (Form #24) including a statutory declaration that the person is the person appointed as a voting proxy and shall bring the form in person to the Clerk at the Clerk's office during normal working hours or during the period 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday of the mandatory advance poll on

Proxy voting continued.....

November 2nd.

The Clerk shall, if satisfied that the person who appointed the voting proxy is qualified to appoint a proxy and the person appointed is qualified to act as a proxy voter, give a certificate in the prescribed for (Form #24)

Suggest list be kept of persons making a proxy and those as proxy voters. Check before issuing to ascertain compliance with Act.

Not more than one voting proxy may be appointed on behalf of any one person.

No application shall be approved by the clerk after "normal office hours on election day". This would be whatever time your office normally closes and may vary from municipality to municipality.

Classified:

Wanted: Small Outboard up to 10 to 15HP.

Small single sail boat.

Call Tom Little at Cottage #15 474 - 5653

For Sale: Stainless steel kitchen sink with faucet and spray unit \$25.00, 474-5753

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 1991 - 93

OFFICERS:

<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Ron Rampton (#157)	Thomas O. Hughes (#30)	Colin Gaddas (#143)

DIRECTORS:
* = Lead Director

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Social</u>	<u>Municipal Affairs</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>Environment</u>
*Anita Waddell (#103)	*Rich McCarthy (83) Marion Duggan(165) Charlie Quinn (26) Trish Neub (177)	*Tom Quinn (26) Tom Little(15)	*Griff Lloyd (19) Eugene Harrison(79) Gene Tracy(23) Rick Burke (97) Gary Goodfellow (175)	* Bob Boyce(159) Fred Neub(177)

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Annual Canvass Membership list	Annual dinner Regatta Youth center Canoe races	Local council interface Ministries Newsletter Bulletin Board	Water testing Fishery Buoys Association well MAPLE programme	Recycling Spray programme Waste disposal
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Steenburg Lake Community Association - Questionnaire Sheet (Aug. 1991)

● **Association:** What issues do you feel the association should be pursuing to improve conditions around the lake? (List in order of importance to you).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

● **Purchase of Marina:** A limit of \$100,000 has been set. Of that total \$85,000 would be for the purchase price. The balance to cover repairs, closing, fees taxes and insurance. Corporate shares would be sold at \$500 per share.

- a) Would you be interested in purchasing shares? _____
- b) If yes, how many shares would you subscribe to? _____

● **Boat Launch:**

- a) If an association boat launch was available would you use it? _____
- b) Are you in favor of an association boat launch? _____
- c) Would you be willing to pay an assessment of up to \$100 to cover the cost of such a launch? _____

● **Well for Drinking Water:**

- a) Would you be in favor of locating a well on the lake as an association member source of drinking water? _____
- b) Would you be willing to contribute up to \$40 to cover the cost of a well, a pump, and a secure structure? _____

Noise Ordinance:

- a) Do you feel it is appropriate to have the townships consider some type of by-law relating to excessive cottage noise, ie. stereos and parties? _____
- b) What time of the day do you feel such a by-law should take effect? _____

● **Annual Meeting & Dinner:**

- a) Do you feel it would be an improvement to separate the dinner and the meeting? _____
- b) If this were done would you attend the annual business meeting? _____ Best time for meeting? _____
- c) If this were done would you attend the social function? _____ Best time for social event? _____
- d) What type of social function would you like to see?
_____ A weenie and corn roast.
_____ A sit down catered dinner.
_____ A pot luck dinner with association covering the meat and beverages.
_____ Other suggestions _____
- e) If you have never attended the annual meeting and dinner, why have you not? _____

● **General:**

- a) Are you satisfied with the services you are getting for your tax dollar in your township? _____
_____ Limerick township.
_____ Tudor/Cashel township.
- b) What services do feel could be improved? _____
- c) Are there any you feel should be provided that are not at this time? _____
- d) Do you feel continuance of the association is important to the on-going well being of the lake and its residents? _____

Please turn over

Steenburg Lake Community Association - Questionnaire Sheet (Aug. 1991)
Continued

Other Comments or suggestions: _____

Association member signature: _____
Cottage Number: _____

Mail or drop off questionnaire to:
Thomas O. Hughes
R.R. #2 Gilmour, Ont K0L 1W0 Cottage #30

or

Thomas O. Hughes
6 Highview Trail
Pittsford, NY 14534 USA

Questionnaire can also be left with any one of the directors.

Please try to complete your questionnaire by August 31st

Thank you for cooperation, it is appreciated

Form 24

Municipal Elections Act (Section 67 (2))

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING PROXY

(Prepare in duplicate)

A person whose name is entered on the polling list for a polling subdivision in the municipality, using this form, may appoint as his voting proxy a person who is entitled to vote in the same municipality. Such proxies must be appointed and certified during the period after nomination day and up to and including polling day.

Municipality	
Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of person appointing the proxy	Given Names
Full address of residence	Apt. No.

PERSON APPOINTED AS PROXY

Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of Person Appointed	Given Names
Full address of residence	Apt. No.

I, the undersigned, a person whose name is entered on the polling list for the said polling subdivision in this municipality, do hereby appoint the person named above as my voting proxy at the elections now pending in this municipality.

.....
Name of witness print)

.....
(signature of person appointing the proxy)

.....
(signature of witness)

.....
(date appointed)

A PROXY MUST NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE POLL UNLESS CERTIFIED BY THE CLERK, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON POLLING DAY.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the person named above as appointing the proxy is qualified to vote in the first named polling subdivision and that the person so appointed is a duly qualified elector in this municipality and is authorized to act for the said person appointing him.

.....
(signature of clerk)

.....
(date certified)

Copy Distribution: original to be taken to the poll by proxy voter; copy to be retained by clerk

ORAL OATH OF VOTING PROXY AT THE POLL

I swear or solemnly affirm:

That I am the person named as voting proxy in this appointment presented at the said poll; and

That I am voting in good faith on behalf of the person named above who made the appointment.