



Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

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- Spring Edition 1993

Member FOCA

HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY

Steenburg Lake Community Association
1958 - 1993.

The Association was formed in 1958 and incorporated on December 24, 1974. Records of the annual meetings start in 1963. If anyone has copies of the earlier meeting minutes please forward a copy to Tom Hughes. The original name of the Association was the Bass Lake Community Association. It was changed in 1969 to Steenburg Lake Community Association.

Annual meetings of the Association were held in the St. Ola Orange Hall from 1958 through 1976. It required from two to three sittings to feed everyone. In 1977 the annual meeting moved to the Limerick Township offices and remained at that location until 1980 when it moved to the Limerick Community Centre.

Records indicate the following men have presided as president (time for a female?): Richard Fitzgibbon, Charlie Bateman, Wes Moffatt, Griff Lloyd, George Bick, Ron Mathieson, Ed Cross, Tom Grinnell, Ian Fraser, Robert Wells and Ron Rampton.

Lest you forget, this is an election year and the present Association officers have been in place for six years which is far too long for the same group to serve for many reasons. Without exception on the questionnaire you filled out last year, 100% responded that it was important for the well being of the lake that the Association survive. The Association cannot function without officers, so some of you simply must step forward when nominations are opened at the annual meeting in August.

To commemorate our 35th birthday there will be "T" shirts, adult and youth, sweatshirts and hats available at Trudy's. Set aside August 1st from 3:30 to 7:30 for business, prizes, socialize with your fellow cottagers and a family style supper. See you at the Limerick Centre.

Calendar of Events.

Mark your calendar now for these seasonal events

Annual Regatta And B.B.Q.

Saturday July 17th, - rain day Sunday July 18th
All races will be held on the Beach Bay (map included for directions).

Windsurfers	1:00 - 1:30
1 sail	1:30 - 2:00
2 sail	2:00 - 2:30
Canoe	2:30 - 4:00

All participants must wear life jackets and be members of the Association or their guests. There are water activities planned for the kids so be sure they come prepared to get wet.

Annual Association Meeting And Dinner

Limerick Community Centre, Sunday, August 1, 1993.
The meeting will be held from 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. The extra time is to allow for elections.

Social hour 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Family style dinner 6:30 P.M.
Tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at the door. The price is: adults \$8.00, children (up to 10 years old) \$4.00. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

- Cottage #30 - Hughes
- Cottage #79 - Harrison
- Cottage #165 - Duggan

Rock Bass Derby

July 31st & August 1st
For Kids ages 5 through 10

Register at cottage # 23, Eugene Tracy by 10:00 A.M. on Saturday July 31st, 474-2128. Call in your tally by 4:00 P.M. on August 1st. Prizes awarded at the Annual meeting. Let's hit those little red eyes hard this year.

HAPPY 35TH BIRTHDAY S.L.C.A. - KEEP IT GOING

June

Annual Baptiste to Bancroft Canoe Race & Tour
June 12
613-332-1513

Bancroft/Cardiff Kinsmen Home &
Recreation Show
June 11 - 13
613-332-4039

Apsley Home & Sportsman Show
June 26 & 27
Kathy Armstrong 705-656-3301
Bill Watt 705-656-4926

July

Canada Day Celebrations
July 1, Bancroft
613-332-1513

Party In The Park
July 2, 3, 4,
613-332-1513

Midway at the Community Center
July 13, 14
613-332-1513

Country Good Times
July 16 - 18,
Wilberforce
705-448-2981

30th Annual Rockhound Gemboree
Canada's Largest Gem & Mineral Show
Community Center
July 29 - August 1
613-332-1513

Summer Crafts Fair
Curling Rink
July 31 10 am - 7 pm
August 1 10 am - 5 pm
613-338-2287

August

Baptiste Lake Bass Tournament
August 7,
613-332-3348

Kelly-Miller 3 Ring Circus
North Hastings Community Center
613-332-1513
August 9,

Annual Turkey & Ham Smorgasbord
August 14
613-337-5379

Whitewater Kayak & Open Canoe
Slalom Races
Madawaska Kanu Camp
August 15, 10-4 pm
613-756-3620

Zion United Church Anniversary
Dinner on the Ridge
Service Starting at 2:00
lunch to follow August 22
613-337-5379

Coe Hill Agricultural Fair
August 27 & 28
613-337-5504

**Job Descriptions
Officers & Lead Directors**

Included with this newsletter are the Job Descriptions of the nine elected posts that are called for in the revised by-laws. They are included to assist you in making a decision to step forward at nomination time, if not this year then perhaps next year. Three people will leave the board each year and be replaced by three newly elected officers/lead directors. If you have any questions bring them up at the meeting.

FOCA OBJECTIVES

The following objectives are identified as reflecting FOCA's current interests and priorities: Environment, Lake Use, Planning, Taxation and Communications.

Environment Objectives

To provide leadership in the protection and wise management of the natural environment, with special reference to:

1. Water quality, including pollution from septic systems, grey water, etc.
2. Shorelines, with emphasis on protection and restoration.
3. Wetlands, preservation of both private and public lands.
4. Solid waste management, with emphasis on reduction, re-use, composting and recycling.
5. Pest control, e.g. gypsy moths, forest tent caterpillars, purple loosestrife, aquatic plants, zebra mussels.
6. Land use and lake capacity, watershed management studies.
7. Protection of wildlife and habitats.
8. De-urbanization of cottage country; discourage lawns, swimming pools, etc.

Lake Use Objectives

To promote:

1. Moderation in the use of lakes to ensure safe boating and swimming as well as to maintain and enhance the lake environment for the benefit of cottagers, fish and wildlife, winter and summer.
2. Safe recreational boating by encouraging speed limits, improved law enforcement, education, and legislation.
3. Responsible recreational fishing by promoting improved knowledge of regulations, fisheries management plans, conservation practices and enforcement, and encouraging observation of regulations and safety measures.

- 4. Safe recreational swimming by promoting the taking of approved courses, and encouraging observation of safety measures.
- 5. Peace and quiet by promoting and encouraging improved noise control by-laws and improved muffler systems on recreational boats and vehicles and other equipment used in cottage country.

Planning Objectives

- 1. To encourage Lake Associations to engage in a planning process for their own lakes and to participate actively in the development of municipal and county plans.
- 2. To achieve greater FOCA involvement in government planning processes by obtaining representation on policy-making bodies.
- 3. To provide information to lake associations to assist them with local planning issues and inform them of developments in the Planning Acts.
- 4. To press for greater consideration of environmental features in Official Plans and the Planning Act.

Taxation Objectives

- 1. To press for fair taxation for the cottagers of Ontario.
- 2. To press for education costs to be funded on income-related ability-to-pay basis, to relieve the burden on property taxpayers.
- 3. To press for study and consideration of alternatives to or modifications of Market Value Assessment, and to oppose the introduction of MVA in its present form.
- 4. To provide information to member associations as requested on assessment practices, the structure of municipal and education finance and provincial grants, and the means of monitoring municipal and education spending.

Historical Notes by Jack Mcgeachie

Rather than retype Jacks notes that he provided from his diary, I have reproduced them as received, so further back in the newsletter you will find them.

S.L.C.A. By-Law Revision

Included with this newsletter is a revision to the Association's By-Laws. The revisions are as follows:

- Section 5a - Adds an officer - Corresponding Secretary and renames the existing secretary as Recording Secretary. See the job descriptions for their duties.

- Section 5c - Eliminates dividing the lake into 3 geographical areas for purposes of electing directors.
- Section 5c - Rewritten to reflect the Lead-Directors of the five standing committees to be elected, with committee members volunteers from the membership. Size to be determined by the Lead-Director.
- Section 6a - Revises term of office from two to three years and staggers elections with three elected positions voted on each year.
- Section 9 - Dues collected by mail and completed by canvassers.
- Section 9a - annual fiscal statement to appear in the fall newsletter.
- Section 9b - account maintained in a chartered bank or Trust company (post office eliminated).

Discussion and a vote on these proposed changes will be the first order of business at the annual meeting.

F.O.C.A. Spring 1993 Seminar

Altogether there were about 600 representatives of cottage associations in attendance, four from Steenburg Lake. The cost to attend is \$15.00 and is open to all who would care to attend. As you will see from the subjects covered, it is really worthwhile attending. There are two a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The fall date is November 27. Around the periphery of the room are exhibitors, displaying and explaining their product/service. From 8:00am until 9:00am coffee and sweet rolls are available and time to view the exhibitors booths.

The agenda is started at 9:00am with the presidents welcome and an update of FOCA's issues (I have included a complete listing of FOCA's objectives in the newsletter starting on page 2). The main points covered here were Hydro rates, Market Value Assessment, creation of a safe boating council, continued deterioration of the quality of water in Ontario lakes, capital gains tax elimination, and the need for cottager associations to develop closer relationships with their local community. Cottagers represent a real impact on the financial health of the local community and in turn need the support of the local community to achieve the goals of the cottagers.

Next on the agenda was a talk on the Fair Tax Commission. Main points:

- Recommendations to the Tax Commission
- Review alternatives to Market Value Assessment
- Treat recreational property differently from

FOCA Seminar continued.....

permanent homes for taxation puposes

- Reduce reliance by Ontario on property taxes to support social services and education. Limit the property tax for maintenance of physical services.

Next item on the agenda was the "Watershed" by Dr. Hutchinson of MOE. He explained the hydrological cycle:

- Precipitation
- Run-off
- Percolation

He reviewed the lake cycle by season and covered the thermal structure (mixing due to temperature and wind for renewing the oxygen supply). The excess supply of phosphorous stimulates the growth of algae which in turn consumes oxygen in the degeneration process.

The next topic was how cottagers and development affect the environment. Important factors - site drainage, sewage disposal, boating, phosphates, and erosion. An estimate from a study done in the Muskoka region is that 50% to 75% of existing septic systems are inadequate or are functioning unsatisfactorily. Disturbing the natural shoreline (litoral area provides all the aquatic life for the lake).

John Sewell gave an overview of the draft proposals of the commission on "Planning Process Recommendations". In general they cover Policy, Administrative, and legislation. The report covers: wetlands, shoreline policy, mapping, municipal planning, and monitoring. One of the recommendations is eliminating the "grandfather" clause in the EPA of 1974 forgiving septic systems that were installed prior 1974. The final report will be available by mid-June of this year.

The final presentation was given by Richard Harrison, a professional planner. Sustainable development has political and economic consideration on the environment. There are 8,900 undeveloped severed lots available in the Haliburton region. This amounts to a new town of 30,000 people with all the ramifications that go with that. Translate that province wide and there is alot of potential development that could be done. He stated that the development industry will adapt to any and all of the changes that are made. His other points were:

- Get involved with your local councils.
- Read the planning act and be aware of the interactions of agencies.
- Compile statistics on your lake for defense purposes.
- Develop a war chest (strategic fund) which could be partially used to educate the association members.
- Understand developers

As you can see, alot of good topics were covered and all of them pertain to our cottages and our lake. An active association with knowledgeable officers goes along way to protecting the environment of the lake we cherish so much.

Membership - Anita Waddell

The request for mail-in dues met with moderate success. As of the end of April 50 cottagers mailed in their 1993/94 association dues. It is a start and hopefully will get better each year. All the canvassers are ready to go and their packages are being prepared. They will deliver this newsletter to you along with other items.

The request for volunteers and ideas did not fair so well. That effort produced zip which we sincerely hope does not reflect the membership's attitude about being a candidate for an association office.

Municipal - Tom Quinn

Mr. Henry requested a meeting with the association board to discuss his position and secure association approval in requesting a severence of the 600 foot lake front lot that is part of his parcel. Eleven faithful souls showed up for the meeting at the town hall in Pickering in early February. Mr. Henry's main purpose in requesting this severence was to separate the old farm house from the rest of the property to satisfy his partner's request (we did not know he had a partner). He talked about some options for the rest of the property such as: his own cottage, horseback trails, cross country ski trails and possibly some development. After he departed a discussion ensued. The general feeling was that all had not been disclosed and that the Association could not in good faith back his request. A letter to that effect was sent to the township. Council did not approve of the severence at their April meeting.

Cottage Security prompted our letter last fall to the OPP concerning break-ins. Our cottages were checked over the winter, not once but several times along with a canine detachment. Three youthfull offenders were apprehended. This could have cleared up some problems.

Letters were mailed to both townships requesting permission for cottagers to draw drinking water from the town well located at the township office sites. As yet that request has not appeared in either of the townships council meeting minutes. Hopefully May will produce some type of response. It is felt that our tax dollars paid for the well and we should get some benefit from it. It is not anticipated that permission would result in a large run on that water supply but it would assist in an emergency.

The Limerick Township Council has raised the cost of photo copying to a straight \$.20 per copy, one side only, using paper provided by the township. It was \$.05 per copy if you provided the paper and duplexing was allowed.

Natural Resources - Griff Lloyd

Association Well

Sixty four well responses were returned over the winter, 41 wish to participate, 23 declined. It does indicate a positive response for proceeding with the well. With more contact work around the lake it would seem highly probable that another 30 to 40 participants could be found.

That is the good news, now for the bad news. The piece of property on the South Steenburg Lake Road where it was proposed to locate the well is listed as a town park, therefore, if the well were placed at that location it would have to be left unsecured for anyone in the town to use. In addition to that several residents on that road feel the well would cause a noticeable increase in traffic and on that basis object to that location.

The most preferred location would be close to the lake so that the users would be able to go by boat to a dock and fill their jug at a location quite near to the dock. If there were crown land around the lake, that might be a possibility, however, such is not the case. It would appear for the time being that a secured well for drinking water on Steenburg Lake will have to be put on the back burner until an alternate plan can be devised.

MAPLE 10 - What Is It?

MAPLE 10 is a self-help programme designed to allow the maximum regeneration of shoreland with the minimum amount of effort. The name stands for, "The Mutual Associations for the Protection of Lake Environment". This is a non-profit organization made up of cottagers, lake-users and naturalists working together to maintain the natural environments of Ontario waterways.

First, the shoreland owner measures a distance of ten feet from the water edge, the high water mark is the best. The area is marked off by signs, or string or any other method the owner prefers. Then nothing is done, no grass cutting or spraying or fertilizing, and no work. This area will immediately begin to regenerate with natural plants.

In the first year, wild flowers and grasses get started and by the next year, smaller shrubs and trees indigenous to the area begin to grow. Wildlife.....frogs, birds, ducks and small fish will appear as the vegetation begins to shield the shoreland and shallow water areas.

Why does MAPLE 10 Work?

The natural vegetation along the shoreland does a number of things: It holds back the soil to prevent erosion. Erosion

MAPLE 10 Continued.....

is a major factor in shrinking land, rapidly aging lakes and rivers and ruined fish spawning habitat. The vegetation holds back the nutrients from sewage and fertilizers that flow into the lake and increase plant and algae growth. The lake wildlife lives in, on and around the shoreline vegetation. The common dogwood is a source of food for over 25 species of birds. The shoreland trees shade the lake and keep the shallow water cool. Fish eggs are not overheated, and scummy algae growth is greatly reduced.

No one believes their little piece of shoreland makes a difference, but it does. Ninety percent of all lake life is born, raised and fed within a thirty foot band of shoreland where land and water meet. If every shoreland was to begin MAPLE 10 programme on their shoreland today, they would create more wildlife habitat and do more to clean up our drinking water than any other single action taken in the province to date.

This is a condensed article written by MAPLE Inc. If you are interested in the full article which indicates the types of trees and shrubs that can be used to enhance your shoreland, contact MAPLE Inc. at: P.O. Box 271, Perth, Ontario., K7H 3E4.

Mussel Maintenance Procedures

To control Zebra Mussel build up on boat hulls and equipment, and slow their spread to other waters, biologists recommend taking the following steps:

- Protect your boat's submerged surfaces with a quality bottom paint. Compounds rated safe by the EPA are available at many boating supply stores and marinas.
- If you choose to apply paints yourself, wear a charcoal-filtered respirator and protective clothing.
- Read the labels and follow instructions carefully. Environmental laws have become stringent in preparation and clean-up procedures.
- If you trailer your boat, before leaving a Zebra Mussel-infested area, be sure to inspect and flush all areas in contact with the water. This includes trailer frames, hulls, outdrive units, trim tabs, trolling plates, propellers, and guards, rudders, transducers, anchor lines, all bilge water, live wells, bait buckets and engine cooling water.

On a visual inspection scrape off and dispose of mussels in a garbage dumpster. Wash everything with hot (at least 140 degreesF) water or a pressurized steam cleaning unit. Allow your boat to dry two days or more in the sun before being transported to uninfested waters.

Record Your Catch

For the past two years you have been provided a recording sheet for those in your cottage that fish. The tally compares our catches to those tallied by MNR to see how do we stack up in fish caught per hour of fishing. We also send this information along to the MNR in Bancroft where it is folded in with the provincial statistics. That form is included with this newsletter. We encourage you to use it.

This year your are quite liable to boat Splake as part of your catch. If such happen please write that in the comments section. That is important as this is their first full year in the lake. Several were caught during the winter through the ice. They ran about 10" and were reported to be excellent eating.

Only record your activity for July and August and turn your filled in forms over to Gene Tracy before you close up for the season. Your help is appreciated.

New Angling Laws Require Careful Study

The new Ontario angling regulations summary is available from licence issuers. Familiarize yourself with the rules and keep the summary handy for checking when in doubt. Open seasons and creel limits vary widely across the province and in some districts, exceptions outnumber rules. Catch and release is no longer the safe way as some regulations specifically state: It is against the law to catch, try to catch or possess species if it is against fishery regulations to do so.

Penalties for both fishing offences and harming fish habitat are quite staggering. Enough here, best your get the book and read it throughly. Much has changed.

Bathing Beach Report - 1992 Hastings County Health Unit

The smallest number reportable is ten (10) organisms per 100 ml of water. The highest the public beach got last year was 20 and that occured only twice. The average mean for June - August was 11.12. The beach would be closed if the number reached 100 organisms per 100 ml of water. We appear to be far from that.

Environment - Bob Boyce

A Near Tragedy

A drowning almost occurred in December on Steenburg Lake. Mr. Wayne White went out in rather small canoe to take some pictures of some property. The canoe became

A Near Tragedy continued.....

awash and dumped Mr. White into the cold water of Steenburg Lake. Involved in the saving of Mr. White were: Jessie Fitzgibbon, Harry Fitzgibbon, Bob Ionson, and John Furandiz. The township and Mr. Elmer Buchanan presented awards and letters for their involvement in saving Mr. White from drowning at the March Council meeting of Limerick Township.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

There will be no Hastings County sponsored spraying programme this year for the Gypsy moth. This is not to say we no longer have them around but the dgree of infestation is such that it does not warrant the spraying. Last year I had two traps out and was still catching the male moths up until Labour Day. I caught many so I strongly advise you to put out your traps and replace the scent strip. An ounce of prevention da da da.

Safe Boating

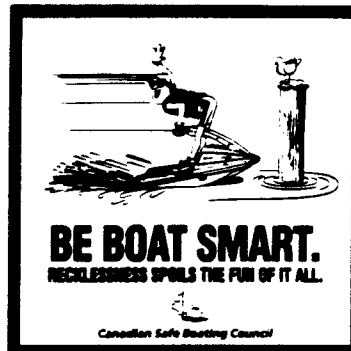
Millions of Canadians enjoy boating. Each year, over half the population goes out in small boats, at least once. And every year , some of these boaters end up in the water and not by choice.

Many of the people who died in boating accidents last year drowned within a few feet of safety. Most of those victims owned life-jackets, but weren't wearing them when they died.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council urges all boaters to wear their life-jackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) in small boats. PFD's or life-jackets help keep boaters afloat while they attend to the urgent task of climbing back on board. If you can't get back on your boat, your PFD, or life-jacket, helps delay the onset of hypothermia by allowing you to keep still until help arrives.

By law, every boat must carry a Department of Transport approved life-jacket for each person on board, but if your life-jacket is under your picnic lunch or carefully stowed away, it is essentially useless. Most fatal boating accidents result from sudden capsizing or falls overboard. With no warning, there is no time to get into a life-jacket.

Be Boat Smart - Your PFD is your best life insurance policy afloat, but it won't work if you don't wear it!



Cottages For Sale

At this time (May) there are 13 cottages for sale around the lake:

#3	Allison (deceased) #131	Wells
#5	Hamm #137	Braccia
#6	Madden #150	McKenzie
#30.1	Hartog #167	Davies
#49.2	Haroutunian (lot) #181	Pucyk
#68	Kasubeck #204	Wynn (island)
#73	Rodgers	

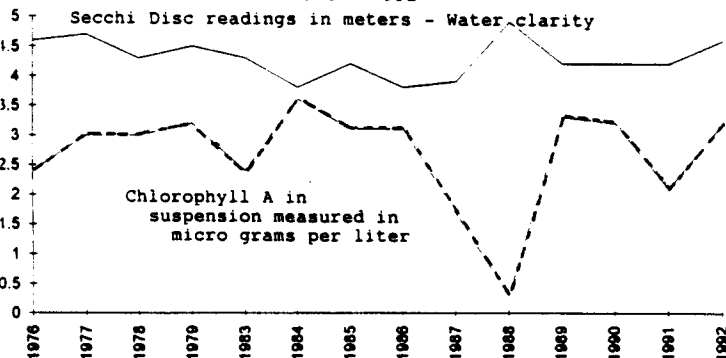
Results of 1992 Water Testing

The association has been participating in the MOE "Self Help" programme since 1976. Griff Lloyd & Gary Goodfellow took 9 samples from each of three locations around the lake last summer. The first test using a Secchi Disc is a measure of water clarity. The second test is for Chlorophyll A measured in micro grams per liter. This measures algae held in suspension in the tropic zone. The readings obtained from Steenburg Lake for chlorophyll are low enough that it does not impact water clarity. Readings in the area of 50.0 would impact water clarity. These two tests do not interact

The standard deviation of data for Secchi Disc readings for 1976 - 1991 was .28. The 1992 data raised the standard deviation to .33. This indicates a slightly wider spread of data, more variation.

The standard deviation of data for chlorophyll A for 1976 - 1991 was .89. The 1992 data lowered the standard deviation to .86. This indicates a narrowing of the range of data around the center line of the curve

MOE "Self Help" Programme
Steenburg Lake
1976 - 1992



CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE:

Used environmental toilet - \$100 or best offer
Cottage #26 474 - 2657

White ceramic bathroom sink - \$25.00
Cottage #30 474 - 5753

Windsurfer, good condition - \$475. Available about July 3rd - Cottage #28, Marion Burton

Heatolator, grills, fans, mantel for a concreat fireplace
\$100 - Wayne Pickard cottage #59

Franklin stove - \$50, Queen size sofa bed - \$75, Daybed which opens to a double bed - \$50
Cottage # 114,474 - 2267 the Baudos

Cottage For Sale - #30A

Confederation log construction, two years old, 1440 square feet, one acre lot, 127 feet lake frontage, hardwood floors throughout, three bedrooms, large porches, southern exposure, quiet end of the lake, drilled well, septic, township road, fridge, stove, washer, dryer, much of the other contents included, needs some finishing. Call 1-416-430-1432

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STEENBURG LAKE - COTTAGE & BUOY LOCATIONS

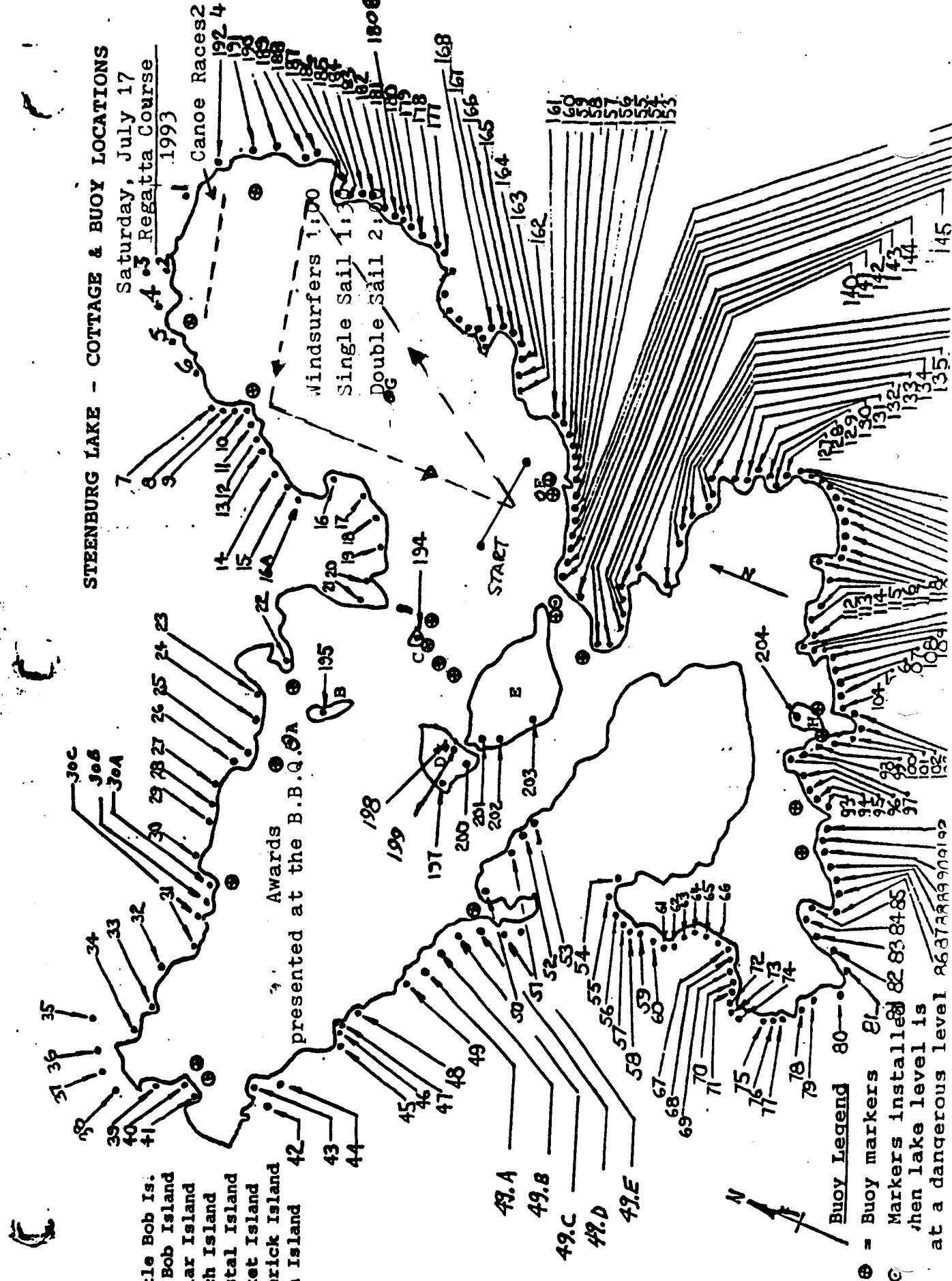
Saturday, July 17
A.A.S. Regatta Course
1993

- A. Little Bob Is.
- B. Big Bob Island
- C. Poplar Island
- D. Birch Island
- E. Crystal Island
- F. Picket Island
- G. Limerick Island
- H. Loon Island

Awards presented at the B.B.Q.

Canoe Races 2:14:19

Windsurfers 1:10
Single Sail 1:10
Double Sail 2:00



Buoy Legend 80

- ⊙ = Buoy markers
- ⊙ = Markers installed when lake level is at a dangerous level

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Historical Comments & Observations of Steenburg Lake by Jack McGeachie

The comment on recent lake levels as being 'normal' ignores the history of the lake. The enclosed copy of an old snapshot taken about 1918 records lake levels as they were for centuries. The picture was taken of the road and shoreline in front of my cottage (#1) which at that time was known as the Drinkwater place. While much detail has been lost in the old print the structure on the left side was Drinkwater's boathouse on the beach. It shows the wide beach where the teamsters drove out onto water their horses and the narrow single track roadway. The white blob out in the lake is the rock outcrop off the mouth of Bass creek, now mostly submerged, which protruded some 2' above the water. And the marsh along the shore extended to within 10' of that rock. My brother and I had a 10' minnow seine which had to be 'pursed' (shortened) to pull it between the rock and the marsh when we seined for the schools of top minnows there.

Ronnie Matheison as a boy always checked the boat well in the old boathouse as in June there usually was an old mudcat guarding her school of little cats taking shelter there.

The marsh was a haven for large schools of minnows, crawfish, frogs, leeches and the innumerable larvae of water born insects which provided food for the predator fish lurking offshore.

The Bass creek channel was deeper than now and spanned by an old log bridge the cribbing of which provided more shelter. And the lake level was such that a party of Americans in 1865 had to dig a trench to get enough water in the creek to float their canoes for a trip to Salmon (Limerick) lake.

The Township was opened for settlement in 1860 and the Crown reserved the pine and a 66' traverse around the lake necessary for the harvesting and transport of the logs. The settlers all built boathouses or cribbed docks on the traverse for their punts as fishing was a necessary part of survival. Since squatters rights kick in on Crown land in 75 years these structures would have become private property in 1935. So early in the 1930's the Government reasserted control by assessing each dock and boathouse an annual \$5. rental. This was such a hot potato the Government backed off and turned the traverse over to the townships. But before the switch was made most of the docks and boathouses were removed to escape the tax. This eliminated much shelter for food for the fish.

A major change was at the location which is now the public beach. Here the Bateman, Powers, Weller families maintained a long cribbed pier to an off shore boat house. The clockwise current in the lake caused by the prevailing south west winds had built up a hard sand bar on the west side of the pier. So hard in fact that people drove their cars out on it to wash them. The water on the protected east side was deep enough to moor boats. When this boat house and pier were removed the current shifted the sand into the bay and caused considerable erosion to the shore there. Bert Tanner placed a reference stake along his shore and during his tenure recorded the loss of 7' of shoreline.

Then as the shoreline was subdivided and cottages built people began 'cleaning up' their section of the shore. This usually meant salvaging all the loose rock for cribbings, retaining walls, rockeries or what not. Again those loose stones were shelter for many items of the food chain and the shores became very sterile. I haven't seen a Johnnie Darter or a Stickle Back for years (small fish that shelter in rock shoals).

The original fish population included eels, ling (burbot or fresh water cod), lake trout, small mouth bass, mudcats, suckers, perch, sunfish and ciscoes a type of herring. Eels spawn in the Atlantic and when the old wooden dams on Beaver creek were replaced with cement ones the elvins can no longer get back to our lake. The ling spawn in February under the ice in Bass creek where conditions are no longer favorable for reproduction and they too have disappeared.

The first rock bass was caught by Grandfather 61 years ago. It weighed 2 lbs. The second was caught by Don Goodsell and it weighed 3/4 lb. These fish may have been the remnants of a small transplant by Bruce Powers but that could not possibly have triggered the massive invasion of these fish all along the Crowe watershed. The rock bass gobbled up anything that was edible. Trout and small mouth bass went into decline.

McClane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia lists rock bass as growing to 12" and weighing 1 lb. But in 1974 one was caught in the York branch of the Madawaska river weighing 3 lbs. This river is of course part of the Ottawa river watershed the divide being about 15 miles north of our lake. The Ontario Federation of Naturalists record one of 2 1/4 lbs. and I believe the world record to be 4 lbs. also caught at Combermere in the Madawaska.

At the height of the rock bass explosion my family recorded taking over 600 fish in one season's casual weekend angling. We were spin casting with small flatfish with treble hooks on each side and it was not unusual to catch two fish on one cast. Others followed the struggling captives right up to the boat. Our modis operendi was to put a big bucket in the middle of the boat and when it was full take it over to the Ridge and feed them to brother Bob's pigs.

Then large mouth bass were introduced and were very successful probably foraging on the rock bass. Later pickerel were introduced and while a handful were caught they soon petered out. Next rainbows were tried but they too were a failure. Both failures were probably due to insufficient food stocks. I will be very surprised if any of the current splake stocking ever reach the size forecast for the same reason.

The old log bridge over Bass creek was condemned as unsafe and replaced by the present steel culverts. But the culverts were placed on fill to level their base and so the channel was restricted as to depth creating a partial dam and raising the lake level.

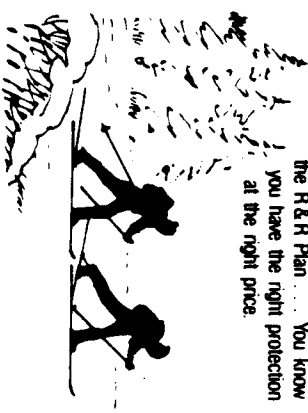
Next the Association requested the Township to create a dam across the mouth of the culverts. The Township asked the Crowe Valley Authority to construct it but were turned down as the view was the lake contributed very little to the Crowe river flow. So the Township installed the planks. When the Ministry of Natural Resources discovered it they questioned me as to it's origin as they claimed it was illegal and would have to be removed. However politics being what they are the Township put pressure on Crowe Valley to assume responsibility for it's maintenance before MNR could act and as the Authority outranks MNR the matter was dropped.

The dam flooded the old shoreline destroying most of the small marshes. This further reduced the lake's food production capability. Erosion from the flooding was only stopped by stoning the lake side of the roadway. The elm was killed. The road was widened by incorporating the boulevard between the travelled portion and the property fence.

* Note: I was unable to reproduce the photo satisfactorily

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 Address _____
 Location of Recreational Residence _____
 Location: Lot _____ Conc. No. _____
 Typ _____ Prov. _____
 Mortgagee's Name and Address _____

Type of Recreational Residence
 Cottage Condominium

Your Recreational Residence is used
 all year summer only winter only

The Maximum period your Recreational Residence is not occupied _____ months.

Do you rent out your Recreational Residence
 Yes No

If Yes, total number of days rented _____

CONSTRUCTION
 Solid Brick Brick Veneer Frame
 Other _____ Ground floor area _____ (sq ft.)
 No. of Storeys _____
 Foundation: Full Basement Crawl Space
 Concrete Pad Piers

Is building winterized? Yes No
 Heating: Gas Oil Electric
 Fireplace Wood Stove

Is there more than one building on premises
 Yes No (if Yes)
 (A) Type Guest House Bathroom
 Wet boathouse Garage
 Shed Other _____

(B) Square Footage area of (A) _____

PROTECTION
 Residence is within 5 miles of a fire hall
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 Is road open all year Yes No
 Residence is accessible all year Yes No

Premium Calculation

for _____
 Secondary Recreational Residence
 Seasonal Recreational Residence
 Condominium Recreational Residence

Recreational Residence Building \$ _____
 Personal Belongings \$ Included
 Detached Structures (if applicable) \$ Included

Recreational Condominium Contents \$ _____
 Additional Living Expenses \$ Included
 Personal Liability \$ 1,000,000

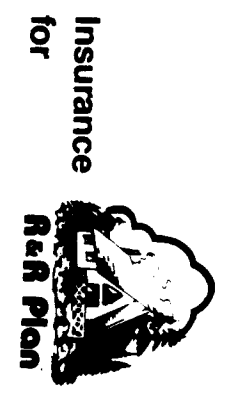
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STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAWS

This organization shall be known as the Steenburg Lake Community Association and is organized for the following purposes, to wit:

- A. To protect the interests of Steenburg Lake property owners and to foster co-operation with Township officials.
- B. For mutual assistance of its members and to better social relationships.

1. Membership

Membership in the Association shall be available to all property owners and their immediate families whose property borders on Steenburg Lake.

2. Associate Membership

Individuals and their families who rent cottages on Steenburg Lake and are interested in the aims and objectives of the Association may apply for associate membership after 3 years of consecutive summer residence (two weeks per summer minimum) at Steenburg Lake.

3. Honorary Membership

By action of the Executive Committee Honorary Membership may be awarded to a member of the Association who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, has rendered valuable assistance or worthy enterprise to the lake community, or who has been in residence for 50 consecutive years (two weeks per summer minimum).

4. Privileges

- A. Any member of the family of a property owner shall be eligible for any office in the Association, save that of President. This office shall be held by a property owner. Property owners shall have the only voting rights but may confer proxy privileges on a member of their family or may express their wishes by mail to the Secretary when a vote is scheduled.
- B. In all other respects the entire membership shall enjoy equal privileges.

5. Officers

- a) The officers of the Association shall be President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Lead Directors
- b) Any officer may be suspended for cause by a two-thirds majority vote at any general meeting of the Association.
- c) The five (5) standing committees shall be chaired by an elected Lead Director. Membership on those committees shall be volunteers from association members. Number of members on each committee shall be determined by the Lead Director of that Committee

6. Elections

- a) The officers shall be elected at a general meeting and shall hold office for three years. Elections shall be staggered with three new officers elected each year.
- b) Consent of each nominee must be obtained prior to voting.

7. Meetings

- a) A general meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time but not less than once each fiscal year.
- b) Specific meetings for specific purposes may be held at any time and place at the call of the President or on written demand of at least ten percent of the property owners.
- c) A quorum for the purpose of transacting business at a general meeting of the Association shall consist of a majority of officers plus members (or their authorized representatives) of not less than 20 percent of the total membership. Each property owner that is a member of the Association has one vote, or may provide written authorization for another family member to register that vote.
- d) Motions shall be passed by a majority vote of all authorized members present or in written proxy at a general meeting.
- e) Accepted parliamentary procedure shall be followed at all General , Executive or Committee meetings of the Association.

8. Committees

Special Committees shall be established by the Executive Committee with the Chairperson of each Committee appointed. The committee chairperson may select the desired membership.

9. Finances

Annual dues are to be set by the Executive Committee and shall be collected by mail and completed through the annual canvass. Payment of dues by the property owner shall constitute membership in the Association and must be paid by the date of the annual meeting. Non payment of dues automatically forfeits membership.

- a) The treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and shall publish an annual accounting of the fiscal position of the association in the fall newsletter.
- b) Cheques or cash-covering disbursements of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer and funds maintained in a trust account in a chartered bank or post office.

Amendments to the by-laws were approved at general meetings on August 8, 1964, August 6, 1989

Changes to these by-laws must be submitted to the members in writing 30 days prior to a vote and must be approved by a majority of the quorum present.

8/89 (Revised by-laws distributed to all members via the association newsletter.)

11/93 (Revise by-laws distributed to all members via the association newsletter.)

Steenburg Lake Community Assoc. Job Description

President

Coordinate overall functions of the Association and monitor responsibilities and activities of all other officers and directors.

Preside over all association meetings and run per Roberts Rules. Develop the agenda for the meeting and give to Recording Sec. for copies.

Preside over all executive meetings and provide Recording Secretary with the agenda items and the date, time and location of the meeting.

Check Directors for progress on action items that arise from the Executive meetings.

Receive all notice of requests for severances from the county and provide an association response to that request.

Receive minutes of the council meetings for both townships and evaluate for impact on the lake community and take appropriate action.

Appoint an Association member who is not an officer or director to run the annual elections.

Look for ways to integrate the seasonal population with the year round population.

Prepare a Presidents column for each issue of the news letter.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Description

Treasurer

Maintain a checking account with a bank or trust company

Receive dues from members and deposit in checking account.

Upon receiving proper expense receipts or bills write checks against these obligations and record.

Prepare annual financial statement for fall newsletter.

As members send in their dues, keep Corresponding Secretary current on membership in the association.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Descriptions

Secretary - Recording

Record minutes of all executive meetings and distribute to officers and directors. Maintain permanent file of those minutes.

Record minutes of all association meetings and secure approval of those minutes at the next association meeting. Prepare a summary (highlights) of the annual meeting and forward to corresponding secretary for inclusion in the fall newsletter. Maintain a permanent file of the minutes

At the request of the president of the association prepare notice of an executive meeting and prepare an agenda of that meeting based on input from officers and directors. Notify officers and directors of the meeting.

Post notices of annual meeting on the north and south roads and on the Association bulletin board and remove notices after meeting

Update corporate registration in Toronto each time there is a change in officers.

Responsible for all the permanent records of the Association (librarian).

Job Descriptions - Steenburg Lake Community Association Secretary - Corresponding

Maintain data base of all residents on Steenburg Lake, identifying those that are association members. Corrections and updates to this data base may come from many sources, the prime source being the annual canvass through the treasurer.

Provide mailing labels as requested by officers or directors.

Maintain a supply of association letter heads for use by those generating correspondence on behalf of the lake association.

Maintain a current organization chart of the officers, directors and committee members and distribute same whenever it is updated.

Provide current masters of alphabetical and numerical listings of lake residents to the Membership Director for use in the annual survey.

Provide a complete resident listing (including home address) for distribution to the OPP, & fire department.

Edit and produce a minimum of two newsletters per year. One in June for distribution by the canvassers and one in the fall mailed directly to the association members homes. Other issues as needed.

Post notices recived from agencies ie: FOCA, MNR, OPP on the Association bulletin board.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Description

Director - Membership

Divide lake into sections and secure a canvasser to cover each section.

Secure from Corresponding Secretary a list of names, addresses, phone numbers in numerical order for each section of the lake that is to be canvassed. Note if dues have already been received.

Prepare a folder for each canvasser containing current numerical listings of lake residents with phone number and membership designation, membership cards, spring copies of the newsletter, and any other handouts that have been accumulated.

As folders are returned by the canvassers, forward checks and membership information (when cash is received) to the Treasurer. All folders should be returned even if canvassers are not finished, by July 15th.

Initiate a follow up letter for each cottager that the canvasser was unable to contact to solicit their membership in the Association. Direct checks to be sent directly to the Treasurer.

Summarize comments collected by the canvassers and forward to the Association President. Provide a verbal report at the next Executive meeting.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Description

Director - Natural Resources

Take samples of lake water for MNR as part of the "Self Help" programme. Receive annual report and prepare an article for the newsletter reporting on the outcome of the previous years testing.

Secure report from the Health Bureau on the results of the bacteria testing for the public beach area and prepare report for the newsletter.

Encourage and promote shoreline restoration to a natural state. Acquaint Association members with "Maple" and its benefits.

Promote and encourage good fishing practices by cottagers. Monitor the stocking programme. Continue effort to reduce the presence of trash fish in the lake. Continue distribution of the fishing survey form and send tally to MNR and report in the fall newsletter.

Monitor Public Beach and bring problems to the attention of the Limerick Township Council.

Provide promotional aids from MNR for distribution at the annual meeting.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Description

Director - Environment

Coordinate cottager participation in governmental supported pest spray programmes.

Maintain data base on Waste Disposal Survey and report status in newsletter. Publish information on proper care and maintenance of a septic system.

Encourage and promote safe boating habits on the lake through newsletter articles and bulletin board notices.

Promote and encourage respect for good neighbor policy around the lake, ie, disrespect of neighbors relative to noise: human, animal or mechanical source.

Secure from MOE any promotional material for distribution at the annual meeting.

Encourage cottagers to participate in the recycling programme.

Provide source for pest control items that are safe and environmentally friendly.

Steenburg Lake Community association Job Description

Director - Municipal Affairs

Preceding municipal elections initiate a get-out-the-vote campaign for cottagers on Steenburg Lake. Provide instructions and forms for absentee voting.

Review updates to the official town and county plan and submit recommendations where appropriate when the plan is at cross purposes with the association's aims.

Attend council meetings when issues impacting the lake are to be discussed.

Make requests of the council for improvements to services when association members raise an issue or a problem.

Attend OMB hearings that pertain to severance requests that are not in the best interest of the lake community.

If at all possible run for a seat on a township council.

Steenburg Lake Community Association Job Description

Director - Social

At the direction of the President reserve the Limerick Community Centre one year in advance for the specified date of the annual meeting and dinner.

Finalize arrangements for the menu and style of service.

Have tickets printed with the price, date, times, location, and stubs for door prizes. Limit no. of tickets to capacity of Limerick Ctr. and arrange for locations for the sale of tickets. Post a notice on the Association bulletin board.

Arrange for bar and permit.

Solicit retailers in the area for donations as door prizes and follow up with a letter of thanks to those that do donate. Provide Corresponding Secretary with a list of store names and prize donated for including in the Fall newsletter.

Turn over receipts and bills to the Treasurer for final accounting.

Arrange for social events for members during the cottage season ie: regattas, canoe races, weenie roasts, foot races, etc.. Funds allotted for these events by an annual budget.

Prepare newsletter article summarizing events over the summer for the fall newsletter. Prepare a schedule of events by date, time and place to be included in the spring newsletter. This schedule of events should also include all local events as well as Steenburg Lake events.

Design, procure and arrange for the sale of agreed upon items of wear reflecting the lake name and or association name.

In addition to regular volunteers to serve on this committee, special sub-committees may be created for single purposes.

STEENBURG LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY SUMMARY

 Systems Surveyed: 172 (5/93)

'Types and number in use

Septic	Privies*	Holding Tank	Chemical	Other
----- 137	----- 18	----- 11	----- 1	----- 5
	System upgrades under consideration			20

'Routing of Kitchen Waste

Septic	Dry Well	Lch Fld.	Sand Bed	Hold Tank	Other
115	24	8	6	11	8
Septic systems installed prior to EPA (1974) :					31

* Privies used on a regular basis, not as back up
 172 out of 204 cottages responded to date = 84% response level