



Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association Inc.

2013 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

www.kasshabog.ca

by Michael Rosen

When writing this report last April 1, I had just returned to the cottage by boat! One year later, as I look out of the window, there's still over a foot of ice on the lake. Go figure! Spring is in the air, however, and I hope that all of you return to the lake in good health and in good spirits to enjoy a wonderful summer on our beautiful lake. LKRA continues to deal with dust and noise issues emanating from Unimin's Blue Mountain and Nephthion sites. Recently, an email was sent with the Ministry of the Environment's Provincial Officer's Report outlining their findings with respect to the dust, stating:

"Unimin is the source of the contaminants being released into the atmosphere in an amount and manner that is causing the following adverse effects, contrary to the Environmental Protection Act of Ontario:

- Impairment of the quality of the natural environment for any use that can be made of it,*
- Damage to property,*
- Harm or material discomfort to any person,*
- Loss of enjoyment of normal use of property."*

The report goes on to suggest "...that remediation efforts have had some positive effect but have not resolved the situation".

An Order of Compliance was simultaneously issued to Unimin to: *"Take all necessary actions to ensure that tailing's dust from Unimin, Canada Ltd.'s Nephthion and Blue Mountain Nephthion Syenite Operations are effectively controlled and maintained on-site, such as to prevent..."* the above mentioned findings.

I know all of us would like to see totally effective solutions to the problems, overnight. What needs to be considered, however, are the many processes through which the MOE's findings must go before remedial and/or punitive actions can be taken.

The larger problem, as I see it, is the voice—or lack thereof—of the silent majority on the lake. It's not enough to sit back and wait for a fix to drop out of the sky. Complaints are the trigger for action from the various ministries. Before the AGM, an email will be sent with the official Unimin Complaint Form. It is imperative that each and every owner on Kosh take responsibility and fill one out whenever dust or excessive noise impedes the rightful enjoyment of their property (a further reason to make sure we have your email address). It is easy to use, can be pinned to your desktop and adapted each time a complaint is sent in.

John Davison and I have initiated on-going meetings with the MOE and members of H-B-M Council, chaired by Mayor Ron Gerow. Wanda Markham has documented photographic evidence of dust at her residence on a daily basis. Without their knowledge, tenacity and commitment, we wouldn't be where we are, today.

The MOE is proceeding according to the procedures they must follow to bring both solutions and resolution to this situation. They are definitely moving in the right direction.

I urge all of you bring a chair and attend the AGM at 10 am, on the beach, on July, 13, and let your voices be heard.

We are making headway. In that I have every confidence.

See ya on The Bog!

Michael

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY JULY 13, 2013 10:00 A.M. LAKE KASSHABOG COMMUNITY HALL/ LIBRARY

Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association Inc.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given for the Annual Meeting of the members of Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association Inc. will be held at the Half Moon Bay Public Beach on Saturday the 13th of July at the hour of 10:00 in the forenoon or in the Lake Kasshabog Community Hall/Library if weather is bad. Please bring your own chair for the beach.

AGENDA

1. O'CANADA
2. Greetings from the Executive
3. Acceptance of Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting
4. Acceptance of 2012 Financial Statements Treasurer's Report—Hazel Higley
5. Proposed Budget for 2013
6. Brief comments from invited guest(s)
7. Brief committee reports: Membership (Bev Duclos), Library (Lois Galbraith), Regatta (Jan Prentice)
8. New Business—if you have a topic of interest to add to our general meeting, contact Jim Brickell at 877-1772 or email secretary@kasshabog.ca

\$\$ TREASURER' S REPORT \$\$

by Hazel Higley

Annual Statement of Income and Expenses for 2012

As of December 31, 2012

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	\$ 6,940.00	FOCA	\$ 900.75
Advertising	\$ 1,080.00	Membership Expenses	\$ 153.68
Donations	\$ 555.00	Newsletter	\$ 1,046.41
Bank Interest	<u>\$ 60.02</u>	Postage	\$ 846.99
	\$ 8,635.02	Regatta	\$ 1,300.00
		Marker Program	\$ 106.20
		Fire Prevention	\$ 106.44
		Members 347 x \$2 Dam Fund	\$ 694.00
		Website	\$ 164.88
		Miscellaneous - Insurance	\$ 2,806.92
		Bank Service Charges	<u>\$ 31.50</u>
			\$ 8,157.77
		Excess of Income	
		Over Disbursements	\$ 477.25
		Funds on-hand Dec. 31, 2011	\$12,614.34
		Funds on-hand Dec. 31, 2012	<u>\$13,091.59</u>

*The Association is grateful
for all donations received by
cottagers
and friends!*

Dam Fund As of December 2012

Balance as of December 2012	\$17,733.47
Bank Interest	\$ 229.00
347x\$2 from LKRA membership	\$ 694.00
Cottage Tour	<u>\$ 1,075.25</u>

Funds on hand December 31, 2012 **\$19,731.72**

Thank-you Lelia MacDonald and her committee for a wonderful contribution to our Dam Fund.

Environment Fund

Funds on hand
December 2012 **\$ 316.43**
(no change)



REGATTA 2013

by Jan Prentice e-mail regatta@kasshabog.ca

Regatta News for 2013

Hello everyone and welcome to spring. I am just finishing off on my March Break and Stuart is ready for news on the Regatta. With the snowmobile season coming to an end on Kosh I am starting to look at our summer events. This year, being the 55th year running of our annual Kosh Lake Regatta, will be one of the best highlights of summer on the lake.

Last year we had an amazing volunteer crew running the regatta and assisting with all the events and the regatta could not have run without them.

This year the 55th annual regatta takes place on the long weekend of August, 3rd and 4th. If you are new to the lake come out and enjoy the events with the rest of us.

Saturday Aug. 3rd starts at 10:00 on the beach at Half Moon Bay, MacDonald's Bay.

There is parking at the government landing, along the side of the road, and at the library and of course the beach for boaters. We will run water races on Saturday morning, stop for lunch, with bar-b-q catered by Collin Wright and company and then the land lover races in the afternoon. An art gallery is set up for purchasing items at the Library and the annual book sale on the beach.

On Sunday, there will be sailing races starting in the morning on the big part of the lake followed by the canoe & kayak marathon and waterskiing and our volleyball tournament run from the MacPherson beach in the afternoon. As in the past, if the weather is bad, all events get moved to the next day as Monday is a holiday.

All events will be listed in a brochure placed at the Kosh library, Stoney Point Marina and Blue Mountain Marina the middle of July. Please just take one per family. All cottagers are welcome to participate in the annual regatta events as long as your cottage dues are paid up. You can pay your \$20.00 cottagers association fee at the beach on Saturday morning.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help assist in running the regatta as well as our regular group of volunteers. If you could volunteer an hour or so to help with the many little jobs that need to be done please call or show up at the event and we can put you to work. Any students needing community hours for high school that would like to volunteer for an hour or more, come and see me at the regatta or call ahead. We will have forms to fill in your hours at the event.

Get ready!! It's almost summer. 55th Annual Regatta, August 3rd and 4th.

Bring it on.....

Jan Prentice, Kosh Lake Regatta Committee H 705-748-2012 C 705-877-3105

Art & Craft Show



Join us again this year for the 11th annual
Kasshabog Lake Art and Craft Sale.

Organizers: Pat Moffatt & Heather Ramsey

Pat Moffatt
905-430-7997 or 705-877-8185
pmoffatt@rogers.com

Heather Ramsey
905-425-1546 or 705-877-1946

New artists welcome! Contact Pat or Heather to reserve your space.

Regatta Weekend
Saturday : 10am – 4pm
Kasshabog Lake Library

Thanks to all the cottagers who came to last summer's Kasshabog Lake Art + Craft Show!

Last year's show included arts and crafts from many artists, including: paintings, photography, stained glass, pottery and much more.

We will be awarding a People's Choice Award again this year. Come to the library to vote for your favourite artist!

LAKE KASSHABOG LIBRARY/COMMUNITY HALL FUND

Opening Balance January 2012		\$6913.47
Revenue --- Interest	\$ 3.42	
Bundle of books	<u>\$ 88.00</u>	\$ 91.42
Expenses --- Paint & Supplies (new room)	\$ 198.06	
Cheques ordered/Bank Charges	\$ 39.00	
Our share Screened Porch	<u>\$6000.00</u>	<u>\$6237.06</u>
Closing Balance as of December 31/12		\$ 767.83

LIBRARY REPORT 2012

This 2012 season at our Lake Kasshabog Library and Community Hall saw much progress. The spring began with the construction of a new accessibility ramp and then the framing of the new screened-in porch on the north side of the building. With the co-operation of the HBM Council the addition was completed by mid-August. A great crew of Pat Moffat, Heather Ramsey, Carol Wilks and myself painted the interior and laid flooring. We will look for some simple and comfortable seating and a few tables and we will be in business. Please drop by next season and have a peek, choose a good book and enjoy!! We wish to again thank Mayor Ron Gerow and Council for their on-going support of this building and its library services.

We thank the following volunteers for their help again this season with the manning of the library: Bonnie Davidson, Cameron Lundy and Karen and Renee Hubert who all gave of their time and expertise. We welcomed also our youngest volunteer, Isabel Ramsey, who is also our most avid volunteer and most prolific reader.

Isabel also took on the job of selling "Bundles of Books" at the regatta and made \$88.00 for the library fund. We appreciate not only her volunteering but also her great spirit and love of the library.

Kristi Seabrook of Havelock manned the library on Thursday afternoons.

The building hosted another great ART SHOW in August and a number of outside meetings over the summer. Keep posted to the spring newsletter as we may be holding "Yoga" classes in the library in 2013!

Roy Smith installed and then donated a window air conditioner in August. It cooled the room for the Art Show and some other hot, humid days. Thank you so much, Roy!

We plan to finish the details of the screened-in porch and perhaps see about new flooring in the big room for next season.

Be sure to come out to the library in 2013 for a look, a good book and maybe even a yoga workout!

Remember, if you are a student in Grade 9, 10 or 11 you have a great opportunity to work volunteer hours right here at the lake.

Thanking you,
Lois Galbraith M 110 705-877-3159
& Library Committee of Les Morris, Carol Wilks and Bruce Wilks

Summer 2013 Library Time:

We are very excited about the opening of the library for the 2013 reading season! It is our hope that many of you will come to the library, have a look at our new addition, sign out a few books and enjoy. The library, of course, does not run without the help of many people.

We thank Bruce Wilks who starts the water system each year, the volunteers who keep the library running on Saturday mornings, Pat Moffat and Heather Ramsay who painted the new porch interior for us, and Carol Wilks who routinely helps with the cleaning in the spring and fall and who helps by preparing the financial statement each newsletter. The hours the library will be open remain the same:

Thursdays 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Saturdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
(If we have volunteers!)

We welcome back any past volunteers and we always are happy to see and train new people for this adventure. If you are able to help by volunteering even for one Saturday, please give me a shout at 705.877.3159 or lois.galbraith@sympatico.ca

We are able to provide high school students with Community Service hours as well.
Lois Galbraith M 110 705-877-3159
Lois.galbraith@sympatico.ca and
Les Morris, Carol Wilks, Bruce Wilks -- Library Committee



HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN NEWS

To the Lake Kasshabog Resident's Association Members

Council has had a very busy year and will remain busy for the remainder of this term of Council.

The Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Medical Centre has been operating for just over a year now and we are receiving plenty of positive feedback from Township residents. Council is very pleased with the partnership formed between the Township and the Trent Hills Family Health Team that has primary health care being offered in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen.

Council has and will continue to meet with the Lake Associations over this term of Council to discuss the interests and concerns of waterfront owners. The Township has completed its review of each of its Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law which kept Council very busy. We are pleased to announce that Council adopted the Official Plan and passed the Comprehensive Zoning By-law on November 12, 2012. The Official Plan is currently being reviewed by the County of Peterborough.

The Township has some special events planned for this summer that we hope the resident's of Kasshabog Lake will come out and enjoy. "Celebrate Havelock" will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Community Centre from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is a great venue to see what our Township has to offer. The Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Canada Day Committee will host their annual Canada Day Celebration which will take place on July 1, 2013 and will include a parade, entertainment, children's activities and fireworks.

Council would like to remind Kasshabog Lake residents about the hours at the West Kosh Landfill Site. Summer hours (May 15 – Sept. 15) are Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Holiday Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Winter hours (Sept. 16 – May 14) are Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Council would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and we want to remind you that we are always available to meet with anyone to discuss any interests or concerns you may have with the Township.

Please follow us online at www.havelockbelmontmethuen.on.ca for information and special events.

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If you wish to contact a staff member please email Linda Reed at lreed@hbmtwp.ca or Brian Grattan at bgrattan@hbmtwp.ca

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Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association Inc.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday July 16, 2012

1. Call to order and Oh Canada

2. Greeting from Association President

Michael Rosen opened the meeting by remarking on what a wonderful place we collectively share. He went on to note that the agenda was full and that we would work through all items. He noted that the price of association membership dues was remaining unchanged and urged members to encourage friends and neighbours to make sure they pay their annual membership dues. The association's dam fund is in good shape and will not be raided for other purposes. The association is always encouraging new members to volunteer to serve on the executive board and LKRA currently has an effective volunteer board. Going forward, more and more association communication will be done electronically. Finally, he reminded members that LKRA is not an enforcement body, rather, its role is to publicize and promote solutions to local issues.

3. Motion to accept minutes from 2011 AGM. Moved by: Catherine Lees. Seconded by Wayne Leslie. Approved.

4. Motion to accept 2011 Treasurer's Report as published in Spring Newsletter 2012. Moved by Joy Brickell. Seconded by Lois Galbraith. Approved.

5. Motion to accept proposed Budget for 2012. Moved by Rick Rye. Seconded by Lori Bailey. Approved.

6. Vacant Executive Positions: Call for nominations and vote. Lori Baily for Director of Environment, Chris Langlotz for Executive at Large, Bev Duclos for Membership: Approved.

7. Committee Reports: **Membership Update** (presented by outgoing Director of Membership Maureen Nunes). There has been a drop in members last year from 410 to 301. LKRA must get its members to pay up. Presently for 2012 paid membership is at around 100. Plan to use the regatta and paper reminders to be handed out at Stoney Point to encourage payment. Membership will be set up at the regatta event sign up table this year for better profile. Michael Rosen thanked Maureen Nunes for her service. **Library Update** (Presented by Lois Galbraith), Lois reported that the library addition is under way. It is an extra seating area.

Library volunteers are strong and keen. Lois encouraged members to support the library which is open Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons. **Regatta Update** (Lori Bailey presented on behalf of Jan Prentice) Lots of activities, food, ice cream, tie dye, a trophy and prizes for canoe decorating. **Lake Council Update** (presented by Rick Rye), Representatives from various lake associations in the township have met five or six times this year including meetings with HBM Mayor and Council. Associations from the area lakes have common concerns. They have taken a more active role in the budget planning process. Rick thanked Mayor Gerow for this opportunity to participate. The township Official Plan update is in progress and can be viewed at HBM's website. www.hbmtwp.ca

Please inform yourselves and communicate your ideas. New volunteers and input is welcome. Updates will be posted on the LKRA website www.kasshabog.ca . **Environment Update** (presented by incoming Director of Environment Lori Bailey) Wesley Day has been conducting water tests and H2O quality is good.

Andrew MacDonald will conduct water testing this year. Members are urged to preserve the lake by checking and maintaining septic systems. Enforcement is difficult so the onus is on property owners to do the right thing. Island pump outs are difficult and expensive for islanders but can be coordinated with neighbours to lower costs. Contact Marg at Stoney Point for barge rental information and to coordinate multiple pump outs. Natural shoreline is encouraged. Very important to preserve as much natural shoreline as possible. The shoreline zone contains a lot of wildlife. Try to aim for 10 meter buffer zone. **Website and Newsletter** (Presented by Stuart Day) Content from newsletter is now available on the website . www.kasshabog.ca . Please feel free to contact him with content. Some items currently in the newsletter may only appear on line to reduce postage and paper newsletter. **Fire Pump Update** (Presented by Michael Rosen) Thanked Keith Leighton for his service and announced new group of Fire Pump volunteers. Steve Leighton, Charlie Rogers and Roger Duclos . Some areas such as Bass Bay are presently underserved. Members can request a fire pump in their area by making a request to LKRA executive. Training and fire pump demo will take place this summer at Kids Club and at lunch on regatta day.

8. Comments from Invited Guests –**Lily Hamill, County of Peterborough Environmental Services**. Information on re-cycling and waste management. Sorting recycles – containers must be separated from papers. 6th line site accepts hazardous and electronic waste. Eco Day will include hard plastics and styrofoam. Composting at the lake is possible, call for consultation. More information is available on the website <http://www.county.peterborough.on.ca/environmental-services>. **Terry Rees, FOCA Update**, Complimented LKRA volunteers, reviewed FOCA's role in environment, taxes, and land use. Lake front land planning is a weak area and recent law suits have found local governments derelict in their duties to properly plan waterfront land use. Presently there is a discouraging government attitude in terms of priorities around waterfront protection.

FOCA lobbies provincial and local governments. Terry noted FOCA's fire protection, insurance, cottage life, deals, estate planning for transferring cottage across generation's initiatives. Terry invited members to visit the FOCA website www.foca.on.ca and take brochures that he provided. Question from floor from Egan Tancre about MPAC tax rates based on current four year averaging of assessment value. When the next assessment based on Jan 1 2012 valuations members are encouraged to make a request for reassessment if they are not satisfied with their assessment value. Applications available on MPAC website www.mpac.on.ca .Michael thanked Terry for his always enlightening comments. **Mayor and Council, Mayor Ron Gerow, Councillors Larry Ellis and Jim Martin**. The Mayor began his remarks with greetings from absent councillors. He encouraged LKRA members to review the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw proposals on the HBM website. The final draft will be posted July 26 with public comments welcomed from August through October. In October the new Official Plan will be voted on and it will be enacted in November.

Mayor Gerow pointed out that the lawsuit referred to by Terry Rees of FOCA involved North Kawartha but HBM was not named in it. The issue involves in-water boathouses. The three in-water boathouses in the township fall under Fisheries Oceans and MNR jurisdiction. HBM does not have jurisdiction over in-water boathouses but could include an exclusion in the new Official Plan. Deputy Mayor Andy Sharpe is the best contact at HBM for environmental issues on the lake. Board of Health issues are Peterborough County issues but Mayor Gerow can assist. rgerow@hbmtp.ca . A fire pump for Bass Bay could be funded through HBM budget of \$500 - \$1000 per year for pumps. Hi Speed internet service for Eastern Ontario Broadband will improve shortly after the launch of a new satellite guaranteeing access at \$44. Camper situation: fourth year that we've been talking about this. All lakes in the region are dealing with campers. Campers are posing public safety issue and fire problems. As of Friday July 13, it was confirmed that Jeff Leal MPP will hold a meeting August 4 at Bottle Lake with MNR area representative Bruce Mighton, OPP, and other people with an interest in this ongoing issue. Remedies are possible. Council can pass parking regulations for township roads and enforce a no parking bylaw. Following the August 4 meeting HBM township can push for provincial action to ban camping on crown land within a set distance from road which could also remedy the situation. OPP is aware of the current situation. Mayor Gerow urges members to call the OPP to lodge complaints about campers. John Murphy questioned the mayor about tax assessment of boathouses. Wayne Leslie raised a question about the viability of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. The mayor replied that there is a plan to create a workable model by October 1 but concedes provincial cuts since 1990 have reduced CVCA's effectiveness. Chris Langlotz inquired about Ice Fishing Huts on the lake. The mayor recommends contacting MNR about ICE fishing huts. Terry Rees suggested a MNR permit system for camping. Mayor Gerow suggested it's an option but HBM lacks resources for enforcement. Lois Galbath thanked Mayor Gerow for his ongoing support. Michael concluded by reminding LKRA members to pick up the phone to the Ministry of Environment and MNR to report issues. These phone numbers will be posted on our website www.kasshabog.ca .

General Manager Robert Marshall, UNIMIN. Mr. Marshall opened his remarks with an overview of the mine's activities. Nepheline Syenite is used in sandblasting, swimming pool filters, sand, porcelain, glass, paint, cosmetics and so on. The mine employs two hundred employees and the product mostly is sold in the USA and overseas. The product is not classified as a hazardous material. 20 % of the material ends up as unsaleable tailings. Small scale irrigation and plant growth greened up the outer perimeter of the tailings area. A 20 acre problem area exists. Recent remediation efforts include buckwheat planting and installation of industrial 1000 gallon per minute water pumping system. Water is not being drawn from Kasshabog Lake. UNIMIN is complying with Ministry of Environment requirements to monitor wind dust migration. Mr. Marshall noted that the Blue Mountain mine site is still susceptible to N and NW winds but heavy duty irrigation being installed along with plantings will mitigate this issue in the future. Eventually there will be seven water heads that can suppress Blue Mountain dust. Hydro seeding will hold the tailings and UNIMIN is continuing to plant and water this month. Mr Marshall acknowledges that dust remediation efforts should have started earlier but plans are in place to fix the problem. There is a time line for planting at Blue Mountain by end of July this year. Cathy Ward-Griffin and two other members raised questions about the mine's noise. Mr. Marshall reported that mine noise currently is below 40db but residents still detect noise. Specific location makes a difference. On hot humid nights the sound seems louder. Since silencers have been added, noise levels are down but the mine is still creating noise. M o E is the agency for dealing with noise. Copy all concerns to Bob. The mine's water truck is in constant use to dampen dust levels. Nepheline Syenite is considered a 'nuisance' dust but it is not a hazardous material. Mr Marshall noted that Nepheline Syenite does not contain silica. Michael thanked Mr. Marshall and noted that LKRA will continue to observe and monitor the mine's environmental impact.

9. Motion to adjourn at 12:25 PM: Moved by Rick Rye. Seconded by Bob Brown. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Bev Duclos

Well spring is here - time to start thinking about heading to the lake again, unless you're one of those people who like the winter activities and are here all year round. Either way, Kasshabog is a great place to be and the LKRA executive are gearing up for another season.

Our collection of membership dues for 2012 was dismal. A bit more than a third of the almost 650 listings in the database were received. The majority of the collecting was done at the regatta, some from the drop box at Stoney Point Marina, some through the post office box and a few in person. I remember the good old days when someone would come around to the cottage and collect the dues and have a bit of a chat at the same time. We're looking for ideas on how to energize/update the dues collecting process - all suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

When the fall newsletter was discontinued, the late notices that went with it didn't get sent out. They are included in this spring edition - I'm hoping that some people will decide to send 2012 and 2013 at the same time.

In the 2012 newsletter there was a membership form that included a survey question which asked whether people prefer to view/download the newsletter from the kasshabog.ca website or to receive a printed copy through the mail. Of the 165 responses, the majority - 129 - wanted a printed copy. Looks like we'll continue the hardcopy by snail mail for a while yet.

This summer while you're sitting by the lake sipping iced tea and watching the swimmers enjoying our fresh water and clean air, keep in mind that your membership dues cover a lot of important issues: dam fund, dust storms (air quality) from the mine, fire pumps, township concerns - the list is extensive - as well as regatta which many lake dwellers enjoy. Let's all have a great season on The Bog.

Why be a member of the Lake Association?

YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF \$20.00:

- Provides for and maintains ten fire pumps around the lake.
- Provides and maintains safety flashers and markers around the lake.
- Mails to each cottager regular newsletters
- Provides membership in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers
- Represents our lake on the Belmont-Methuen Conference
- Arranges for the annual decal for paid-up members
- Represents our lake's interest at the local Township Council
- Provides for our famous Annual REGATTA
- Provides for water quality monitoring
- \$2.00 from each membership is allocated towards the emergency dam repairs

ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY \$20.00 !!!!

Affiliate Memberships

If you have family that would like to stay informed and receive the newsletter, they can sign up for an affiliate membership. The annual fee is \$10.00. We would need your cottage number and current address of the affiliate. This assumes that you, the cottage owner, have paid your LKRA dues.

Send your information or questions to Bev Duclos at: membership@kasshabog.ca

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Kindly fill out and return with cheque or money order payable to: LAKE KASSHABOG ASSOCIATION
Forms and dues may be left in any of the drop boxes at Stoney Point Marina or the library/community hall or mailed to:

Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association, P.O. Box 858, Havelock ON K0L 1Z0

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

COTTAGE NUMBER (eg. M110) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ COTTAGE TELEPHONE: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$20.00

Address and e-mail changes please send to: membership@kasshabog.ca

Cottage Tour for the Dam Fund

The theme of the tour was diversity and we saw a wide range of cottage styles from an ongoing renovation to a 6+ bedroom new construction.

All seven cottages have unique features that make them well loved by their owners.

We raised \$1,075 for the Dam Fund from 43 participants. These were our neighbours we invited into our cottages.

We matched up individual participants with boat owners who had extra space.

Everyone came to the Meet and Greet afterwards at the Stoney Point Marina; it was standing room only. New friendships were made and reputations were restored, (just sayin' Bill).

Thanks to owners: Helen and Ron Moase, Joy and Jim Brickell, Sharon and Carl Price, Jill and John Lambert, Bev Connor and Bill Pearce, Paula Lockhart, Jennifer and Bob Cummings.

Thanks to volunteers: Jan Prentice, Cathy Lees, Chris, Andrew and Michael Bradley, Cynthia Cole, Susy and Glen Hamilton and Cindy Nelson.



FREE TOURS FOR LKRA COTTAGERS - 2013

Peat Bog Boat Tour	Sat. July 20, 2pm	Kosh Lake Marina (Puffers)
Unimin Bus Tour	Fri. Aug 2, 10am	Leaves from Library
MRT Bus Tour	Thurs. Aug 8, 10-11am	Leaves from Library
Geological Driving Tour	Thurs Aug 8 11-12	Leaves from Library
Hike to Oak Lake Mountain	Sat Aug 10 2pm	Stoney Point Marina

* We are adding something new this year - a driving tour of hwy 46 guided by a professional geologist. This geologist spoke at last summer's MRT tour and she is an amazing, inspiring and entertaining speaker. Think of the best teacher you ever had and how it didn't feel like school - she is like that. Last year, one of the participants described the geologist as "I could listen to her talk all day".

Lelia MacDonald 877-1431

*Editor's Note: As your new editor of the LKRA newsletter, let me take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Suzi Hamilton, our previous editor, for her hard work over the last several years. There have been a couple of changes to the newsletter this year. The results from Regatta 2012 were electronically recorded and became corrupt and unrecoverable. Sailing results were not submitted. Going forward, Regatta, Sailing results and LKRA Annual General Meeting minutes will be made available online, shortly after the events have taken place. They will not be included in future newsletters in order to decrease the size and cost of the newsletter. The Fire Pump Instructions have been removed from the newsletter. They have been laminated and placed where they belong, **attached to the pumps**.*

Just a friendly reminder that part of your cottage dues goes towards the production and mailing costs of this newsletter and to the maintenance of our website.

Please check out our website. Lots of information related to our lake is posted there.

LKRA is looking for someone to take on the job of coordinating the advertising for the Newsletter. Carol Wilks has done this important job for a number of years, and is stepping down. Thank you, Carol, for your dedication.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at newsletter@kasshabog.ca

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Stuart Day

The views expressed in the L.K.R.A. newsletter are not necessarily those of the Association.

Kid's Klub 2013

Hey grandparents, bring the kids while they visit you on the weekend. Cut out this schedule and put it on your cottage fridge. Forward this schedule to your adult children so they can plan their family visit around these events.

All kids are welcome including friends, guests and renters. Come for any or every event. The more kids that come, the more fun for everyone. It is a great way to meet other kids (and grandparents) on the lake. All events are free. Donations are welcome.

Sat July 20 2pm Peat Bog boat tour

Ontario has 3 carnivorous plants and there is only one bog on Kosh that has all three. Wear boots or crocs to walk on a floating island to a working beaver lodge and tamarack trees. Beforehand, search your cottage for cobwebs and collect dead bugs to feed the plants. Jennifer Cummings will bring a PH kit to test the level of acidity. Meet off shore from Kosh Lake marina (Puffers) at 2pm for a short boat trip (you may need to elevate your motor). All adults are welcome.

Mon July 29 2pm Build a Habitat and Swim-free-for-all

Meet at the Library at 2pm. Sponsored by Unimin who will help us build a habitat for a local species. Followed by a Swim-free-for-all.

Thurs Aug 1 5-8pm Karaoke at Stoney Point Marina

Come out and sing along. Select from over 500 songs. Music provided by Cynthia Cole.

Fri Aug 2 10am Unimin bus tour

Tour the mine and view the lake from the top of the mountain. The bus leaves the Library at 10am. Refreshments supplied by Unimin. All adults are welcome.

Thurs Aug 8 10-11am MRT Quarry bus tour

11-noon Driving tour with professional geologist - NEW

Come for the quarry tour or the driving tour or both. Both tours start at the library. The quarry tour includes a return bus tour of the site, prizes and refreshments supplied by MRT Aggregates. The Driving tour previews selected sites along the new "Self-Guided Tour along Highway 46". Bring your own vehicle and join Ontario Geological Survey Geologists look at familiar rocks from a geologist's viewpoint. All adults are welcome.

Sat Aug 10 2pm Hike to Oak Lake Mountain

See Oak Lake and the Unimin mine from the wonderful 360degree view on the mountain top. Meet at Stoney Point Marina at 2pm and then boat down Portage Bay to tie up on the shoreline. Wear running shoes for the 15 minute hike. Also, we can make a detour to Blind Lake. All adults are welcome.

Contact Lelia MacDonald 705-877-1431

Kids' Klub 2012

Lelia MacDonald

Thanks for a great summer.

The kids designed beautiful bottles of salt, coloured with a rainbow of sidewalk chalk.

We made 2 osprey nests. Duncan Shaw and Doug Bennett from Unimin assembled the parts while the kids drilled and painted.

Karaoke was a wild thumping time. Most memorable moment? 3 year old Ryder singing P-P-Poker Face. Second most memorable moment? A pack of 15 year old boys moaning country music.

Thanks to Cynthia Cole.

Tie dye t-shirts were a sold out success. 42 t-shirts transformed into colourful creations.

Thanks Cale Reeder from Unimin for 2 more great tours of the mine.

Did you know that every person in Ontario uses up 14 tonnes of aggregate per person per year? Everything from paving roads to toothpaste.

Thanks to MRT and a geologist from the Ontario government for a great tour and prizes of 2 gift certificates and blue spruce seedlings.

Lelia MacDonald

Environment News, 2013

Welcome to spring 2013. I'm very excited to return to LKRA as your environment chair and I appreciate all the support I have received over the past years. A lot has changed on Kosh since I've been on LKRA. Now I am fortunate to live full-time at Kosh, except for Nov-Dec and March when we need to go to Florida to golf! I'd like to share my personal environmental challenges. We are just completing renovations to convert our cottage into our permanent home, and in the process, unfortunately, lost a lot of the trees that existed and many that Mike and I had planted. We are looking to replace what little lawn we had (which is now mud!!) with something much more friendly (no grass cutting!!) And we were lucky enough to have to replace our 12 year old septic system. Trust me, I would have rather spent that money on something else! But, enough about me.

We have great volunteers on this lake and we are always looking for more help so we can do more. I'd like to thank Andrew MacDonald for doing our secchi disk testing over the past year. Our lake clarity has actually shown a miniscule improvement over the past few years. For detailed results, here's the link. <http://www.foca.on.ca/lake-partner>

We can always do more testing and I do have another secchi disk, so if anyone is interested in doing a fun, monthly, 30 minute job, please contact me. High school students can get credit for volunteer hours. We currently are testing Connors Bay, the Big lake, and Macdonalds Bay. There are lots of other areas that could be tested, like Portage and the area in front of Blue Mountain marina for example, or even the front of your cottage!!

Here are a few helpful suggestions to help preserve and enhance our cottage environment:

- **Check** out your septic system. Leaking and overloaded septic systems are a major source of phosphorus in the lake, fueling algae growth and causing water quality to decline. Inspect your septic bed for odours or puddling and get it fixed!! Septics need to be pumped out every 3 to 5 years
- **Don't** use soap in the lake EVER!! Even if the soap is phosphate-free and biodegradable.
- **Stock** up on green cleaners. Whatever you put into your septic can still make its way to the lake.
- **Pick** up after your dog. Bury it well back from the water or flush into your septic.
- **Don't** be a night polluter. Floodlights and other high-wattage outdoor bulbs are not only energy eaters, they are inappropriate at the cottage. They cause light pollution on our lakes, mess up the mating and feeding behaviour of wildlife, and reduce a boater's ability to see navigation lights.
- **Keep** a healthy shoreline. Rebuild the buffer zone if your cottage waterfront has been stripped of its native shrubs, trees and grasses.

These are just a few suggestions. If you care about Kosh, make it a family project to try out some of these ideas. Let's preserve and improve our lake for future generations!!

The Shore Primer is an excellent read. Here's the link — <http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/pdf/TheShorePrimer.pdf>

We at Kosh face a lot of challenges. If you are interested in helping our with our environment issues, or have comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Lori Bailey environment@kasshabog.ca 705-877-3018

FOCA Update

This year, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, of which Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association (LKRA) is a long-standing member, produced their first "Year in Review" publication. This was an opportunity to reflect upon all that FOCA has accomplished on behalf of waterfront property owners during the past five decades.

In 1963, a small group of cottage owners united as a provincial organization that has grown into a powerhouse representing 50,000 families across Ontario. The issues have evolved over time, but the motivation remains the same: **to protect our waterfronts and freshwater resources for our kids, and for their kids.**

During the 1980s FOCA fought hard for government action on the issue of **acid rain**, and lobbied to stop the use of toxic Dombind as a road-dust suppressant.

Since then, FOCA has secured the **voting rights** of waterfront property owners in their cottage ridings, and brought the attention of the Provincial Auditor and the Provincial Ombudsman to the shortcomings of Ontario's **property taxation** system. The fight for fair taxation continues under FOCA.

FOCA developed a **boating hazard marker program** that is approved by Transport Canada, and put together the most comprehensive **risk-management program** for volunteers in rural environmental groups, through the FOCA Insurance Program.

In 2012, FOCA spoke out against the federal and provincial **omnibus bills** that gutted protection for our lakes and our fisheries habitat. This year also saw resolution in favour of land owners' rights during claim-staking, after a decade of behind-the-scenes work on the **Mining Act** by FOCA and others. Our important efforts continue on the **Algonquin Land Claim** which affects many of our members (and over 117,000 acres of Crown Lands) in eastern Ontario.

In addition to advocacy efforts, education and communication remain central to our mandate. Over the past decade, FOCA created the award-winning **Lake Planning Handbook** for community planning, and delivered face-to-face stewardship support to landowners across waterfront Ontario through the **Docktalk** program.

For over 30 years, FOCA's Lake Stewards have been at the core of the **Lake Partner Program**, the world's largest freshwater volunteer monitoring program. Tracking the health of our waters, including Lake Kasshabog, will allow our residents, scientists and policy makers to understand and react to any changes over time.

The work continues, and with the support of waterfront property owners and solid associations like the LKRA, FOCA will continue to lead the effort towards a sustainable freshwater future for Ontario. To see the online edition of the FOCA Year in Review visit http://foca.on.ca/Year_in_Review_2012/index.html. To get regular updates on important goings-on in cottage country sign up for the free FOCA Elert, and be sure to check out the many benefits of belonging to a FOCA member association at www.foca.on.ca.



Submitted by Terry Rees, Long Island

Executive Director, FOCA

KIDS' KLUB – LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO RUN THE CLUB IN 2014

The club needs a new leader - either a parent or grandparent.

The demographics on Kasshabog Lake have changed. You may remember the 1960s when there were crowds of kids. There are not many young families who can afford to buy a cottage on the lake and have a stay-at-home parent so the kids can stay all summer. Most of the kids you see at the regatta are actually grandkids of the owners. Grandkids have a different connection to the lake. They visit only on weekends or occasionally. If you are a newcomer to the lake with no young relatives or neighbours, Kasshabog Lake can be a lonely place for a kid.

So Kids' Klub has changed too. It is no longer a babysitting service to give a break to mothers on Tuesday mornings. The events are now family oriented so that parents and grandparents can do fun things with the kids on the weekends. It's a great way to meet other kids on the lake and to set up play dates. It is easier for kids to make connections when they are little, so the grand-kids will want to keep on coming up to the lake. Also, most events are now open to adults without kids. Last year, as many adults came to Kids' Klub events as did kids.

This is my fifth and last summer of running the Kids' Klub. I am looking for someone to take over for 2014.

- It's not that much work. It is mostly by email and mostly in February to set up the schedule for publishing in the newsletter.
- It's a great way to meet other cottagers.
- It's a fun way to give back to the Kosh Lake community.
- There is ongoing corporate sponsorship from Unimin and MRT. So 3 events are straight forward to organize.
- Since many events have been moved to Saturdays, the club can be run by a parent or grandparent who works during the week.
- The club is self-sustaining (donations cover costs) and if necessary additional funding can be requested from the LKRA.

KIDS' KLUB ALUMNI

1995-1997 Anne Rawson

1998-2000 Lori Bailey

2001-2005 Yvonne Rees

2006-2008 Shannon Tomlinson

2009-2013 Lelia MacDonald

2014- ?



Lelia MacDonald 877-1431 leliamacdonalddtoronto@gmail.com

FLASHERS AND FLOATING MARKERS *by Marilyn Davison 705-877-8031*

The flashers and markers are located on the lake to assist boaters. Boaters must be responsible and use CAUTION at all times.

If you have a location where you feel a red marker would be beneficial, please contact me at: mdavison@nexicom.net

If you would be willing to assume the responsibility of placing and removing a buoy at the beginning and end of the season please contact me to **Adopt a Marker**.

Flashers

The flashers are still in storage. New batteries will be purchased.

Always remember if at any time during the boating season you notice a flasher not working, please contact me so I can have it checked out, serviced, and replaced if necessary.

Thanks to everyone who contributes their valuable time and effort to this program.

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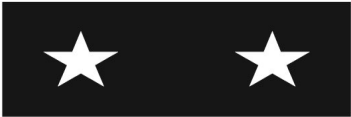
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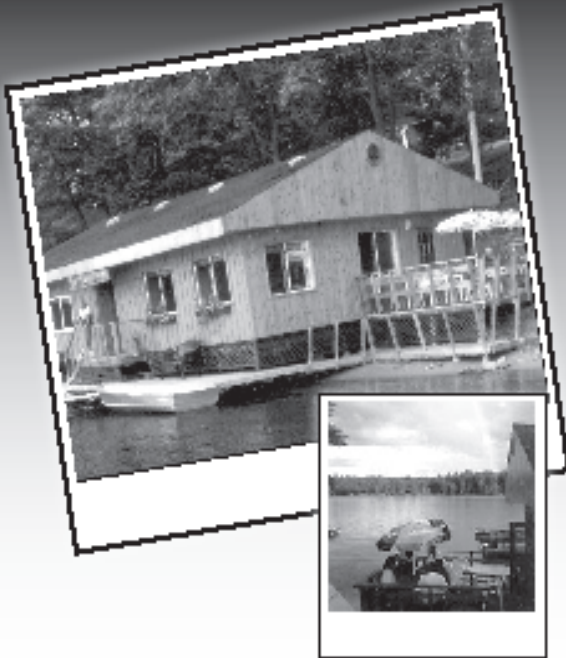
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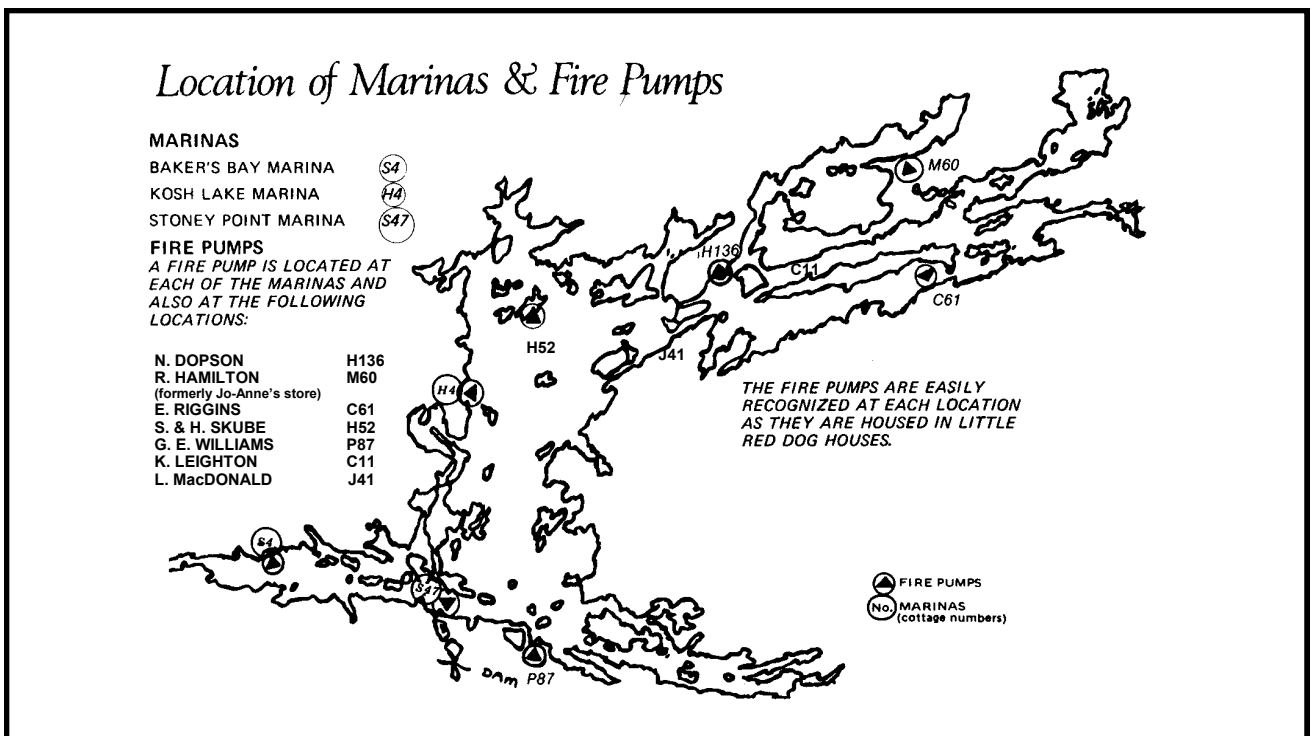
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