

The Laker

Morrison Lake News

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2011

Hard to believe....summer is over!

I am sure most will agree the summer of 2011 was fabulous. Lots of sun shine and warm temperatures. Unfortunately it's that time again to put the boat and patio furniture away for another winter! Below is the latest edition of the ML Newsletter. Again we are asking for your feedback and input into this newsletter. Maybe you would like to write an article on your experiences on Morrison Lake, maybe a funny story or a family history on the lake, maybe you have a question or maybe you have something you wish to buy or sell. We can expedite the delivery of the newsletter by each resident sending their email address to (NEW): ourlake@morrisonlake.ca

Should you be willing to provide input into the newsletter, please contact Paul Kelly at: kellysp@sympatico.ca or at (705) 687-5605.

Get In Touch

Provide your email address and get regular updates on Morrison Lake at: www.morrisonlake.ca



LAKE WATCH

Morrison Lake Website: www.morrisonlake.ca

Membership Fees \$25: Please send to...MLRA General Delivery, Kilworthy, Ont. P0E1G0

Morrison Lake Rate Payers Association

EXECUTIVE 2011-2012

A Special thank you to the following members who have agreed to hold MLRA Executive positions for the next year:

President: Daren Boydell
darenboydell84@gmail.com

Vice President: Gord Kobe
gordkobe@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Joanne Forth
joannef.43@gmail.com

Secretary: Karen Fairbrass
marathonmom@sympatico.ca

ASSOCIATION DUES

2011

All residents/cottagers of Morrison Lake are requested to join the Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association.

Your \$25 dues can be paid annually at the Regatta or by mail to:

MLRA, General Delivery, Kilworthy, Ontario, POE 1G0.

Cheques should be made payable to: *Morrison Lake Rate Payers Association*

Your dues contribute toward the website, the newsletter, insurance and this regatta!!!



REGATTA 2011

Thank you to Jenny Fairbrass for jumping in to save the ML Regatta and provide the lake residents and families with a wonderful weekend of activities. A special thank you to the following:

Kim and Dwain Burns
Cara and Rich Englehart
The Tsioros Family
The Rawlings Family
The Doyle Family
The Carcone Family
Geraldine Debes
The Fairbrass Family
The Titus Family
The Kobe Family

The Regatta is an event that brings the lake together.
It requires lots of volunteers in order for it to happen.
If you are able to help in anyway, please send an email to our website.

MORRISON LAKE GOLF & DINNER DAY

THANK YOU.....to Peter and Judy Burkitt for stepping in at the last moment to continue the long standing tradition of the Morrison Lake Golf & Dinner event again this year. There was a great turnout for both the golf and dinner with prizes for all that attended.

They have offered to once again organize this event for 2012. If you would be willing to assist next year please contact:

Peter & Judy Burkitt:
pburkitt@sympatico.ca or
at (705) 687-7697.

Volleyball Tournament 2011

.... It was another action packed Regatta Weekend and the beach volleyball courts were hot with action!

Nine teams started the round robin competition on Saturday and battled fiercely to qualify for the finals on Sunday. In the final on Sunday, it was a rematch of last year's championship Jerry Mathers and the defending champions, Ubertown. Both teams played superbly but, it was Jerry Mathers that took home the Frank King Memorial Trophy.

Thank you to all the players, spectators, and beach court hosts that made the event great fun. See you again at next year's tournament....Nick Tsioro





MORRISON LAKE PHOTO CONTEST 2011 RESULTS

This summer Morrison Lake residents were invited to participate in a Lake Photo Contest.

Due to lack of entries, there are only a first, second and third place winners as opposed to categories.

A professional photographer (not from Morrison Lake) evaluated and judged the pictures, to ensure it was fair and unbiased.

There were three winners:

First Place: Glen Debes

Second Place: Adam Fairbrass

Third Place: Megan Kobe

Thank you to the organizer, Lisa Rawlings



1st By Glen Debes



2nd By Adam Fairbrass



3rd By Megan Kobe

POWER OF THE PEOPLE!!!

Finally after many email and phone messages by the residents of Kilworthy, the Kilworthy RR Crossing has finally been repaired. It would appear that the only way to get CN acting on this problem was for all of us to voice our concerns en masse. Not only did the Kilworthy crossing get the needed repairs, the Muskoka Road 19 crossing near the dump was also improved. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to voice your concerns.

BUY/SELL/RENT/ADVERTIZE

Do you have trees on your property that need to be removed? Or possibly a favourite tree you would like to use to craft a memento for future generations? Maybe you're looking to build a new floor for the cottage, a coffee table, some siding for a shed, or a gorgeous set of new cabinets. I have the ability to bring your ideas to fruition.

I am Muskoka Mobile Sawmill; I have a portable sawmill that transforms trees into perfectly crafted boards. Please give me a call and let's discuss what we can do for you.

Steve Titus -289-259-5552 or stvtitus@gmail.com

CPR Training

**Do you have CPR certification?
Are you interested in receiving certification?**

The MLRA is attempting to identify residents who have up to date CPR certification in case of an emergency on the lake. If you are willing to allow your contact information to be available to lake residents.....

OR

If you are willing to attend certification classes held by a ML resident next summer.....

Please contact Sue Kelly at: 705-687-5605 or at kellysp@sympatico.ca

Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association Summer Meeting Sept 3, 2011 at North Morrison Lake Road Landing

Chaired by: Karen Fairbrass

In Attendance:

Dan Boydell
Daren Boydell
Terry Clark
Ron Coe
Steve Davenport
Geraldine and Glen Debes
Karen Fairbrass
Joanne Forth
John Gordon
Paul Kelly
Angie Kobe
Jody McQueen
Lee Morrison
Louise and Doug Pegg

Minutes:

Taken by Louise Pegg

1:15pm – Meeting called to order by Karen Fairbrass

Agenda Item (see NOTES for details):

- 1) Resignation of co-presidents Karen Fairbrass and Louise Pegg effective immediately.
Nomination of new president: Darren Boydell was elected unanimously for a one-year term.
Karen Fairbrass and Louise Pegg will act as secretary. Joanne Forth will stay on as treasurer. Need a candidate for VP. The public landing will continue to be the meeting place for the May 24 and Labour Day meetings.
- 2) Large turnout due to the reminder sign at the forks. Thanks to Glen Debes for making the sign and posting it.
- 3) Discussion of the need for an association to give the lake a voice in community affairs. All agreed that the Association needs to exist.
- 4) Fire Pump Maintenance: Ralf Buschke and Brad Fairbrass have examined most of the pumps and made recommendations (see notes).
Karen will make a map of the lake with pump locations and post it on the website.
A vote was taken and unanimously accepted to move the pump on the north end of the lake to Buschke's.
A vote was taken and unanimously accepted to provide up to \$300 from the treasury for replacement of the pump boxes at Buschke's, Boorman's (lid only if feasible) and the Cove, if necessary.
Maintenance: Ongoing maintenance of the pumps will be carried out by Ralf Buschke, Brad Fairbrass (Cove and Boorman's) and Mike Proctor. Written instructions for the use of the pumps will be created by Brad Fairbrass and a copy located in each of the pump boxes.
- 5) FOCA membership and environmental issues affecting the lake: Bob Bruce was not in attendance. Glen Debes will check with the MNR regarding zebra mussel signage and/or make a sign to be posted at the public landing.
- 6) Defibrillator: There are many unanswered questions regarding the potential value of a defibrillator. It was suggested that those interested in the purchase of a defibrillator form a committee. Due to the relatively high cost of purchase and maintenance,

fundraising specifically for this purpose should be considered. Internet research suggests that CPR training is very effective in saving lives and that CPR is required along with the use of a defibrillator (see notes).

- 7) Dues: over the past few years there has been a problem with collecting MLRA dues of \$25 per cottage.
Discussion: a personal, door-to-door, collection is likely to be most effective. Dividing the lake into manageable sections with a goal of collecting dues from each cottage by May 31 of each year as follows: Evanswood – Paul Kelly; Mile Island – Joanne Forth; Balfour Woods – Geraldine Debes; Green Place – Mike McLean; South Morrison Lake Road – Angie Kobe; North Morrison Lake Road – Darren Boydell. Darren will work with Geraldine to create a new form with an explanation of what the dues are used for and a simple way to remit.
- 8) Website: A thank you to John Lemme for his continuing interest in the MLRA by maintaining the website even though he no longer owns a cottage on the lake.
Proposed and approved that Ralf can spend up to \$50 to make a certificate of some kind to present to John thanking him for his continued support.
- 9) Treasurer's Report:
Balance: \$3,384. 2011 Regatta has yet to be accounted for (generally a loss). Major expenses include: Insurance \$1,019.96; Website \$271; Memorial donations \$100.
- 10) Landing Garbage Bins: Add note to newsletter that the bins are for the exclusive use of the Islanders and that tires and other construction debris are not to be left there.
- 11) Reminder about barge for island septic pumping. Contact Bob Dean or see website for details.
- 12) Newsletter: Submissions due by 3rd week of September. Thanksgiving is target distribution date.
Include thank yous for those involved in this years' regatta and a solicitation for a convener and next years' volunteers.

2:20pm – Meeting adjourned.

NOTES:

- 1) In the past the VP took over from the president at the end of the president's term. There has been no VP for at least the past 4 years.
- 2) Sign can be altered as required to announce each meeting.
- 3) In the past, a member of the MLRA board attended municipal meetings in order to keep up-to-date on developments that might affect Morrison Lake and its residents. This has not happened in several years. There are minutes available on-line and there are various other on-line forums available to keep up with issues, however, much of the side discussion at the meetings contains important information as well.
- 4) The report for the 5 pumps is as follows: i) Mason's – pump is missing. ii) Next to Tituses – pump is working but must be relocated as there is no dock anymore and access is limited. Ralf offered to move this pump to his dock. iii) Proctors on Mile Island – Pump is maintained by Mike Proctor and is in working order. iv) Boorman's on Evanswood Rd. – pump is 6 years old and replaces the one that had been stolen from Green Place. v) Cove (at Bennett's) behind Melody Island – this pump has not been checked.

- 5) Live wells in fishing boats are the greatest hazard for introducing zebra mussels. Guidelines suggest that: bait is not dumped into the lake; boats be left out of the water for 24 hours when being moved from a body of water to another; empty bilge on land before putting boat in the water.
- 6) A list of people with CPR training could be made available to the membership by posting it on the website. The newsletter would be a good place to try to get feedback on who might be interested in a CPR clinic. Please send any opinion you have on this issue to the Morrison Lake email.
- 7) Discussion of setting up a PayPal account or something similar to simplify the remission of dues. Make dues form printable from the website. Create a way for people to register with the association on the website and to update contact info. Make a banner for the forks encouraging people to register on the website.
- 8) John is reimbursed for the cost of the domain name only. All his time and expertise has been generously donated.
- 9) FOCA offers insurance to cottager associations. Look into our current insurance coverage and the FOCA policy to obtain best rate. Bank balance has been declining each year for the past several years due to the lack of dues payments. Conservative accounting requires that at least 2 years of insurance coverage be maintained in the account.
- 10) Not a legal issue for MLRA.
- 11) Gord Kobe has taken over the email distribution of notices.
- 12) Kim Burns, Bruce Wallace and Geraldine Debes will help out but a convener is required. Anyone interested in being involved with Regatta, please email your interest to morrisonlake@rogers.com.
- 13) We encourage each area of Morrison Lake to send a representative to the Spring and Labour Day Meetings in order to speak on behalf of your concerns and bring information back to you.

Zebra Mussel Prevention

Although removing zebra mussels from a lake or river is almost impossible, preventing their spread into new areas is not. Human activities have spread zebra mussels into many inland lakes and streams, usually through recreational boating, fishing, and diving practices. Simple steps such as draining live wells, cleaning vegetation off boat trailers, removing attached zebra mussels from boat hulls, and not dumping bait into lakes or rivers can prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other exotics into non-infested waters.

SCUBA divers must also remain vigilant to prevent the spread of zebra mussels into non-infested waters. Zebra mussel veligers can survive for long periods on wetsuits, drysuits, buoyancy compensators, tanks (including boots and protective mesh), regulators, gauges, masks, fins, and snorkels. The Great Lakes Science Center has developed a [Standard Operating Procedure for the decontamination of all of its dive gear](#). Divers are encouraged to read this SOP and consider adopting its precepts.



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LAKE HAPPENINGS/E NEWS....

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND....."BONO" AND "THE EDGE"
FROM U2 WERE SPOTTED ROCKIN' IT OUT AT A
PRIVATE PARTY ON MORRISON LAKE.



Well maybe not the real Bono or The Edge however....

A big thank you to Matt Easter, (Bono impersonator), and Doug Horner, (guitarist), of the U2 tribute band, "US2" for putting on a great show at the Rawlings cottage!

If you are interested in hiring this amazing duo for your next function, please contact "All Things U2" at: 647-771-8633 or 289-993-bono (2666)

Do you have some event or activity you would like to tell the ML residents about? Let us know some of the details and we will include in future newsletters.