



The Laker

Morrison Lake News

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Welcome back....

Once again we present the Morrison Lake Newsletter for 2012. We hope to provide three editions, Spring, Summer and Fall which will be provided via email and on the lake website. This newsletter is for the residents of Morrison Lake, their family and friends. Your contributions to these newsletters are very important. As in the past you might like to write an article about 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: 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Morrison Lake Residents Meeting:

Sunday May 20, 2012 – 1pm - North Morrison Lake Road Landing.

Regatta 2012:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

2012 Golf Tournament & Dinner:

Saturday August 18th, 2012



LAKE WATCH

President: Daren Boydell.....darenboydell84@gmail.com

Vice President: Gord Kobe.....gordkobe@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Joanne Baker-Forth joannef.43@gmail.com

Morrison Lake Website: www.morrisonlake.ca

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

Potential Morrison Lake Activities:



Anyone interested in organizing?????

- Non-motorized boat parade – kayaks, canoes, paddle boat etc
- Pontoon Partee – join a boat and bring an appetizer
- Fishing Derby
- Fundraising for Cardiac Defibrillator
- Photography Contest
- Kiddie Baking Contest
- Morrison 5K Run
- Oldies Dance – for the young at heart – whatever your age

MORRISON LAKE GOLF & DINNER DAY

- Lake St. George Golf Club
- August 18, 2012
- 1pm start
- Nine holes and dinner (same as last year) \$50.00 per person

If you would like more information or be willing to assist this year please contact:
Peter & Judi Burkitt:
pburkitt@sympatico.ca or
at (705) 687-7697.

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 this summer.....

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 2012 bank statement there was \$5,740.89 in the bank. Regatta profit \$668.03 for 2011.

We thank all of those people who have submitted their dues. It's never too late to submit dues. Simply mail a cheque or give it to one of the members of the Association for deposit.

Thank you,

Joanne Baker-Forth,
Treasurer

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



A Tribute to:
ANN MARIE (ROCHE) DOYLE R.N.

I remember running home on the last day of school, jumping right into the old station wagon and heading straight up to Morrison Lake. We wouldn't get back to the city until the day before school started again. That's how we did it. We knew where the best moments of our lives were to be had, and we never wasted a moment of it. A strand of our families genetic was formed on the lake, which is now in its 4th generation. The water, the trees, the friends and the wonderful memories are part of who we are. And as with the coming and going of the seasons, there is the coming and going of friends and family too.

It was at Morrison Lake I came to know who my Mother really was. I was able to know her in her fullness with her friends and family; laughing, singing and being care-free... while always having a care. Memories of life on Morrison Lake with Ann will always be the bedrock of my knowing that life is good and beautiful and is at its best with friends and family.

Ann's circle of friends and family on Morrison Lake is made up of countless wonderful souls, both living and past. To know Ann was to love her.

Ann and Bill were part of the first organizers of the Morrison Lake Regatta which has had a great history of bringing families and friends together year after year. Ann's father Peter Roche was one of the first to see the potential that the lake offered for raising a family and for its health giving qualities.

Ann's shining eyes, warm smile and welcoming manner will be missed by all on Morrison Lake but her memory will not be forgotten. Her welcoming nature will always be a part of how we carry on.

The entire Roche-Doyle family will miss Ann deeply, especially her husband Bill Doyle and brothers Paul and Michael Roche.

Submitted by: Bernie Doyle on behalf of Cathy, Julia, James and their families.

Ann passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital on Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Morrison Lake Residents Meeting

**Sunday May 20, 2012– 1pm –
North Morrison Lake Road Landing.**

Agenda:

1. Vice President Election– Gord Kobe – Acclamation
2. Minutes of the September 3, 2011 General Meeting (see below)
3. MLRA insurance – Geraldine
4. Regatta 2012
5. Treasurer's Report – Joanne Forth
6. Dues - Joanne Forth
7. Water Quality – Bob Bruce
8. Defibrillator
9. MLRA Constitution
10. Fire Pump boxes update - Ralf Buschke and Brad Fairbrass
11. Golf/Dinner Event
12. New Business
13. Next Meeting

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.

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.

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Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)

May 11, 2012

An Update from FOCA about Internet service in "Cottage Country"

If you could check email and access the Internet at the cottage, would you be able to extend your stays by a day or two? What if you live permanently in rural Ontario? A lack of Internet service has limited the ability of rural residents to access many important online services, to stay in touch with family and friends, and to establish or operate businesses in cottage country.

FOCA is very excited to share some good news with you: there have been recent developments that will make it easier for you to have Internet at your rural property.



Thanks to the growing network of land-based and satellite options, you can now get improved Internet access, higher speeds and greater bandwidth.

Satellite service is available in your region today, and has the ability to reach rural homes and cottages that have typically been a challenge to connect.

Take a look, below, at the range of services being offered by our corporate sponsor, **Xplornet**, including a new promotion with reduced up-front costs until June 30th on Satellite service.

And get ready to surf at the cottage!

Michelle

Michelle Lewin, FOCA Communications Coordinator communications@foca.on.ca