

Wah-Wash-Kesh

Conservation Association

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"REMINDER" MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your Association fiscal year now runs from January 1st until December 31st. So please remit therefore as soon as you recover from your New Years Eve party. Please recall that dues are \$20.00 per individual membership. Each member will receive one membership card for accounting purposes, and one voting privilege at the Annual Meeting. This also allows us to keep your cottage directory up to date.

ROADS BOARD MEETING

Ross Willett reports that he had attended the MacKenzie Township Roads Board meeting on September 17, 1995, and presented a motion to hold subsequent meetings in July or August. This was seconded by Norm Stiles and supported by a near majority but defeated by the votes of the present board members. Although Ross protested, the meeting was set

for September 14th, 1996. It was further advised by Ross that the Roads Board budget is about \$45,363.00 per annum.

Your board would like to ensure that as many members as possible attend next year's meeting to have the meeting set for July or August 1997.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

If your lakeside neighbour changes please help us by advising us of the new names, cottage number, and phone number. This is very valuable in updating the directory that Ginny Sperry has so diligently produced over the years. Also it provides us with new members.

"BUY, SELL & TRADE"

The Conservation Association would like to try a small classified section for future newsletters.

These small ads are for Association Members and they should be no more than 40 words (*approximately*).

Anyone wishing to include information should send it to: Newsletter Editor Lesley Huggill by March 1st, 1996 (1 month before the newsletter is printed). Please remember to include your name and address or telephone number with the ad so that you may easily be contacted by prospective buyers/sellers.

ISSUES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING - 1995 -

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Association constitution copies are available! Due to the high cost of mailing to all members, the board has made copies of the Association Constitution available to anyone who sends a self addressed 9" by 12" envelope with \$.90 postage attached to: Gary Kindree.

Copies will also be available at the annual meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

An interim financial statement will be provided at the annual general meeting to those who have remitted their dues by May 31st, 1996.

TAXATION

(A question from the floor, Annual General Meeting, 1995)

On August 14th, 1995 Mitch Vaudrie (705-746-9302) at the Regional Assessment Office was contacted. Mitch is in the process of reinspecting *not* reassessing all properties in the area, as the last inspection was completed in 1987. He is trying to make sure that taxation is as equitable as possible (some property taxes have actually

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gone down!!).

We are presently on Market Value Assessment, but the rate is fixed at 1984 values (Mr. Vaudrie sees no change for at least 5 years). Our taxes consist of Land Tax, Local Roads Board Tax, and West Parry Sound Board of Education Tax.

Mr. Vaudrie made the observation that the cottage owners on Lake WahWashKesh constitute *the largest tax group* in

McKenzie Township, something we should bear in mind.

LOG BARRIER WARNING ON THE MAG

(A question from the floor, Annual General Meeting, 1995)

Mr. Steve Munro at the MNR office in Parry Sound was contacted regarding this issue. The MNR has no legal obligation (and therefore

no financial commitment) to keep it in place. According to the MNR the sign at weir is adequate warning and they simply cannot afford to maintain the boom.

INDIAN NARROWS PARKING EXPANSION

(A question from the floor, Annual General Meeting, 1995)

The MTO and MNR have *no plans* at present to

participate in any expansion of parking at Indian Narrows.



DOCK 'N ROCK SALE - WHAT A \$UCCE\$\$ -

Lake WahWashKesh's version of a garage/craft sale.

On Friday, August 4th, 1995 the docks were towed to the rock in readiness for the boatloads which arrived Saturday with donations of all kinds for the first

Dock 'N Rock sale. There was a choice assortment of trash and treasures: both the kitchen and bathroom sinks; dishes; antique fishing poles and tackle; books, puzzles and games; chairs and even a dinghy!

Sunday they came from every WahWashKesh bay and inlet to eat pancakes and sausage (with REAL maple syrup); buy something from the craft table; select a real bargain from the 25¢ table; "make a deal" with Ross; then enjoy a grilled burger smothered with onions and green peppers.

Don't tell anyone, it is a secret, but there were real treasures to be found!

One item purchased for a couple of dollars, in the hands of a collector would be worth approximately \$35.

And it was whispered that another item hiding on the 25¢ table was a special collectible.

You will want to be first in line for the *next Dock 'N Rock* because you know there will be *great stuff!*

When the final tally was complete, we showed a net profit of **\$725.06** to benefit the Conservation Association Development Fund. A little short of our projected "\$1000 in one day", it was, never-the-less, a good result for our first project and all agreed that it was fun.

The 20 volunteers who manned the docks, flipped and mixed pancakes, tended the tables, chopped onions, cooked burgers, sorted and cleaned up all deserve a huge thankyou!

The board of Directors would like to offer sincere thanks also to Jacquelyn & Lewis Morgan who organized and made this fine fundraiser a great success.

Three cheers for Jacquelyn & Lewis for their help in preserving our wilderness lake!



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