

**Kapikog Lake Cottagers Association**  
**Annual general Meeting, August 23 2008**  
**H. & H Resort**

**Executive in Attendance :** Mark Harsant President; Lyell Gaibraith Vice President

**Welcome and Opening Comments:** Mark Harsant Rob and Holly Christie were welcomed and introduced as new members.

Mark outlined the importance of paying your annual dues and stated that cottagers will receive invoices, as of September 2008.

Mark thanked those who have helped with repairs to the Government Dock and the lights. Brad Capon, Joe Steirer, Steve Randal, Ed Harsant and Gerry Haarmeyer.

He reminded us all that repairs can and should be shared by all of us. If you notice a problem , form a work party.

Mark thanked Bud Richardson for his continued work in water quality testing, Bud Hooper for the Newsletter, Ed Harsant for Cottage Watch and Bryan Rodie, Eric Loorand and Todd Woytiuk for Fire safety.

**Minutes of Last Meeting(August 25 2007)** A motion was made by Anne Gailbraith, 4 Kapikog Lake, Seconded by Peter Jones 66 Kapikog S.S. that the minutes be accepted as posted on the internet page-carried

**Treasurers Report/read by Mark for Gayle Walker**

Opening Balance	\$1226.50
Deposits from dues	
Ads, Maps, and Book	
Sales	\$2469.74
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Total	\$3348.12

Expenses	
Insurance	\$1188.00
Newsletters	\$ 465.60
Website	\$ 169.53
Hydro for Dock light	\$ 130.00
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Total expenses	\$1983.13

Balance as of	
August 22 2008	\$1364.99
<b>Deer Horn Conference</b>	

Todd Woytiuk attended this conference on behalf of the Association and we extend our thanks.. The report in its entirety can viewed on our internet site

The highlights include: How to view your lot on the Archipelago's geographic internet Site

Protocol of Emergency Medical and Police responses

Waste Disposal plans

Water Level Changes and dredging

### **Councilor's Report: Grant Walker**

Grant reported that we have received minimal maintenance on our roads this year as extensive work was undertaken several years ago.

The Township books sent to cottage owners has been well received. If you have questions about what you can and can not do on your property refer to the books or call the Township.

The tax rate increase has been kept at 0.79%.

A reminder to please watch your speed on the road and water. The police will lay charges for excessive speed.

Last year Grant received two requests at our annual meeting.

- 1) To ask the MTO to add Mactier to the sign south of Parry Sound (exit 207). This request has been submitted to the MTO
- 2) A cottager asked why his road was not being maintained. Grant has ascertained that this is a private entrance shared by 4 cottages and thus must be maintained by them.

Waste Management is an ever expanding challenge that the Township feels must remain under tight fiscal and quality control. Recycling and sorting waste enables the Township to keep costs down.

We have 45 hours a week in the summer when the site is open with an attendant. Our Association would like "large Bulk Items" free days to be extended to include Saturday and Sunday and be better advertised.

Peter Watkinson has agreed to provide cottagers with new fridge magnets outlining Waste Site hours if the Township establishes them prior to the season.

Mark thanked Grant for attending the meeting and his assistance in having the Township do the structural part of the dock lights.

### **Water Quality; Bud Richardson**

Bud tests 8 sites on our lake several times a year. Our lake tests better than last year and is good for "Recreational Use". Our water clarity has not changed significantly in the past 5 years( 13 feet) Our phosphorous is 5.6 µG/L which keeps us in the "Good lake" category.

Mark thanked Bud once again for his work in this vital project

### **Fire Pumps: submitted by Eric Loorand( read by Lyell Gailbraith)**

Eric reminds us where the 3 pumps are located(Moxey, Agbay and H. & H.) . If you would like a demonstration call Eric. He reminds us that everyone is Responsible for their own protection and be familiar with how to operate the pump. The Marina is not responsible for Fire protection and only help as any other cottager would respond to someone in need.

It is perhaps time to establish a Protocol for fire emergency's ,so we can help ourselves and our neighbour. We will be seeking volunteers to sit on a committee for this important task.

### **Cottage Watch: Ed Harsant**

We had the type of winter we like-uneventful. We had no discovered or reported break-ins or damage caused by snow on roofs.

I would like to thank the patrollers who check the cottages during the winter months.

Jim & Linda Moxey  
Carol Dickie & Riener Cuma  
Grant Moyle  
Tim Durish  
Dave Kerr  
Todd Woytiuk

It is important that throughout the year we all become “Nosey Neighbors”-If your neighbors are not around, occasionally walk over and do a visual inspection of doors, windows etc.Remember it is important to leave valuables locked up(ATV’s, tools etc.)

Unrelated to Cottage Watch I would like to thanks Joe Stierer, Gerry Haarmyer, Steve Randal and my wife Susan for helping to repair the dock in late June. I remind you that we are ALL responsible for maintaining our Public Area and the quality of our environment around the Lake. If you see a problem –fix it or ask a neighbour to help.

**Guest Speaker: Eric McIntyre**

**Stewardship Co-coordinator for eastern Georgian Bay**

This organization is partly funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources. They have 40 Stewardship Programs in Ontario and are governed by a 12 member committee. Gerry Haarmeyer represents in-land lakes on this committee.

The program was initiated in 2006

- 1) to improve our environment
- 2) to promote invasive species awareness,
- 3) to perform fish assessments in communities,
- 4) establish crown land camping guidelines
- 5) to award high school graduates scholarships to continue their studies in the environmental area
- 6) to offer partial financing to assist lakes with projects designed to change the environment of the lake( i.e. building loon or duck boxes, building bass habitats)

Mark thanked Eric on behalf of the Association for informative talk.

**Kapikog Book: Susan Harsant**

I would like to say how pleased we were with the launch of the book on Thanksgiving Weekend. We sold out the first 100 copies and printed 50 more. We have approximately 12 left. We have given the Cottagers Association \$395. to date and hope to give them more when the sales are completed. Once again I would like to Thank Bud and Joan Hooper and my husband Ed for their contributions in making the book a reality.

It has been well received by you , thanks for your participation.

**Fishing Derby: Linda & Jim Moxey**

**Jim reminded us that the derby was initiated in 1982 to honour Bob Bell.**

Junior Winners                    Dylan Seigler 43 course fish  
                                          Tristan Seigler 23 course fish

Bass Winners                    Brett Canning  
1 to 11/2 pounds                Dave Kerr  
                                          Mary Sharpe

Jim points out that 1 to 5 pound bass have been caught and released during this summer season. Mark thanked Jim and Linda Moxey and Donna Bell for once again hosting and monitoring 2 day event.

**Wine & Cheese: Mark Harsant**

This event was hosted by Mark this year and approximately 50 attended. It is a great way to see fellow cottagers and begin the new season on our lake. The food was provided by the Harsant family and H & H Resort provided the meeting place and catered the refreshments. Thanks to all at H & H for sharing the event each year.

**Photo Contest: Tina Bell**

Tina posted all the entrants photos on a Board at the annual meeting and encouraged us all to vote on our 3 favorites. Thanks to all who participated and for Tina in receiving the photos each year.

**New Business:**

Mark reminded everyone that they must have a boaters license by next spring (2009) Gerry Haarmyer offers a great course.

Many cottagers expressed concern about excessive boat and sea-doo speeding and inappropriate behaviour close to the shore. It was decided to express these serious concerns via a positive sign to be posted at the public dock and an article in the newsletter. Motion made by Peter Jones(66 kapikog South Shore),seconded by Anne Gailbraith(4 Kapikog Lake)-carried.

**Adjournment to Barbeque:** Motion made by Tina bell-meeting closed at 11:40 a.m.