

BEVERLEY LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
DELTA, ONTARIO

18 April, 1988.

Greetings, Friends and Neighbours!

The blooming snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils, along with the enjoyment of the annual Maple Syrup Festival in Delta, all serve to remind me that spring is here, and that it is time to report the winter's events and summer's programme for our members.

Of paramount interest to many will be news of the current situation regarding the proposed James Auld Waterway Park, scheduled to link Frontenac Provincial Park on the west with Charleston Lake Provincial Park on the east, via Lower Beverley Lake, among others of the Rideau system. Your pres has attended several of the meetings of the advisory committee, held at various centres throughout the region to examine the terms of reference of the plan, and to devise and recommend alternatives to the Minister of Natural Resources acceptable to the various organizations in the affected area. At its April 6 meeting in Athens, Committee chairman Bill Hardy, MNR Brockville, announced that designating the route a Provincial Park was now 'dead in the water'. The Ministry's stated aim of recreation management and resource protection would be fulfilled by the formation of a management and advisory committee with strong local representation. The details will be discussed at the Committee meetings scheduled for 17 May, in the Bedford Township Hall (near Verona), and on or about 22 June, in the Delta-Elgin area; interested persons are welcome. Our spokesperson on the Committee is Bob Lighthart, representative for the Eastern cottagers' associations. Alan Dolan, Information Officer for the Ministry, spoke about the Park proposal at our Annual Meeting last August.

The following matters of continuing interest arose at the 1987 Annual Meeting:

a) Resignations of Carol Tuck Churchill and Brian Robinson, first and second vice-presidents respectively, were accepted with regret. In their places, Beryl Darling and Don Santos were elected.

b) Ed Vanvoorhis accepted chairmanship of the water quality/lake improvement committee. He welcomes volunteer assistance and encouragement. The shoal-marking efforts of Al Brown and his team were recognized and appreciated.

c) We recorded with regret and sympathy the names of the following members who died in the preceding year: Stella Cheetham, Norma Irwin, Robert Smith.

d) In financial terms, the Association is in the black. Treasurer Betty Penstone reported that the service charge on cheques on banks outside Canada is \$2.; she suggests that the most economical way for U. S. members to pay their annual dues is to 'stick three 1-dollar bills in an envelope and mail it, or bring cash to the annual meeting'.

Please mark the following events on your 1988 calendar; your active participation in them makes for a stronger, more effective association:

1. 10th Annual Regatta -- Saturday, 2 July -- 1:30 p.m., at the Russel Waterfront, in 'Little Brockville' Bay. Organizer Doug Byers would welcome volunteers to help with timing, marking, and general assistance. In addition to canoe, skiff and novelty races, sailing and windsurfing races are planned if the wind is right.

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2. Picnic and Annual Meeting -- Saturday, 23 July -- 3:00 p. m., at the summer residence of Beryl Darling, at Henderson Haven, located in the bay just north of Beverley Lake Park (by boat); access via Beverley Lake Park road in Delta, exiting near the park entrance through the 'Henderson Haven' gate (by car). Bring your chair, meat to barbecue, and a salad or dessert to share. Plates, cups, utensils, condiments, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Your executive for 1988 are: President: Blythe Broughton, Box 346, RR 2 Kingston, ON, K7L 5H6; 1st Vice-President: Beryl Darling; 2nd Vice-President: Don Santos; Secretary: Beth Robinson; Treasurer: Betty Penstone, Box 204, Delta, ON, K0E 1G0; Past-President: Pam Howe. This is an election year!

1988 dues remain C\$3.00 per family; please complete and return the form below (please, no cheques on US banks - let's keep Betty smiling!). Also on the form is space to indicate whether you would be interested in having your executive negotiate the occasional autumn (October, probably) lowering of the lake level by 1 - 3 feet to facilitate dock or boathouse repairs and shoreline cleanup. If strong interest is shown, we shall talk more seriously with the Ministry. Finally, we wish to learn whether compiling a list of members' summer addresses and telephone numbers for distribution to members only would be desirable; now that we have the membership list on computer, it would not be difficult to arrange.

We welcome your support and involvement in the Association's activities. This year, we have a special deal on maps of the lake, 11x17 inches; members receive a free one, yours is enclosed. Safety is everyone's responsibility; have a water-safe summer!

Blythe Broughton

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1988 Membership Dues (C\$3.) Betty Penstone, Box 204, Delta ON, K0E 1G0

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Summer Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to be involved in (circle it!): water quality; social; membership; regatta; elective position; other _____

Autumn lowering of lake level: yes no don't care

Interested in membership list: yes no

Comments?