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News Sheet

September 2010

Distribution of News Sheets and Directories

The Directors wish to continue distributing these to all who wish to receive them. Address lists are now being updated and we are asking everyone the following:

- Please let us know if you do NOT wish to continue receiving the monthly News Sheets.
- Please let us know if you do NOT wish to have some personal information listed in the Directory of Property Owners. Maybe not your telephone # or e-mail address? Or nothing but your name and PIN #? Please be specific. Let us know your wishes. Also, say if you do NOT wish to receive a copy of the 2010 Directory?

A response is requested by September 24th; otherwise distribution and details on the Directory will be as in the previous issue.. A quick e-mail/phone call/snail mail can be sent to Eileen Barbeau: eileenb@primus.ca ; RR3 Maberly, KOH 2B0; 613-273-5988; 416-653-1961.

From the Lake Steward

I wish to thank all those volunteers who gave their time and energy on July 31st to install the new beaver baffler system. We had a real co-operative effort as people from all around the lake came out to participate.

I am happy to report that we were able to obtain the solid angle connectors (all in PVC) that we required to navigate the curves in the outlet creek. The new system consists of a perforated plastic barrel from which three separate 6" PVC pipes emanate. Each pipe then passes at a downward slope through the bottom of the beaver dam and along the creek bottom to end at the downstream side of the wire fence previously placed in 2008. Each pipe is 90' in length. The entire thing is weighted down with 12 concrete cinder blocks and galvanized steel wire. The new system is now sitting directly adjacent to the original baffler which consists of three 4" pipes and was left in situ. We now have two very nice baffler systems in place. The total cost of materials for the new baffler came in at \$1203.24. This is about \$100.00 under our estimated budget as proposed at the AGM.

I am also happy to report that a very accurate record of the lake level has been monitored and recorded and we are now seeing a steady decline of 5.1mm per day in the absence of rain. When it has rained, the lake has risen accordingly and then starts to decline again

the very next day at this same rate. This is also the rate that our resident engineer, Frank Johnson, calculated would be necessary to accommodate the average monthly rainfall. The baffler system will be monitored, cleaned and adjusted as necessary. I invite everyone to go and take a look at it.

The water quality in our lakes is also very good this summer. The amount of weed growth is way down and there is no sign of any algae blooms. RVCA continues to do our free water sampling as well. To date, I have not yet received any numbers from them, or the Ministry of the Environment, from this summer's sampling. The fishing this year is also reported by many, myself included, to be excellent.

I encourage everyone to continue to use phosphate-free, environmentally-friendly cleaning products, abstain from using fertilizers and pump out your septic tank every three years. Clearly, every cottage owner's small contribution is making a huge difference for all of us. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Frank Sammut

Membership in the Association

As everyone who wishes to receive Association mailings does so, irrespective of Association membership, why bother to join? The payment of the minimal dues (still \$15.00) indicates your willingness to join with others who are concerned about preserving the Lake environment and to assist in defraying any costs associated with this. The Association has been most successful recently in obtaining much water testing at no cost but this may not continue as there is increasing pressure on agencies to trim their budgets. Regular testing is crucial as a measure of the health of the lakes. During the last two years, we have distributed much material to everyone as we consider sharing information to be an important function. Although there has been more distribution, costs have not been as high as previously thanks to much electronic mailing; there are still some costs. However, it is the "declaration of support" and community feeling that are significant. The friendly atmosphere at the Pancake Breakfast & AGM and the cooperative endeavour of constructing the additional baffler both demonstrate that there is a strong wish to move on.

On behalf of the Directors, I am asking all of you who are not current members – maybe you disagreed with some actions in the past – to please reconsider your membership status in the light of more recent events. If you require more information about the Association, or wish to discuss any matter, please contact your Area Representative preferably or any of the Directors failing that.

If you wish to pay dues and cannot connect with your Area Representative, please mail a cheque, payable to LSRLPOA, to me at the address above.

Thank you for considering this and I do hope that the membership will increase significantly as this shows support to the Directors who volunteer their time and effort in various capacities.

Eileen Barbeau

Break-ins.

In the week after the August long weekend there were thefts from three properties on Rainbow Lane A. Thieves cut the locks on gates and a shed taking trailers from the properties. The police ask us all to be vigilant and to inform them of any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood.

Lake Maps, Mats, Clocks and other Memorabilia

We are happy to inform everyone that although merchandise featuring our lakes is not on display with that of many other area lakes in the *Lake Effects* store in Westport, items **are available on order** as the template has already been made. Details are available in the store and also on the website: www.lakefxstore.com.

RVCA Shoreline Naturalization Project

Anyone wanting more information about this programme is encouraged to contact Andrea Klymko: andrea.klymko@rvca.ca; 1-800-267-3504. Some of us participated in this last year and as a result have some plantings near the shorelines of the properties. Such plantings can be exceedingly helpful if erosion is a concern. With this programme, property owners receive advice from a site visit and subsequently get assistance with the cost of the nursery stock as well as the planting of it. A great opportunity!

LSRLPOA Treasurer

We are sorry to inform you that Anita McKeigan has resigned as our Treasurer. We thank her for her diligence in performing those duties in the past year and wish her well. On a temporary basis the duties will be shared by Eileen & Pat, the President & Vice-President. Correspondence will be received by Eileen.

Upcoming in September

Sundance Studio Tour

Labour Day Weekend. September 4,5 & 6

A walking tour at 1047 Zealand Road, Maberly.

20 artists – free admission – lunch available – music & more

For information: 613-268-2171 ; www.sundancestudio.ca