

Lake of Bays Association Area Steward Summary Report Summer Season 2005

Administration and Statistics

The summer of 2005 44 persons were recruited and agreed to participate as Area Stewards. Of those 44 persons five persons did not follow through on the resident visitations due to family illness, leaving the lake through sale of property, or due to other commitments.

79% of the 39 active Area Stewards returned the End of Season Evaluations Reports, compared to 50% of the active area captains in 2003. 408 residents, compared to 250 residents in 2003 were contacted. The eight persons who did not provide the End of the Season Evaluation made resident visitations. Throughout the season the eight Area Stewards had communicated that their visitations were being carried out. If each of those Area Stewards visited at least six residents that would bring the Area Steward Visitations number to at least 450 persons. Based on a membership of 1416 members the area stewards contacted 32% of the membership.

Seven new members were recruited. A number of new members who had not sent in the End of Season Evaluation Reports were recruited by the eight Area Stewards. I do not know those numbers.

This season, for the first time, Area Stewards collected overdue/unpaid memberships. In all twelve unpaid memberships were collected. A few Area Stewards felt uncomfortable collecting unpaid membership but the majority viewed this additional responsibility as meaningful and a valuable role.

2005 year activities

Recruitment for 2005 Area Stewards began in January 2005 via telephone calls, e-mail and faxed invitations. Gloria Woodside and David Timms assisted in contacting members for potential Area Stewardship.

Saturday, June 11 2005 at Mary Jane Scheidel's office in Huntsville, David Timms, Gloria Woodside, Jackie Godard, Brenda Paterson, and Roy Wilson joined me to collate 1000 LOBA Pamphlet Bags.

This year it was decided that fewer pamphlets are better than more. We had four handouts - WRAFT, Protect your Waterfront Investment, Safe Boating Guide, and the Boat Right Be Polite pamphlet.

Saturday, July 2nd, the Area Stewards had a Meeting and a "Meet and Greet" Social Event at Betty McDonald's cottage at 1794 Fox Point Rd.

Area Steward Changes

- The Board of Directors approved the name change from Area Captain to Area Steward.
- This year the Area Stewards collected unpaid memberships at the resident location.
- An important focus was to recruit membership and involve second generation family members.

Area Resident and Member Comments

Why longer term owners are not members of LOBA

- Didn't join " I'm a native"
- LOBA doesn't do anything for the money
- Can't be bothered
- Too old to participate

Subjects that people most wanted to talk about

1. Boating #1

- Big Noisy Boats
- Boat Traffic
- By and large thought boats behaving better
- Boats towing too close to docks and swimmers
- Require more signs to inform the boats of the speed limit/no wake area at the "Narrows" by Baysville. Many boats speed through this area.

2. Bears

- Require information about Bear Safety. The residents and members are seeing more bears on the cottage property than have in the past years.

3. Taxes

- Too high
- Mentioned by everyone in the Cliffdene/Cliffside areas
- Capital Gains tax

4. Environment

- Algae "worst ever"
- Low water in the lake most of the time this season.
- Lake Water Quality- "How is it?"
- Light Pollution
- Shoreline Development

5. Buildings

- Information on Building Codes for Boat Houses
- Would like to have knowledge about boat house permits and buildings
- Slowness in getting Building/Zoning Permits
- Restrict size of cottages
- The number of boathouses being erected in the Baysville River. Do these boathouses have permits? Why are there living accommodations above them? I am in favour of boathouse construction, but I want to see them built within the township bylaws.

6. Deer

- Too many - Place Pressure on Township to have a "cull"
- A number of members commented on the explosion in the number of deer around Osborne Point Road. They present a problem to vegetation growth and also a threat on the roads re automobile accidents. Is this something the LOBA could check out with the appropriate government agency?

7. Lost Pets

Would it be possible to get a "bulletin board" set up on the LOBA web site (or perhaps the town's web site) where people can report lost pets. In the last two years, I have found lost dogs on my doorstep. The Dwight dogcatcher doesn't work weekends and there is no other recourse.

8. Roads

More deterioration in the Osborne Pt. Road near the entrance with little attention by the Roads Department.

9. List persons in the yearbook who are LOBA members who passed away over the winter/year. This area steward feels it would provide a proper tribute to those who truly loved the lake and provides the LOBA families' a chance to honour the lives of those who have died.

Area Stewards and Members Additional Comments

- Very few people on the Sea breeze shore attend the annual meeting. The members will only attend if there is a hot issue.
- Not happy about LOBA Position and interference in the Quarry issue.

What pamphlets were most appreciated?

Boating * Most well received

- Many have not yet taken boaters' license operator test and appreciated the manual
- Enjoyed P.W.C. Alert

WRAFT - Assessment Situation

What pamphlets were recommended by the Area Stewards for next year

- Not sure if they are of any value
- Consider handing out pamphlets every other year
- Applications for new membership
- Long Horn Beetle Recognition Sheet in case they get here
- Info Sheet on "What comes Up over the Winter Time"
- Boat Sense
- Information about Bear Safety

Value of Area Steward Program as perceived by the Area Stewards

- Good for targeting unpaid members
- Recommend that unpaid members are called as a reminder
- Not sure
- Yes, Start after 24th of May opening
- Absolutely! It is the association's main and perhaps only personal contact
- The people on South Portage Rd. seem indifferent to the program. Most info aware of through LOBA mailings
- Definitely worth the effort if it is only to show the "flag"

Other Achievements

- Haliburton County Lake of Bays Residents issues to be addressed with the assistance of the new Area Steward assigned to Little Trading Bay.
- Resolution of membership issues due to a breakdown in communication.

Progress Report for 2006

- Five potential new Area Stewards have been recruited thus far.
- Venue for collating LOBA pamphlets identified.

Area Steward Coordinator Recommendations for Area Stewards for 2006

1. Offer area change for any area stewards that would like the choice of canvassing a new area.
2. Work with Jean Francis, and Jackie Britz to identify GAP Areas that require new Area Stewards, and target new Area Steward Recruitment in that area. The areas that have identified gaps are Green point, Whisky Bay, possible additional areas near Sea Breeze, Baysville, Dwight Beach, Old 117, Fractional Ownerships, and areas surrounding Lake of Bays such as Cooper Lake, and Paint Lake.
3. Assign areas according to Civic Addresses. In discussion with Bev Govan we are able to do that.
4. Recommend current area maps for each area identifying stewardship boundaries.
5. Begin Area Steward Recruitment January 06
6. Collate pamphlets in April 2006
7. Plan the "Meet and Greet" for May 2006
8. Recommend an incentive program for Area Stewards
9. Improve visibility of LOBA in Area functions
10. Add LOBA address to forward membership renewals directly to Bev Govan. Recommend that Bev keep track of the Area Steward new member recruitment and collections on overdue accounts.
11. Recommend fire #'s that are covered and overgrown with trees, and are not readily visible be kept clear. Place notice in newsletter.

Area Steward Meet and Greet May 27 2006



