



NEWSLETTER

SLAPOA Newsletter - April 2018

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Board of Directors (2017-2018)

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term End</u>
Geoff Hall	Chair	AGM 2019
John Kelly	Vice-Chair	AGM 2020
Dennis Hons	Treasurer	AGM 2018
Cathy Hare	Secretary	AGM 2018
Neil Wilcox	Environment	AGM 2019
Peter Rhamey	Past Chair	

Anne Chetwynd	Communications SLAPOA.info@gmail.com
Wilson Boynton	Boating & Safety Family Regatta

Dates of Upcoming Events

Family Regatta	Saturday July 28, 2018
Sailboat Race	Saturday August 4, 2018
AGM	Saturday August 18, 2018

Turkey Shoot The Board has reviewed its concerns related to running this event. Its efforts to establish collaborative agreements with other groups that would address these concerns were unsuccessful. Therefore, this event is cancelled indefinitely.

Greetings from Your SLAPOA Chair

With spring underway, many of you are no doubt counting the weeks until we return to Sand Lake, and the surrounding area, for the summer. While SLAPOA activities have slowed a bit over the winter months, it has still been a very busy year for the Association.

At the AGM in August, Peter Rhamey's term as Chair of SLAPOA ended, and I then assumed the role. I was able to navigate the steep learning curve thanks to the guidance of the past Chair, as well as the ongoing support of veteran Board members Dennis Hons and Cathy Hare. In addition, I would like to thank Jim Skelton and Anne Chetwynd for their invaluable contribution of institutional knowledge, dedication and advice. Both Jim and Anne continue to be actively involved with SLAPOA, with Jim heading up our ongoing interaction with Kearney Council around planning issues and Anne working tirelessly in her communications role. I also want to thank John Kelly, whom we welcomed onto the Board in August, and Neil Wilcox, for their hard work and contributions to the Board. I feel very fortunate to be part of an

Faces of your Board



Geoff Hall - Chair



John Kelly - Vice Chair



Dennis Hons - Treasurer



Cathy Hare - Secretary



Neil Wilcox - Environment

Association with a great number of volunteers, as well as a Board dedicated to safeguarding and preserving the Sand Lake Area community and its natural environment.

While I have been Chair for less than a year, a number of initiatives have commenced or continued - several of them Association *firsts*. The establishment of a trial Nature Preserve on the Association's Buckley's Beach property is a first, as is the decision by the membership to be active participants in an OMB appeal (PL170627) aimed at curbing the excessive expansion of campsite development at Edgewater Park Lodge. SLAPOA has also made representations to Kearney Council on issues relating to the Official Plan (OP), particularly as it relates to a proposed new re-zoning bylaw. The Board, as per a 2014 Association resolution, has provided funding to engage a planner who will provide advice relating to the OP - Jim Skelton has been doing an excellent job leading SLAPOA's efforts in this area.

The Board has also begun developing a strategy for the creation of a special action fund to ensure the Association can continue to be a strong advocate for our Members while maintaining a solid financial footing well into the future. Although we have increased our membership over the last year, we are also continuing to explore ways to attract new people and encourage participation, including the creation of an improved electronic membership form.

Further, I extend my thanks to Wilson Boynton and his team of volunteers for making the Association's annual summer Regatta a big success. We're on track to continue with this popular SLAPOA event, as well as the Annual Sail Boat race and to build on both of them - possibly via an end-of-summer BBQ/Corn Roast, so stay tuned for more details.

I've had the good fortune of spending countless time during the spring, summer and autumn at Sand Lake over the course of my life (I was actually born in Huntsville while my family lived at Sand Lake); despite that, I know there are still so many people I have not had the opportunity to meet, and many more whose contributions to the community go unrecognized. With this in mind, I would like to say to all of those people who have given so generously of their time, energy and resources to our beloved Sand Lake Area: my sincere thanks for all that you have done and continue to do in making Sand Lake special to all of us.

Sincerely,
Geoff Hall - Chair, SLAPOA

SLAPOA Mission

To safeguard the interests, enhance the welfare and protect the environment of the Sand Lake Area community.

SLAPOA Membership 2018 Fees are Due

Have you remembered to renew your membership?

If you have not yet done so, we ask that you send in your membership dues at your earliest convenience. Annual fees are \$40 per individual.

This is discounted to \$35 if you submit them by April 30, 2018.

Contact Dennis Hons, at SLAPOA.Treasurer@gmail.com for details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Graphite Mine

The mine is currently closed but plans and preparations are afoot for its reopening. Neil Wilcox, SLAPOA's environmental Board representative, is keeping tabs on the situation and will provide an update at the AGM or as new information comes available. In the meantime, here is a link to Ontario Graphite's Environmental Report for 2017: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!>

SLAPOA Website

Dennis Hons, our Treasurer, is currently working on developing a new website for the Association. He is targeting to have something up and running by the end of May. Most likely it will have multiple themed post pages and certain fixed pages such as Contact and Privacy. Further development and refinements will be ongoing.



Call for Board Nominees

We are looking for nominees to the board as a few positions are coming open this year. If anyone is interested in letting their name stand for election, or if you have a name to suggest, please contact Anne Chetwynd at SLAPOA.info@gmail.com

2017 Family Regatta Results



The 2017 Family Regatta was a great success! The weather was great and attendance was outstanding. Many thanks to Wilson Boynton and his crew of volunteers for organizing such a wonderful event.

Two new events, the Cardboard "Kanoo" Race and the Beach "Tug-of-War" challenges, were added to the mix last year and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Although not a trophy event (yet), the Cardboard Kanoo race was won by MacKenzie Van Eerde and

Emma Beland while Caleb Alderson battled on alone coming in for an excellent second place!!

Below is a list of the current trophy winners, as recorded during the event. If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact Anne Chetwynd at SLAPOA.info@gmail.com.

Trophy Events

Kearney to Sand Lake Canoe Race	Dean Coulson & Monika Stoeger
Sack Race	Nicole Brown
Dinsmore Parent & Child Canoe Race	Chris Mills & Wesley Mills
Jerry Pot Race	Rob & Jay Prichard
Six Person Canoe Race	Holly Young, Caleb Anderson, Nina Sniderman, Josh Sniderman, Jay Prichard, Rob Sniderman
Mile Swim	Monica Stoeger
Balloon Toss	Hayley Russel & Jonathan Matson
Lott's Three-Legged Race	Abigail Adam & Emmet Adam
Shoe Kick	Jonathan Matson
Egg Toss	Bruce & Mike Reid
Overall Trophy	Jackson Perry
Sportsmanship Trophy	David Perry

Note to All Trophy winners: Please ensure that trophies are returned to the organizing committee on the day of the regatta. Many thanks!

2017 Sailing Regatta



It was a small turnout this year as the weather and winds were somewhat uncooperative! Thank you to all the participants for coming out and a well deserved congratulations to the following:

1st overall: Neil & Jessie Audette in the Wayfarer
Catamaran Trophy: Dave & Heather Blandford
Youth: Bjorn Eidsvik
Laser: Alex Geerkens

Photos courtesy of Al Byrnell & Anne Chetwynd... Many Thanks!!!



The Sand Lake Nature Preserve

By: John Kelly

Last year at the 2017 Annual General Meeting the SLAPOA Board decided to accept, on a trial basis, the recommendations of the Buckley's Road Property Committee to set up a Sand Lake Nature Preserve on the seven acres of land the Association owns on Buckley's Road. The committee, of which I am a member, met through the summer of 2016 and presented its recommendations to the SLAPOA Board in November 2016. For the 2016 Thanksgiving weekend we organized a hike to show Sand Lakers what the trail would be like.



Since then we have posted a sign on Buckley's Road to let everyone know about the Sand Lake Nature Preserve. There is also a trail map a short distance down the trail shown in this photo.



The sign says:

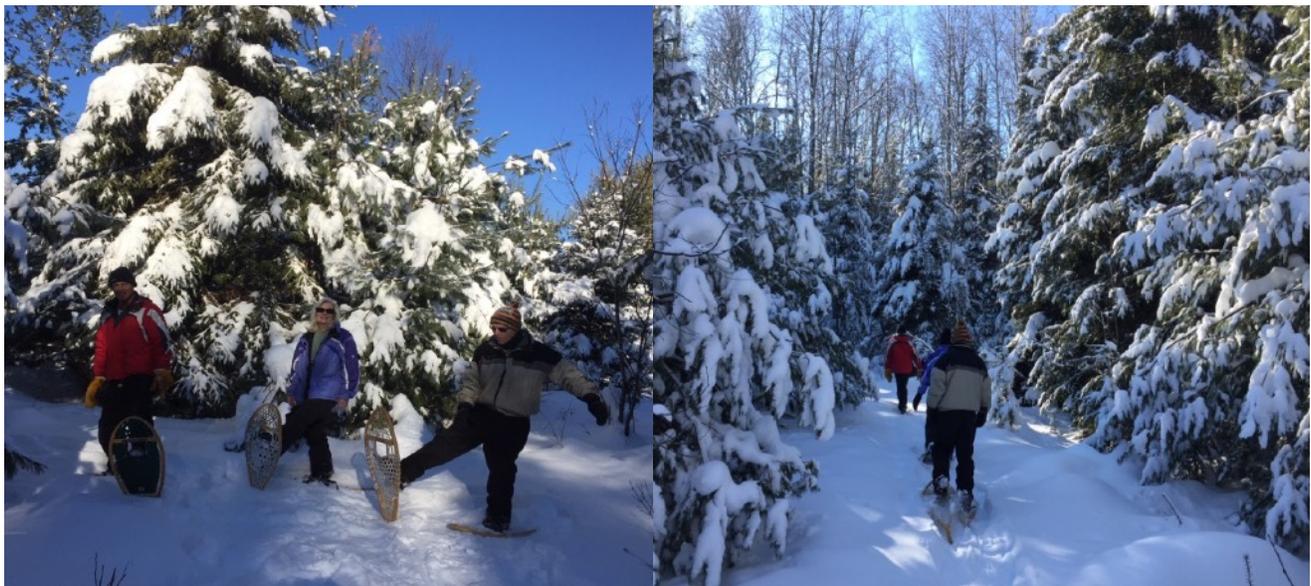
The Sand Lake and Area Property Owners' Association (SLAPOA) invites you to enjoy these trails, at your own risk, for Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing and observing nature.

NO

Motorized Vehicles, Camping, Fires, Smoking, Littering

Thank You

The trails are open all year round for your enjoyment. Your dogs will love these trails where they can run free. Snowshoeing is picturesque and a good workout. It's also possible to cross country ski most of these trails and also walk when the snow is not too deep.



We hope that everyone at Sand Lake will have a chance to use and enjoy these trails for many, many years to come.

Thanks for you support.

Passages 2017 & Early 2018

The SLAPOA Executive extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the Association. They will be dearly missed by all who knew them.

Bruce Smith - September 22, 2017

Cherished husband of Laura for 40 years. Loving father of Deanna (Adam Kesek) and Jarrod (Katie). Proud Grandpa of Gwendolyn. Fondly remembered by his brothers and sisters-in-law, extended family and many friends from Sand Lake and beyond.

Bruce will be remembered by all for his kindness, easy manner and ready smile, and for the grace and courage with which he faced his final journey.



Joan Buckland - December 25, 2017

Joan was a cherished wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, great aunt, friend and volunteer. She will be remembered as compassionate, thoughtful, witty, strong, loving, beautiful, generous, lover of gardens and books, a deep thinker, and a beautiful spirit. Joan will be greatly missed by Dave, her husband of 62 years, her siblings, her children, her 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, numerous extended family members and many friends.

In remembrance, it was Joan's wish that each of us at Sand Lake spend an extra few minutes with someone close and enjoy the light as it sparkles into diamonds on the water.



Joan Dewar - March 12, 2018

Predeceased by her first husband, Fraser Hugh Dewar, and her second husband, Reverend Donald Gordon Ray, she will be greatly missed by her children: Andrew (Takako), Jennifer (Dave) and Sarah (Andy), and her 6 grandchildren and other extended family. Joan will also be missed by all her friends and other the summer residents of Sand Lake where she hosted the annual Sand Lake Sailing Regatta. She was also well known and loved locally in Kearney where she was a highlight of the annual Creative Changes Art Show where she displayed and demonstrated her pottery and skills.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held on August 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Sand Lake Log Church.

