



Town of Kearney
Sand Lake Area Property Owners Association

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Late Summer greetings from SLAPOA President Anne Chetwynd

The summer has sadly come to an end. The water is cooling down, boats are being prepared for winter storage, and the trees are beginning to show their fall colours as the days shorten and chilly days become more frequent. Fall is on its way.

But it was a good summer even if there were some cold days. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see reports on both our annual kid's regatta and the sailing regatta, both of which were well attended. The latter provided some tense moments as a lightening storm rolled through but all participants happily survived!

The Association's AGM was held on August 17th at the schoolhouse on Highway 518. It was a good meeting. For those of you who could not attend here is a brief summary:

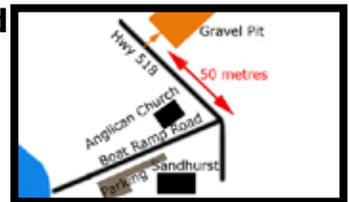
- First on the agenda was Mike McIntosh of Bear With Us who gave a wonderful presentation on bears. Mike engaged SLAPOA members with his passion, love and knowledge of bears, and answered many questions.
- Financial, Membership and Environmental reports were given. Our membership is slowly increasing and we are currently undertaking a membership drive to attract more members. However, to date, SLAPOA's income from membership fees and events does not meet its annual operating expenses. Donations have kept us afloat but these

Calling all Turkey Hunters, Recalibrate your Sight!



New location behind Sandhurst Resort

Sunday Oct 13, 2013 from 1 pm. till ? (when we run out of turkeys)



Watch for the signs which will be posted at the new location. Parking also available at Sandhurst

Sky Lanterns Banned by Kearney Council



On July 19th there was a fire board meeting held at the fire hall at 10 am. The Clam Lake Property Owners' Association along with the SLAPOA were on hand to discuss the lanterns. Later that same day at a Council Meeting council banned the use of sky lanterns as part of their fire works bylaw, and are appealing for the Province to do the same.



Fire Chief Rick Philip says with so much of Kearney being Crown Land, it is possible they could cause a forest fire. And as just a reminder a permit is required to set off fireworks with the exception of Victoria Day, Canada Day, and New Years day. No fireworks whatsoever during a fire ban.

should be used to build up our reserve fund for any unexpected and unusual expenses that the Association may incur in the future. It was suggested that a small membership fee increase may be necessary for 2014. Details of the Board's decision on this will be relayed to the membership in due course.

- Discussion on the potential disposition of the schoolhouse properties resulted in unanimous agreement to pursue the options available to us. There are some legal implications of selling that need to be investigated but, if possible, it was agreed that we would first investigate the option of an alternative siting for the building itself and then selling the lots without it. The membership felt that this was the most desirable option as it would help to preserve the historical significance of the schoolhouse.
- Dave Matson (Board member for some 24 years) and Jen Dewar (Board member for some 16 years) have stepped down. The Association owes each of them many thanks for their numerous years of service. Their contributions in time, energy and passion over the years cannot be over-stated.

Thank you, Jen and Dave, for all you've done.



Though both have officially stepped down I'm certain that they will continue to support the Association for a long time yet to come. Jen will, in fact, remain as a non-elected board member in the capacity of Past Chair until August 2014. In addition she has indicated that she will continue to monitor progress on the Official Plan (OP) of which she is so knowledgeable.

- The two vacancies on the board have been filled by Marg Sirrs and Nancy Knapp. Welcome to you both.

These changes in the board members resulted in a shuffling of positions at a Board meeting following the AGM. Your Association's new Board of Directors (August 2013 - August 2014) is as follows:

Past Chair:	Jen Dewar
Chair:	Anne Chetwynd
Vice-Chair:	Doug Kramer
Secretary:	Sue Nelson
Treasurer:	Carrie Oakley
Membership:	Jo-Ann Robertson
Environment:	Marg Sirrs
Member at Large:	Nancy Knapp

Even though summer is over, there is one more

event to come. We look forward to seeing you at the Turkey Shoot on Thanksgiving weekend. This year the venue has been changed as Fetterley's field is not available. Please see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for details of the new location etc..

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fetterley for their support and generosity in letting us use their field for the Turkey Shoot over the past many years. Although put on by the Association, this event is enjoyed by a broad spectrum of the community and has become a highlight of the year looked forward to by many. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterley have helped to make this possible. They have been an integral part of the fabric of our Association and the community at large, and we owe them many thanks for their part in helping to bring all of us together for this event. We look forward to a continuation of such involvement and support from any and all within the community in the coming years.

Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally the time when many cottagers close up for the season. Although thoughts of the lake may not be foremost in your mind during the winter months, please be assured that your Association will continue to monitor members' concerns within the Sand Lake Area. Members will also continue to receive periodic e-News with updates throughout the year, though these may be less frequent in the off season. As always feedback from the membership is encouraged as this helps to keep us current and ensures that we meet the needs of the membership as a whole. Thank you all for your continued support.

Anne Chetwynd, Chair (2013-2014)



A full house at the Aug. AGM. minutes on slapoa.ca



Mary Johnson at her new location at the Forest Tower Store which features Antiques, Baked goods, Coffee/Tea, snacks. The storage facility is owned and operated by association member Tim Brown.

Art Show



Almaguin News photo by Mary Beth Hartill

SLAPOA Member Joan Dewar (left) displays some of her works in progress as SLAPOA Board Member Anne Chetwynd looks on.

The Art Show was once again a successful weekend. The peoples choice awards were:

1st place Chiquita Thomson for the painting titled Northern Reflection. 2nd place Dorothy Morgan for the painting titled Winter Blues. 3rd place Gladdie Thomas for the stained glass loons and Lily Flower on snowshoe.



Sand Lake Log Church- 1884 – 2014

In 2014, the Sand Lake Log Church will be 130 years old. While it is not a major milestone, it is remarkable that this church is still an active community worship center each summer.

There are a few activities planned to commemorate this year. One of those activities is the construction of a garden at the side of the church incorporating two lovely iron benches donated by Morning Dove Memorials in Emsdale. The garden will face out to the cemetery and it will offer visitors a place to sit and share stories or just to reflect upon the lives of the dear ones resting there.

The garden is just in the planning stage but will be built next year and blessed at a special service. To help defray some of the cost, donations will be accepted. Donors will be recognized in some way at the garden. Income tax receipts will be available. Cheques should be made out to Sand Lake Log Church and mailed to Mr. Wayne Garrett, 53 Phair Avenue, Wallaceburg, ON N8A 2M4. All donors will be invited to the special service to be held on August 7, 2014.

What started out as an Island Clean-up...



...Soon turned into an island BBQ



Earlier in July, approximately 25 Association members came to Emerald Island to clean up the goose poop which pretty much was all on the North Side. A BBQ followed and fun was had by all. for more pictures go to our website: slapoa.ca

For Your Information

Cottage Life Show on November 1-3 at the International Center for more information <http://cottagelife.com/shows>

The 518 (Sand Lake Road) from the townsite to Sand Lake has not been in such good condition since they changed it from being a gravel road to pavement in the mid to late 60's. **Thanks Kearney Council.**



Trophy Winners at the Sand Lake Regatta

Another great Regatta. It wasn't sunny, but it was dry. Thanks go out to Jennifer Béland for organizing the event, to all the Volunteers, and to Shirley Reeds for letting us use her facilities.

Pictured on the right is a new tent for sun or rain protection
Mayor Paul Tomlinson kicks off the shoe kick
photo finish at the sack rase



Results

Kearney to Sand Lake Canoe Race: Dean Coulon and Mike Rickward

Sack Race: Jarrod Smith

Dinsmore Parent and Child Canoe Race: Heather and John Kelly

Jerry Pot Race: Alex Béland and Taylor Koson

6 Person Canoe Race: Dave Brown, Dylan Brown, Ina Brown, Nicole Brown, Amy Johnstone and Megan Johnstone

Mile Swim: Kristen Oswald

Balloon Toss: Abi Adam and Camille Audette

Lott's 3-Legged Race: Jay and Ken Prichard

Shoe Kick: Rob Anderson

Egg Toss: Kyle and Mike Reid

Overall Trophy: Nicole Brown



Trophy Winners at the Sailboat Regatta

This years sailboat race had wind, but it also had thunder lightning and rain, which caused the boats to head for the nearest shore. It didn't last long and the race resumed. Thanks to John Nelson and his organizing committee, and to the Skelton family for hosting the BBQ later that evening.

- Overall Sand Lake Yacht Club Overall winner: Sharon McKenzie, Neil Audette
- Hobie: Trish More, Alan Green
- Laser: Alex More
- Youth Will Wareham, Ethan Farbridge
- Sunfish: Shawn Peteghen
- Ladies Trophy: Heather Blandford
- Dull Thud: Tom Nelson / Robin Perry



Outgoing President Jen Dewar with the Levys of the Grass and Loon Association.



