
KAPOA NEWSLETTER

Kamaniskeg Area Property Owners Association

Spring 2003

Our mission is to provide cottagers and property owners information and resources to preserve and protect the lakes, land, wildlife and ecosystem in a clean, safe and environmentally friendly manner for the present and future generations to come.

The Annual Regatta was held on August 3, 2002 with great weather and just enough wind to make for an interesting sailboat race. **Ryan Beecroft** was the winner of the Best Overall trophy. **Kalli Buchanan and Rachael Roth** tied and shared the Best Girls Swimmer trophy. **J. D. Cameron** won the Best Boys Swimmer trophy. **W. Cahoon** won the Sailing trophy.

The **St. Frances Memorial Hospital Foundation** approached KAPOA to include a letter with our newsletter. They wish to inform our membership of their new campaign. The Foundation also plans to send a Guest Speaker to our Annual Meeting. A request was also made for our membership mailing list. It has been the position of the board that we do not release the membership list to local businesses or organizations. However they may obtain the member's addresses from the township offices and then contact you directly.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2003 **KAPOA** Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday May 17 at the Opeongo Seniors Centre at **10:00 AM**. This is a new time for the meeting, as it has usually been held in the early evening on either Victoria Day or the Canada Day weekend. The number of members attending has dwindled over the years and the board thought that we should try a new time to see if we could raise the attendance at the meeting. Please mark the date on your calendar and try to attend.

The Reeves have been invited back to report to the membership.

Brian Johnston has agreed to run the Elections of New Board Members at this years meeting, anyone interested in assisting our association board should contact Brian his contact information is in the Board of Directors Listing

Dates to Remember:

- *May 17, 2003*
Annual Meeting
- *June 28, 2003*
Beach Cleanup
- *August 2, 2003*
KAPOA Regatta
- *August 30, 2003*
Corn Roast

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT as at DECEMBER 31, 2002

REVENUE

Balance on Hand May 1, 2002	\$4,010.79
Dues	1,210.00
Regatta	379.90
Advertising	270.00
Interest	2.12
Total Revenue	\$5,872.81

DISBURSMENTS

FOCA Dues	\$ 416.00
Insurance	1,074.60
Newsletter	476.92
High School Rental Annual Mtg	90.00
Regatta Trophies	152.43
Corn Roast	86.16
Beach Supplies	42.00
High School Rental 2001	64.80
Stationary	23.82
Fire Pumps	63.95
Web Site	158.51
Total Disbursements	\$2,649.19
Balance on Hand	\$3,223.62

Road Safety

During the summer months cottagers have visitors who are not familiar with walking on our country roads. Many visitors tend to walk three or four abreast on hills and curves. Cars have to drive in the oncoming lane when passing the visitors. This positions everyone in danger. We would like to ask all the cottagers to please advise visitors to form a narrow line when cars approach and this should allow all vehicles to maintain their driving lane and avoid any accidents.

FOCA UPDATE

After 15 years the four-page newsletter FOCA News will no longer appear in the Cottage Life magazine it has moved to your computer. In January they shifted from print to electronic publishing so they can bring you the news as it happens. To learn the latest in cottaging, visit their website at www.foca.on.ca.

The FOCA Annual General Meeting and Fall Seminar will be held on November 8, 2003.

Another date of interest to Cottagers is the Annual Cottage Life Show March 28-30, 2003 at the International Centre Airport and Derry Road, Toronto.

OPERATOR COMPETENCY PROGRAM

On April 1, 1999 new boating regulations were first introduced into law. The first phase required everyone born after April 1, 1983 needed an Operator Competency Card. The second phase came into effect on September 15, 2002. This second phase means that anyone of any age operating a boat (with any motor) less than 4 meters (13' 1") in length now requires an Operator Competency Card. So while you do not need a competency card to operate your 18-foot inboard/outboard, you **DO** need a card to operate the 12' 9.9 hp runabout.

Hydro bills have been well documented in the news media. Of particular interest to cottagers is a promised independent review of all the monopoly charges including the Fixed Monthly Charge. You will know that cottagers were the first group of customers to be slapped with this fixed charge some years ago. FOCA members do not like the fixed charge, which is now 75% of the average cottage hydro bill. FOCA said so in their presentation to the OEB in 1999 but despite the warning, the OEB went ahead and approved it for all customers anyway. The last chapter in the hydro story has not been written yet so stay tuned.

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KAPOA WEB SITE

Our KAPOA Site is now being maintained by Director John Michalecki. John has been hard at work keeping our membership and site visitors up to date on events and cottage news. Any members who have not as yet visited the site, or members who have not visited our site recently please take a moment and visit us at www.kapoa.net There are pictures of our lake, notices of upcoming events, the current newsletter, map of the firepumps and information on our association. We have even listed our advertisers, as a Thank You for all their support.

At this time we would like to extend a heart felt **THANK YOU** to John for his work enhancing our website.

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KAPOA REGATTA - SATURDAY AUG. 2, 2003

Schedule of Events

10:30 am	Registration Start	
11:00	Sailing Race	
12:30 pm	Sand Castle Building Competition (4 per team, with at least 2 under 12 yrs.)	
1:00	Canoe Races - Doubles (provide your own canoe for all canoe races)	
	Junior -under 15 yrs.	200 yards
	Intermediate -15 to 19 yrs.	200 yards
	Senior -20 yrs & over	200 yard
1:45	Canoe Races -Doubles - Hand Paddle	
	Junior -under 20 yrs	100 yards
	Senior -over 19 yrs	100 yards
2:00	Canoe Races - Doubles -Standing Position	
	Junior -under 20 yrs	100 yards
	Seniors -over 19 yrs	100 yards
2:15	Canoe Races - Doubles -Around the Buoy and Back	
	Junior - under 16 yrs.	300 yards
	Senior - 16 yrs & over	300 yards
2:25	Canoe Race - Centipede (6 kids, 12yrs & under/canoe)	50 yards
2:15	Young Children's Games - under 7 years	
2:35	Noodle Race - under 7 years	20 yards
	Noodle Race - 7 to 9 years	20 yards
2:45	Swimming Races - Free Style	
	8 years & under	20 yards
	9 to 10 years	25 yards
	11 to 14 years	50 yards
	15 to 29 years	75 yards
3:05	Swimming Races - Breast Stroke	
	8 years & under	20 yards
	9 to 10 years	25 yards
	11 to 14 years	50 yards
	15 to 29 years	75 yards
3:30	Swimming Races - Back Stroke	
	8 years & under	20 yards
	9 to 10 years	25 yards
	11 to 14 years	50 yards
	15 to 29 years	75 yards
4:00	Adults - Free Style - 30 to 54 years	50 yards
	Senior Adults - Free Style - 55 years & over	50 yards
	Tug-of-war (Captains must register their own teams)	
4:15	Kids Mixed Tug-of-war - 9 years & under (5 girls & 5 Boys per team)	
4:30	Junior Mixed Tug-of-war - 10 to 15 years (5 girls & 5 Boys per team)	
4:45	Senior Mixed Tug-of-war - 16 years & over (5 male & 5 female per team)	
5:15	Clean Up and Drive Safely	

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO DEMAND

NO GLASS ON THE BEACH AREA PLEASE

2003 KAPOA MESSAGE

It is our pleasure as KAPOA Board Members to invite each member of every family to our 36th **Annual Regatta**. Each of us is a part of a rich tradition that goes back for many years. It is our hope that you will warmly enjoy the fun and games and the friendly competition that is so much a part of these events. Further, we hope that you will take this opportunity to meet new friends, as well as renew older friendships and acquaintances.

We would like to mention a few matters that are of critical importance to the further success, even the continued existence, of our Association. Frankly, we need more members to assure the continued growth and effectiveness of our Association. We **NEED** younger men and women for the energy and new ideas that they bring with them. For some years now our numbers have continued to decline slightly. This has meant that an increasing load has fallen on our older members, who nevertheless have continued to serve KAPOA faithfully. It is time, however, to put a greater number of younger shoulders to the wheel.

Your Board of Directors, with the approval of our members, undertook an extensive program of water testing for phosphorous levels. We were part of a province-wide program under the Department of the environment of the Federation of Cottagers Association (FOCA). The program is designed to assure the continued viability of our waterways and the value of our cottage properties. To continue with this worthwhile effort as well as other programs, we need the financial resources represented by increased memberships.

We strongly encourage each of you, if you haven't already done so, to join or to renew your membership in KAPOA. The yearly dues are \$20.00. The dues may be mailed to our PO Box using the enclosed form or paid at the Annual General Meeting in May or at our Annual Regatta.

Join us on Saturday August 30 at 7 PM for our **Annual Corn Roast**. An enjoyable evening is assured. The association supplies the corn and condiments so all you need to bring are your families, lawn chairs and beverages. This event is a great way to wind down the summer season, meet fellow cottagers and enjoy some fresh local corn on the cob. We hope to see you all there!

Lastly we ask for your support in our efforts to keep **Hinterland Beach** clean and safe for our continued use and enjoyment. Put trash, cigarette butts, etc in the containers provided. Tidy up your area before you leave. Help us to make Hinterland Beach a glass-free area. ATV drivers should not ride on the beach where children are playing, there are many trails provided which are better suited for the vehicles.

Your Board of Directors.
