

## LSRLPOA Annual General Meetings

### 1. Sunday, September 1, 1974

Location: Lot 39 Denton Wilson (22 property owners)

The meeting was opened by Ken Jackson who outlined the reasons for forming an association: a stronger voice in dealing with local or provincial agencies; property protection, especially in the organization of winter patrols; control of the lake environment; and repair and maintenance of the road. An interim executive was set up for the first year consisting of President Ken Jackson, Vice-President Denton Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer Adrian Gervais, and area representatives Ken Conlin, Bert Ringrose, Don McQueen. The President would be responsible for contact with agencies and environmental matters, the Vice-President for road repairs, the Secretary-Treasurer for administrative matters and the area representatives for water quality, fish stocking and winter patrols. The name of the association was agreed to be "Little Silver Lake Property Owners Association".

*Roads.* Denton Wilson had contacted local firms about road repairs. Subject to availability of equipment, the road could be rebuilt in one day at an estimated cost of about \$350 plus \$100 to \$150 for gravel, or about \$20 per owner. It was moved and carried that a levy of \$20 should be paid by each property owner except for three who did not use the road.

Bill Chivers offered to donate 6" pipe to help drain the swamp on the Chivers-Wilson property. Affected property owners would decide how best to deal with the situation; several volunteered their labour.

*Development.* Jacques Noel spoke about his proposed development of the south shore. He felt that his submitted proposal of 25 lots would be approved. Once this is effected, the Ontario Municipal Board will notify all owners of property within 400 feet, which would include some but not all of the cottage owners. Rumours of a public campsite should be discounted. Five per cent of the subdivision land area will be turned over to the township for public access. The township had selected a portion west of the creek but Natural Resources opposed this as it was a natural fish spawning site. Other matters touched upon in the discussion were population density, holding tanks, septic systems, costs and feasibility. Noel said that when the plan is approved, the association would be advised as some individuals had already enquired about purchasing lots. Lot prices will be \$500 and up; the pricing will depend not on "foot frontage" but on the overall desirability of the property.

*Other.* For the winter patrol, cottages should post their lot numbers. The next annual general meeting will be in the first weekend of July, 1975, when a constitution will be determined and a new executive elected.

### 2. Sunday, June 29, 1975

Location: Lot 39: Denton Wilson (21 property owners represented out of possible 33)

A motion regarding procedures was approved. There is one "vote" per property owner, who may be represented by proxy. A quorum of 50% of property owners is necessary, with at least a 50% vote of those present to make changes to the constitution.

*Natural Resources.* Ken Jackson reported on behalf of Ken Conlin that the Ministry of Natural Resources had stocked the Little Silver Lake with adult pickerel in 1971, but had no plans for further stocking. The Ministry also will supply for free or at minimal cost evergreens for planting.

*Road.* Denton Wilson reported on road repairs done by Leo Hearn and Sons. It was suggested that cut-outs in the banks should be made in future to allow cars to pass. Members were asked to drive slowly for the safety of children and others using the road.

*Security.* Ken Conlin and Rick Stubblefield were thanked for winter patrol work. There were no reports of thefts or property damage.

*Development.* Quoted from the minutes:

Ken Jackson presented a detailed review of what has transpired since Jacques Noel put forward his ideas for further lake development at the Sept. 1974 meeting. Following extensive negotiations with Natural Resources, Environment and Municipal authorities, Noel has agreement in principle to go ahead. Latest plans are for: 22 lots, no buildings within 100 ft of waters edge (creates a green belt along the lake) and no lots will be allowed where significant fish spawning areas have been identified. No septic fields within 100 ft of the water. Noel will donate land to the township for public access to the lake, will be 50 ft adjacent to the creek near the Simpson property, walking trail only, no boat ramp or car parking. A letter sent by the association executive to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in the fall of 1974 outlining the association's concerns relative to further development and requesting that the association be kept informed of the proceedings, has been interpreted by OMB as an objection and as such development cannot be approved without first going through an OMB Hearing. If our letter was withdrawn, Noel could proceed almost immediately. If we fight – we may lose any advantages we may be able to gain through negotiations with Noel. An appeal through OMB could take a year and we would have to prove that further development would result in deterioration of the environment. Natural Resources people are not concerned that present users would be inconvenienced by more lake users.

A motion was passed (11/2) that the Association negotiate with Noel for additional restrictions that are binding in law before withdrawing the letter to OMB.

*Other.* The fees for 1975/1976 were set at \$10 for road users and \$3 for nonusers. A draft constitution was adopted. A motion was passed to approach the Department of Transport to restrict boat motors to at most 10 HP and impose a speed limit on the lake. Ken Jackson offered to share information on a new humus toilet.

### **3. Sunday, July 4, 1976**

Location: Lot 13: Lillias Moynihan & Annette Walls (23 property owners)

*Road.* Chain gangs under the direction of area representatives would be continued for self-maintenance of the road for one more year. A motion was passed to erect signs requesting road users to slow down and watch for children.

*Development.* Jacques Noel has approval from the Township of South Sherbrooke (By-Law 439) for his development subject to some restrictions; the Ministry of Housing has given approval in principle. Mr. Noel has signed a subdivision agreement with the Township (By-Law 436, November 10, 1975) which contains some requirements and restrictions. In particular, the public access parcel should have natural vegetation maintained within a setback of at least 50 ft of the water, no boat ramp, parking space for 15 cars 300 feet to the east of the access road and a pedestrian right of way to the lake with minimum cutting of trees.

*Water testing.* Denton Wilson reported on a water sampling program (*Secchi Disc-Chlorophyll & Self-help program*) he is carrying out for the Ministry of the Environment; samples are taken almost weekly.

*Boats.* Ken Jackson reported that the Ontario government will not act unless a problem exists or there is a threat to the environment. A motion was passed to add to the constitution a membership agreement to signify that members of the association wish to keep the lake as close as possible to its natural state with minimum disruption by high powered boats.

*Other.* The annual fee was set at \$5 for road users and \$2 for nonusers. A motion was passed to amend the constitution to provide that the Vice-President automatically becomes president the following year. Ken Conlin, Bill Oliver and Rick Stubblefield were thanked for their winter patrol work. New owners Nancy & Dave Kinsey (lot 49) and the family of Helen Drayton (lot 45) were welcomed.

#### 4. Sunday, July 3, 1977

Location: Lot 23: Rick & Micheline Stubblefield (19 property owners, 1 guest)

*Water testing.* Denton Wilson reported on Secchi disc and chlorophyll sampling in the lake. As insufficient samples had been taken for good results, it was moved and carried that the association pay for a maximum of 15 samples at \$2 each. Responsibility for this was assigned to Chuck Leighton. Area representatives were requested to obtain water samples twice during the summer for analysis by the health laboratory in Bells Corners. Owners were cautioned about overloading "flush-o-matic" systems with dish and shower water.

*Development.* It was reported that two lots on the south shore had been sold and sales of a further two were pending. The road on the south shore would be deeded to the municipality but the road on the north shore would remain the owners' responsibility.

*Fire protection.* In response to an appeal from the South Sherbrooke Fire Department, the members voted to send up to \$200 towards the purchase of a small truck and other equipment that would be able to use the north and south roads. To make identification easier by emergency providers, it was decided to erect a sign designating the North Shore Road as "Silvery Lane".

*Social.* It was felt that there should be one social event to enable property owners to meet, and that it should be self-supporting. However, the association could underwrite such items as charcoal and paper plates. A party was scheduled at the Moynihan/Walls cottage on Saturday, July 16.

*Other.* Ski-doo operators and cross-country skiers were thanked for checking on cottages during the winter; a list of cottage owners will be sent to the OPP to aid in their program of patrolling cottages. The annual dues was set at \$5 for road users and \$2 for nonusers. New property owners Pat Rivera-Spencer (lot 3) and Mike & Peter Wilson (lot 9) were welcomed.

#### 5. Sunday, July 2, 1978

Location: Lot 13: Lillias Moynihan & Annette Walls (28 property owners)

*Water testing.* With respect to the self-help program of water testing carried out by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Chuck Leighton reported that 10 samples for chlorophyll content analysis and Secchi disc readings were carried out by Peter Leighton between mid-July and mid-September, 1978. Little Silver Lake showed above average chlorophyll content, but still had above average clarity. Clarity was excellent during spring run-off with high water levels, but algae growth increased as summer wore on. It was moved and carried that \$30 be allocated to continue the program.

*Development.* 21 of the 23 south shore lots have been sold, the other two pending. Five areas cannot be built upon to protect fish spawning areas. Public access is located west of the lake outflow. Discussions with Mr. Noel revealed that "No trespassing" signs were intended to keep unauthorized campers and skidd operators off his property, but cottagers were not prevented from hiking in the bush provided his property was respected and trees were not damaged.

*Road.* The south road has been deeded to the township which does not accept responsibility for maintenance.

*Social.* A party was scheduled for the Sunday of the August long weekend. Odd numbered cottagers would provide salads, even numbered, desserts; a fee of \$2.50 per adult would cover the cost of food and drinks. Bruce Pedden would coordinate the affair, to be held on the property of Annette Walls and Lillias Moynihan.

*Other.* The winter patrol was not officially organized during the past year. Two break-ins occurred either in early spring or late fall. The fire serviced thanked the associate for the \$200 donation towards the cost of a tank truck to service cottage properties. The nearest telephone is at the home of Shirley Deacon, 1

km south on CR36, but Bruce Pedden had installed a CB radio that could be used in emergencies. Members were reminded that the emergency signal was the continuous blowing of a car horn, at which time they should respond immediately and give assistance. Denton Wilson will obtain estimates of road repair costs, especially for "Jackson" hill. Gerry Jodoin agreed to be the road representative for the south shore. Owners were reminded to clear roadside brush. The annual fees were set at \$5 for road users and \$2 for nonusers.

## 6. Sunday, July 1, 1979

Location: Lot 27: Pat & Pauline Theriault (19 property owners)

*Development.* Mr. S. Munroe, Reeve of South Sherbrooke, was present as a guest and briefed the owners on proposed development. The Tay Valley Planning Council rejected the original plan of Mr. Noel for further development of his properties on Little Silver Lake; it is considering a second plan for development of a back lot 1500 feet from the water but with access to it. The municipality is responsible for underwriting the cost of another water study, but there was no mention as to when this might be initiated. The municipality must advise property owners of severances within 400 feet of their property lines; objections may be made to the municipality by individuals or groups.

*Water testing.* Chuck Leighton reported on water testing carried out by him and his son during the summer of 1978.

*Roads.* Hens Sand and Gravel repaired the North Shore road during the fall of 1978 and spring of 1979. Al Webster reported that the Township owns the South road, but that cottage owners are responsible for its maintenance.

*Hydro.* 70% of the property owners along the South Shore gave an affirmative response to an Ontario Hydro survey for installation of a power line; work will not begin until there is a 100% return to the questionnaire.

*Social.* Bruce Pedden agreed to hold on his property the annual social on the Sunday of the August long weekend, with the arrangements as for last year.

*Other.* The executive was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the Perth detachment of the OPP for their winter patrol of the lake area.

## 7. Sunday, July 5, 1980

Location: Lot 27: Pat & Pauline Theriault (25 property owners)

*Development.* Ken Jackson reported for Al Webster on the activities of the executive with respect to the passage of amendments 13 and 14 to the Tay Valley Planning Board official plan. According to the minutes:

Last fall, a plan was submitted by Lakeside Living calling for a large back-lot development of some 50 to 70 units with lake access at the north arm of the lake. This plan was subsequently withdrawn presumably because it fell within the EP1 zone (restricted) and was blocked by the requirement for a lake study. In its place is the development under the same name outside the EP1 zone and advertised as bush lots. Last March, the T.V.P.B. held a public meeting for the purpose of voting on two amendments to the Tay Valley Planning Board Official Plan sponsored by Township of South Sherbrooke – No. 13 to increase the number of building permits allowable for non-farm residences in South Sherbrooke per year from 10 to 60 and No. 14 to remove the requirement for lake studies prior to further shoreline development. Your executive attended the meeting and raised strong objections to the removal of lake study requirement. We did not contest the amendment on number of building permits allowable in a year, because it appeared that this amendment dealt with residences outside the restricted areas. It is important to note that the executive were at a disadvantage because we were not given copies of the amendments prior to or during the meeting.

Despite our objections, both amendments were passed unanimously except for the objections of the Perth representative. We then appealed both amendments to the Ministry of Housing who upheld our appeals and referred the case to the Ontario Municipal Board. It is expected that the quasi-judicial hearing before the Board will be held later this fall. Ken [Jackson], on behalf of the executive, recommended that our association be represented by a lawyer at the meeting.

To meet a deadline, the executive acted on the association's behalf and paid the \$100 fee. It was moved and carried that this action be approved retroactively. It was moved and carried that up to \$500 be allotted for legal fees.

*Roads.* Damage to the North Road in the early spring was apparently caused by a survey crew. Notwithstanding, it was felt that the road was in good repair and required repairs could be done by members on their own initiative. Residents of the South Road were asked to consider increasing their road fund to provide for future repairs.

*Water testing.* Chuck Leighton gave the highlights of the result of water testing he carried out during the summer of 1979. Water clarity is consistent with other area lakes; there has been no discernable change in nutrient/pollution count; while there is no trouble at present, we need to keep monitoring.

Ken Jackson reported on the result of a survey by the Department of Environment. The lake area is 207 acres; the length of the shoreline is 6.2 miles; the maximum depth in the north basin is 40 feet and in the south basin is 23 feet. The water exchange rate in 1978 was less than once a year. The water clarity was best in June and poorest in October; it is much less than desirable. The water temperature rises to a peak of 79° F. about July 30 and cools to about 70° about mid-August. Potential water quality problems include a low flushing rate, high nutrient rate and sensitivity to shoreline development.

*Beavers.* Beavers have been felling trees along the shoreline; representatives of Natural Resources state that there is an overpopulation of beavers and that trapping should be allowed. It was moved and carried to ask Natural Resources to issue trapping permits for our lake area.

*Other.* Bruce Pedden reported that some have been fishing before the opening of bass season and urged members to respect the regulations. Helen Webster volunteered to make a sign for the South Shore access point, to urge no camping nor trailer launching. The Executive will determine if such a sign has the support of South Sherbrooke Township and whether the words "by order of the Township of South Sherbrooke" could be added. The annual fees were raised to \$10.

## **8. Sunday, July 5, 1981**

Location: Lot 27: Pat & Pauline Theriault (23 property owners)

*Development.* Ken Jackson reported that the Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favour of the Township and Noel Enterprises in supporting the Township's amendments. The Executive made a direct appeal to the Governor-in-Council (cabinet); while this was unsuccessful, it did delay the development for about a year and allowed the "threat to the delicate environment" to be brought to the attention of numerous MPs, cabinet ministers and ministry staff. Mr. Jackson expected that in future the Township and the developer would be more conscious of the interests of the association in future.

*Telephone service.* The Executive had been requested by some members to investigate the possibility of telephone service, so Ken Jackson reported on behalf of Adrien Gervais that the telephone company said that the cost for the initial installation of a line from Maberly would be about \$40,000. It was agreed that the cost for this service was far too prohibitive.

*Road maintenance.* The South Shore road is in poor condition, probably due to damage from heavy trucks and bulldozers hauling logs from Guy Harding's backlot property. It was suggested that the Executive send a letter to Mr. Harding, copied to the Township of South Sherbrooke, bringing concerns to his attention and demanding that steps be taken to repair the road. Because of the urgency, membership fees will have

to be increased to cover the cost of road maintenance.

The North Shore road is in reasonably good condition and grading by some gravel in washed out areas would bring it up to standard for this year.

*Fees.* Administration fees were raised to \$10. Including fees for road maintenance, the fee for the South Shore is \$15 and for the North Shore is \$50.

*FOCA.* The Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations approached the Association to join up at a cost of \$25 plus 50 cents per paid-up member. It was moved and seconded that the Association join the federation.

*Ethics.* There was considerable discussion about the dangers of open fires on properties. Members were urged to be cautious; permits are needed from March to October.

It was observed that some members were fishing out of season and over spawning beds. Members were urged to obey regulations. Some members were concerned about motor boats and would like to see them banned. As the process is complex to restrict motors on small lakes, it was suggested that owners collectively restrict their size.

It was recommended that a code of ethics be drawn up to cover such things as outboard motors, brush burning, cutting brush too close to the shoreline, washing hair in the lake.

*Water testing.* Jean Hollebhone volunteered to succeed Chuck Leighton in looking after water testing.

*Incorporation.* Mike Lotan spoke after the meeting on incorporation. The main advantage would be to limit liabilities of the executive and the members in case of litigation. We would also be a legal entity in hearings before the OMB. The cost of incorporating would be about \$500, of which \$300 would cover out-of-pocket expenses for the lawyer.

A second opinion from a local lawyer was that the cost would be about \$700; this lawyer did not recommend incorporation, but rather than the association should look into some form of limited liability coverage.

Mike Lotan recommended that the cost of insurance coverage be investigated and compared with the one-time cost of incorporation. Some members felt that with voluntary help, incorporation could cost \$300. Mrs. Gethings, a member with legal experience, offered her assistance.

## 9. Sunday, July 4, 1982

Location: Unknown (26 property owners)

*Incorporation.* The procedure for incorporation has been simplified and the cost is expected to be about \$150. A search on the Association name was carried out at a cost of \$38. Preparations for incorporation are proceeding.

*Water testing.* There was no water testing carried out in 1981. Jean Hollebhone and family have taken on responsibility for the current year. Ken Jackson raised the issue of monitoring our own environment and condition of the lake; it was mentioned at the OMB that we should monitor our own water quality.

*Development.* The Township has passed new by-laws with respect to Christie, Farren and Little Silver Lakes (81-9, 81-10, 81-11) that replace the EP-1 zones around the lakes with RS types of zoning and a general agricultural/rural type of zoning. There were approximately 80 objections around the three lakes resulting in an OMB meeting scheduled for December, 1981 being postponed to Tuesday, August 3, 1982 at Maberly Township Hall.

By-law 82-7 (A Free-Standing By-law) supersedes part of 81-11 and in effect rezones a large area of land northwest of Silvery Lane on the periphery of Rainbow Lake and making up part of the periphery of Little Silver Lake on the undeveloped southwest portion. An objection to this by-law was submitted by the

Association. In the meantime, a meeting between the Noel's and the Association executive resulted in a legal agreement that provides:

- (i) there will be no access permitted from either Maberly Pines and Rainbow Lake developments to Little Silver Lake;
- (ii) further severance of the lots will not be permitted;
- (iii) there will be no further land development undertaken on Little Silver by the Noel's;
- (iv) there will be no joining of the road serving the Maberly Pines and Rainbow Lane developments with Silvery Lane, although a footbridge may be built.

The Noel's agreed to support the Association request to Council to place certain restrictions on the boat launching and parking areas, and to prohibit camping on the lake access road area. Subsequent to the negotiation and understanding with the Noel's, the Association agreed to withdraw its objection to By-law 82-7.

*Road work.* Clayton Hiltz and Denton Wilson jointly made arrangements for improvements to Silvery Lane; some grading and gravelling of bad spots was projected to cost about \$600. A more thorough job on the whole road including the removal of large boulders and improvement on hills would have cost over \$1000. While the executive approved the \$600, Phillip Noel arranged with HERNs for the whole road job and paid the difference. Silvery Lane is now in very good condition. 165 cubic yards of gravel at \$4 per yard was applied. The original intention of removing large rocks and boulders from some of the hills, grade them and add 5/8" crushed stone as an experiment was not pursued because the crusher at the quarry was inoperable.

There was considerable discussion about work at the Chivers-Wilson property. The idea of a culvert suggested two or three years ago was rejected. Also turned down was a culvert along with a lined trench to reduce the speed and erosion effects of spring runoff. Another option was to ditch back towards the bush into Bruce Pedden's property, but this was seen as too large and expensive a task. The matter was left for further discussion.

There are two major hills on Little Silver Lake Road that cause recurring problems; these will persist because of trucks bringing in fill and lumber. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of either paving or using tar and gravel on these areas.

Ken Matheson has been monitoring Little Silver Lake Road and has arranged for work to be done by HERNs.

*Other.* The Association joined the Federation of Ontario Cottage Owners Associations at a cost of \$58 for the year. The fees for the north side of Little Silver Lake were set at \$20 (\$10 for administration and \$10 for the road), and for the south side were set at \$50 (\$10 + \$40). It was moved and carried that the president may serve for more than one term if re-elected; otherwise the vice-president will accede to the presidency.

There has been some oil scum on the lake after the passage of boats. The voluntary program has worked primarily because of the cooperation of owners in limiting the size of their motors. There are 3½ acres of water surface per cottage.

Ed Mills mention people washing their hair in the lake, and it was agreed that this should not be done, even with bio-degradable soap and shampoo.

Bruce Pedden raised the issue of pre-season fishing and said that there should be no power boats during spawning season. Jean Hollebhone suggested that cottagers should agree not to fish before season and that Natural Resources be requested to patrol the lake early in the season.

Ken Anderson raised the matter of loud radios and stereos and suggested the volumes be reduced in the late evening. Ken Jackson reminded members of the emergency signal and advised that he had a gas-driven water pump that could be used for fires. Denton Wilson noted that the Township will raise funds for the new fire hall by a 2 mil increase in taxes.

## 10. Sunday, July 3, 1983

Location: Unknown (21 property owners)

*Constitution.* It was moved and carried that the name of the Association should be changed to "The Little Silver Lake Property Owners Association Incorporated". It was moved and carried that the Constitution be amended to provide for four rather than three area representatives among the directors.

*Development.* The Secretary-Treasurer described arrangements to monitor the agendas and minutes of the Tay Valley Planning Board to get details of land severance applications. Ken Jackson volunteered to be the monitor. An update on the agreement, signed June 30, 1982, with Jacques Noel was provided.

*Hydro.* Two corridors are under consideration, one passing between Little Silver Lake and Maberly; Ken and Chuck Layton discussed how the Lake might be affected. The facts are: (1) there will be a north-south corridor; (2) corridors will be 300 feet wide with possibly a double transmission line; (3) the aesthetics could be affected, but construction is about 10 years away; (iv) towers built along the north corridor in the planned location might be seen from the lake.

*Security.* During the past year, there were six break-ins along Silvery Lane, with minor thefts including of tapes, an antenna and some electronic equipment. The OPP recommended deadbolts on the doors and bars on the windows. Mike Lotan wrote a letter of appreciation to the OPP, visited the Perth detachment and asked them to continue their periodic patrols of the lake. He also sent the Perth detachment a list of property owners on both sides of the lake along with a map. Nancy Davies reported that Peter Bernie, who checks her cottage periodically, offers regular surveillance service with frequency and corresponding fee negotiable.

Gun controls were discussed. Clay Hiltz and Mike Lotan had each met with South Sherbrooke Council, where there is support about gun control in the built-up areas around the lake. Members were uncertain about whether a by-law could be drafted and enforced. Some felt that a gun might be required to protect against rodents or rabid animals. Ed Mills sighted a black bear on the South Side road shortly before the meeting.

*Beavers.* Various beaver dams in the area have been blown and it is not known who is responsible. Ken Jackson suggested that the county might be trying to reduce marsh area and that the lake might be used as a "sluice" area. It was agreed that the local health inspector should be informed about such incidents.

*Roads.* For the South Shore road, in some cases, purchase agreements required owners to pay for their portion of the road. There was discussion as to the obligations of the township and the owners, as well as handling those who refuse to contribute. On one back lot, trees have been cut despite court orders, legal conflicts and litigation, by a back lot owner who was verbally abusive. It was agreed that there is little that can be done about such undesirables.

Some improvements along the South Shore Road are being considered along the hydro right-of-way. Some type of bridging is being considered for one bad spot. There was one complaint about the condition of the road; loggers have been using it, but this appears to have compacted the surface. However, there is some washboarding; Hens will be approached to grade the road, remove the washboarding, and in the spring, grade, instal culverts and fix specific problem areas.

There was no report about the North Shore road as it seems to be holding up well.

Roy Hewitt reported that Jacques Noel is planning to pave some of the roadway in Maberly Pines and suggested blacktopping some of the larger hills on the South Shore road; Ed Mills noted that a proper base would be needed, lest the blacktop break up and wash away. It was noted that if owners wanted some kind of tar and gravelling or paving, then they would need to agree to underwrite the cost, which could be quite high.

It was moved and carried that there should be a road representative to take responsibility for road



repair; this had been assigned to the vice president. However, this representative should not make unilateral decisions and contract for work, but inform and secure the approval of the executive. Joe Legari accepted responsibility for the South Shore.

*Water testing.* Jean Hollebhone gave a history of water testing on the lake, principally performed by Chuck Leighton and family; a motion was carried with applause to thank them. She described various tests that are carried out and reported that the lake is alkaline (so able to withstand the effects of acid rain) and that the water quality is good, not having changed much in the last two years. Nellie Gervais reported on green growth near her cottage, which got worse with a rise in water temperature.

*Other.* The President noted that precautions should be made against fire because of prevailing dry conditions. The annual dues remained unchanged on both sides of the lake.

## 11. Sunday, July 4, 1984

Location: Denton Wilson (23 property owners)

*Opening remarks.* President Ed Mills drew attention to the serving of refreshments, a new initiative. He paid tribute to Chuck Leighton, who passed away last winter, for the role that he and his family had played in establishing the water testing program. He reported that the Tay Valley Planning Authority was phased out at the end of June; the Association had purchased two copies of the latest amendment of the Tay Valley plan, which according to Mike Lotan contained revisions that eased some concerns of the Association.

*Roads.* Joe Legari reported that about \$1000 worth of work had been done on the South Shore road, including clearing of brush. The decision to pave the first hill was deferred until there was no more use of heavy equipment. There is need to clear out the first culvert, excavate around it and build up the road level. Three trees are to be removed. Limestone gravel will be tried on some of the hills. Because of increasing costs, he recommended that the fees be raised to \$60, including \$50 to be allocated to the road.

Someone had gotten stuck on the South Shore road in the spring and had to be towed; Ed Mills urged property owners not to use the roads in the early spring and avoid costly damage. It was suggested that signs be erected warning people to keep off the road in early spring, or at least to limit the load. However, others felt such signs would be ignored.

Phillip Noel had contacted Mike Lotan with an offer to put in a culvert pipe at the Chivers-Wilson property at his expense. Nellie and Adrian Gervais opposed this, saying that subject to agreement of Art Chivers, the road level could be raised and the "speed bump" retained.

*Water testing.* Bryan Hollebhone reported on behalf of Jean Hollebhone that the lake is in good shape and that they planned to extend water testing beyond the current two bays. Recent testing confirmed that chlorophyll count drops off at the end of June.

*Beavers.* Beavers are a problem and various property owners cleared out two beaver dams. Water level was high in the fall and remained so into the spring. Mike Lotan was detailed to find a local trapper to reduce the beaver population.

*Hydro.* Mike Lotan reported that a final decision had not been made about the new transmission line right of way, but the the favoured southern corridor should not come near the lake. There may be a microwave tower about 1.5 west of the lake.

*Other.* Some people are still fishing out of season, especially for black bass. It was pointed out that there might be confusion as the dates varied across the province. Helen Drayton said that trespassers from the Silver Lake provincial campsite were using the vacant lot next to her cottage and may also have been fishing. After some discussion, it was voted to discontinue membership in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association. Attendees agreed that serving of refreshments had been a good idea, and that the time of meeting should be shifted to 1:30 pm as it had been this year. As some members had not received the notice of meeting in the mail, it was agreed that they should be distributed by the area representatives and

mailed again, with a telephone call made. A new list of property owners by Helen Drayton will be prepared that will include telephone numbers. The Silvery Lane sign had disappeared; the "Warning Children at Play" sign needs repainting. As for the South Shore road, some residents opposed having a sign and the area representatives were asked to canvass opinion. The idea of having a sign "No camping and hand carried boats only" at the public area was considered. The Secretary-Treasurer was asked to come up with ways of apportioning the bank interest among the four accounts. It was agreed that, as the administration accounts were in good shape, the Association fees would be channelled into the road accounts. The total fees were set at \$20 for the North Shore and \$50 for the South Shore property owners.

## 12. Sunday, July 2, 1985

Location: Pauline & Pat Theriault (17 property owners)

*Roads.* In the past year, \$994 was spent for repairs on the South Shore road. Approval had been received from the Township of South Sherbrooke to erect a "No parking" sign at the boat launch area. The use of limestone gravel on the steeper hills has been effective and more will be used this year. There will be more grading and consideration will be given to eliminating some blind curves.

There was no report on the North Shore road, but members noted some rough spots and the need for repairs. Concerns were raised about the use of motorcycles and three-wheeled vehicles on both roads after dark.

*Boating.* Members raised the issue of outboard motors on the lake. Som younger operators should be more familiar with boating regulations. Playing tag with boats should be discouraged. Boats operating at night should reduce speed and have lights. Joe Legari was concerned with boats coming around the island at high speeds and coming too close to the shore, where on occasions there might be 20-25 swimmers. Motorboats should yield the right of way to canoes, sailboats and sailboards. Moe Laurin, a new owner, pointed out that he had removed a large boat he had at the lake, when he learned that such boats were discouraged; Ed Mills felt that not all property owners appreciated this gesture.

*Security.* The OPP is making one or two checks around the lake during the year; Art Theriault had discussed the situation with the Perth detachment. Cottagers should securely close and lock all windows and doors and take electronic equipment home at the end of the summer. Material which had been passed on to the police giving information and maps apparently had been misplaced. The police did not support offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders. Late fall and early spring seem to be the favoured time for burglars and owners should be on the alert and record the licence numbers of strange vehicles. Valuables should be marked with some kind of code. It was agreed that the executive should pursue the question of hiring someone to patrol, perhaps supported by a fund of \$200.

*Beaver activity.* Mike Lotan reported on his attempt to contact and engage a trapper. It was impossible to contact the owners of property where the dam was located to get permission for a trapper to come and remove the animals. It was agreed that, with beaver pelts fetching \$80, it should not be necessary to pay the trapper.

The county had blown a dam on the west side of the county road, which caused a washout of part of Silvery Lane. Water levels had been high in the fall and again in the spring; a group had broken open and cleaned out the dam on three separate occasions. It was agreed that the county should be contacted regarding the blowing out of beaver dams in the spring because of the effect on water quality.

*Water quality.* Jean Hollebhone reported that, as the official provincial report was late, it was not possible to make a comparison with other lakes. She explained her own testing procedures and reported that the quality is generally good, deteriorating at the end of August and then improving. We will have to watch the chlorophyll level and consider restricting the use of motor boats for part of the season. The water was more turbid this year and buildup of weeds continues. There are more than 31 cottages around the lake and construction continues.

*Development.* A lot was purchased at the end of the lake and a severance was granted; the appeal date, July 16, was posted on the property. The new owner had a road built illegally across the Andrews property. It was agreed that the matter was serious and should be monitored in the immediate future.

*Other.* In his report, President Ed Mills referred to events of the past year, including break-ins, high water level due to beaver activity, out-of-season fishing and motor boats on the lake. The South Road fee was left at \$50, but the fee for the North Shore road was raised to \$25. The location of hydro transmission lines continues to be of concern in the area; it appears that the southern route would be chosen as Hydro already owns a lot of the right of way where an existing line is situated. Clay Hiltz raised the matter of telephone service; a survey by Jacques Noel revealed that a few families were interested but most were not. Hiltz said that he could arrange for emergency calls from his cottage. He also drew attention to an emerging caterpillar problem, probably of Gypsy moths. While refreshments were available at this meeting, it was decided not to have refreshments at the next meeting.

### 13. Sunday, July 6, 1986

Location: 27 Silvery Lane Pat Theriault (21 property owners)

*President's Report.* President Art Theriault expressed condolences to the Oliver family upon the death of Bill Oliver. He referred to the problems of maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment: illegal fishing, out-of-season burning of brush, noise, use of firearms, dangerous operation of boats. Arrangements have been made with the fire marshal to respond to complaints about open fires; offenders would be assessed \$275 for calls resulting from careless or illegal fires.

*Roads.* Joe Legari reported on the South Shore road. A gate was installed at a total cost of \$503.39 (\$200.90 for the gate, \$302.49 for the lock, keys and chain); of this \$202.00 was recouped from owners through sale of keys; \$138 worth of keys are on hand as inventory).

A package was delivered to each cottage including current boating regulations and OPP material "to be used on doors and windows in a preventive manner". Ken Matheson has accepted responsibility for a Neighbourhood Watch program to be implemented in the fall.

The South Shore road is approaching the point where grading will suffice with two loads of blue stone on the hills. Rocks that impede drainage should then be removed; this will require blasing and may take three years.

The North Shore residents agreed that it was time to upgrade the road, including rock removal, gravel in low areas, stone on two major hills and regrading.

*Water quality.* Jean Hollebhone distributed copies of the environmental water quality monitoring report, describing the tests for water clarity and pollution (chlorophyll). She suggested that it might be pertinent to test lake water for drinkability through the provincial health program. Little Silver Lake is running below the average for the 69 lakes in the Ministry of Environment self-help program. Care should be taken to avoid direct pollution, for example, by washing clothes or hair in lake, or using fertilizer near the water.

*Gypsy moth.* The president summarized activities of the executive in meeting the gypsy moth infestation and praised the willingness of members to pull together. He particularly thanked Mike Lotan for his successful coordination of the program, and said that similar action would be necessary in the next few years if trees were to be preserved.

Jean Hollebhone said that the spray program had an 80% success rate. While it might not be apparent to anyone seeing little evidence of damage that the spraying was necessary, there were indeed nearby unsprayed trees that were defoliated. She reviewed steps people should take to remove eggs in the fall. Clay Hiltz was present for spray application on both sides of the lake and said the coverage was excellent. Mike Lotan pointed out that our lake was one of the few to benefit from the provincial program at a nominal rate of \$22 per acre. Letters of appreciation were sent as well as a report on the program to the Ministry of Environment.

*Security.* Last fall there were numerous break-ins and thefts on the north shore; in the spring, one cottage lost furniture and a chained motor was stolen from a wharf. (A second motor has been stolen since the annual general meeting.)

The installation of gates on the North Shore road was discussed. Joe Legari said that hunters had been using the road and a locked gate may solve the problem. It will be locked after Labour Day. On autumn weekends the gate should be locked by anyone leaving after 4 pm on Sunday evening. A motion to install a gate and lock was carried. The South Shore road gate may have to be relocated beyond the public launch site.

*Power boats.* Concern was expressed over the dangerous operation of boats; some were seen at night illegally without lights. Motor sizes seemed to be increasing beyond the 10 HP adhered to by residents over the past 13 years.

*Beavers.* High beaver populations continue, affecting water level and threatening shoreline trees. The dam at the outlet creek has been broken and removed several times. A trapper was contacted to have some of the animals removed. There seems to be no permanent solution, but water quality is affected.

*Other.* There was \$444 in the OMB contingency account and the members were asked how it should be disposed of. Contributions to the fund had been made in a 2:1 ratio from North and South side residents. Since for the past two years, all revenue had been diverted to the road accounts, there was an administrative deficit of about \$100. The administrative costs per property was \$6. New owners should be encouraged to join; associate membership might be considered. There are already several categories: road users, nonroad-users, backlots. The executive will investigate and report later. The fees were set at \$25 for the North side, \$50 for the south side, with \$6 of each going to administration; there would be an associate membership fee of \$6. A motion was carried to set these fees and to put the OMB fund towards administration, with the remainder distributed between the two road funds on a 2:1 ratio.

It was suggested to have a social event next year. Ken Jackson reminded members of the carhorn emergency signal for fire and water emergencies. Clay Hiltz said that he can no longer access the telephone system by ham radio, but can reach the fire department through intermediaries. The executive should continue to investigate getting telephone service.

#### 14. Sunday, July 5, 1987

Location: Denton Wilson (31 property owners)

*Gypsy moth.* Jamie Fortune, the county program coordinator, reported that we were one of the few private areas to be included in the spray program. We were on the leading edge of the infestation area, which was moving rapidly eastward; our spraying apparently yielded good results. An egg mass survey will be conducted in the fall. Our lake was used as a model in briefings to various government levels.

*Roads.* Following an agreement to install a gate on the North Road, it will be installed by Marcel Malette, at a cost of \$15 each plus \$4 for each extra key. Suggested control dates and hours were approved. Denton Wilson reported that the resurfacing of last year was holding well and suggested that the stone surface be extended to bad spots as they appear.

Roy Hewitt reported that mowing was done along the South Road and that more maintenance and improvement was still required. He recommended that road users pay \$94 plus \$6 to the general fund and that nonusers pay \$44 plus \$6.

*Water quality.* Jean Hollebhone, who has been monitoring quality under the provincial self-help program, reported that our lake is about average, although washing down of shoreline soil is causing an increase in weeds.

*Telephone service.* Despite a list of 28 families wanting service, Bell Canada rejected our application, citing a cost of over \$176,000 to run service from Maberly. An application to the CRTC by a federal MP

was unsuccessful. Westport Telephone Company has agreed with Bell not to extend north of the tracks and also cite "too many customers " to handle.

*Other.* President Jean Hollebone attended a meeting of cottage associations, and noted that our association seemed quite strong compared to those at other lakes. She noted that the FOCA membership had been dropped. The Deputy Reeve of South Sherbrooke Township noted the location of the Maberly dump, that new fire lane signs would be installed on the roads, that taxes support the Perth hospital, and that we have free access to the Perth library.

It was agreed to canvass the 12 property owners on the north shore of Rainbow Lake who do not border on little Silver Lake as to membership in the Association. It was agreed to have a social day on Saturday, July 25 starting at 3 pm; there will be children's activities and a barbecue. Jean Hollebone's family will sponsor a water safety program for children next year if there is sufficient interest. Adrian Gervais pointed out that school taxes could be directed to separate schools.

## 15. Sunday, July 10, 1988

Location: Legari's island (34 property owners)

*Security.* Guest speaker Const. Neil Fennell of the OPP spoke on theft and vandalism, and stressed the need to check properties constantly, particularly during off-season. Attractive saleable items should be removed at close-up. Note strange license plates. He felt that well-controlled road gates are a significant deterrent to most types of theft.

*Water quality.* Glen Owen from the Ministry of Environment discussed the maintenance of a good local environment, particularly water quality. He described the role of the ministry in monitoring and influencing water quality. He said that Little Silver Lake is highly developed for its size and that the Ministry would resist further development. He confirmed the Association view that shoreline activity affects water quality, especially when boat use disturbs natural shoreline vegetation. Wash-down of shoreline soil is a much greater threat to water quality than other forms of pollution; it contributes to the growth of weeds. One member enquired as to whether changing water level would affect quality; this was caused by beaver dam activity as well as by evaporation. Mr. Owen felt that this was more of an inconvenience than a detriment to quality. He suggested reducing the beaver population and management of the dam to hold water at a more constant level.

Jean Hollbone reported that water quality is slowly declining with increase of lake activity. We have moved from well above average to just about average for Ontario lakes tested in the provincial program.

*Telephone.* Ken Jackson reported that Westport Telephone Company has installed telephone service and that users would pay a one-time \$50 hook-up fee. Operating cost is about \$5 per month, including mandatory rental of a company phone. We expect 35 or 40 phones by the fall.

*Gypsy moth.* In the spring of 1987, infestation was again sufficiently high to qualify for the provincial spray program. This spraying reduced the level to about one fifth required for qualification, and we were not included this spring. The major threat has moved eastward to the Mississippi area. Small pockets of infestation remain around the two lakes and residents should remove egg sacs in the fall. Mr. Fortune (government regional director of the program) will survey our area later in the year.

*Roads.* The executive proposed that residents should use the proper registered names of the roads rather than the north and south designations. The mailing list was changed to give all residents a number on Rainbow Lane (Fire Lane 5), Silvery lane (Fire lane 6) and Little Silver Lake Road (Fire Lane 7); all properties retain the original survey number except five at the north end of Little Silver Lake Road and four back lots on Silvery Lane. The new address lists contains a map recording these changes.

Joe Legari will succeed Roy Hewitt as the road representative for Little Silver Lake Road; he thanked Roy for his participation in the difficult tasks of financing critical upgrading.

Discussion on gate control of Silvery Lane disclosed differences of opinion on closing time on Sunday evening and of keeping the gate locked during the week year-round. Most thefts occurred in the spring and fall, and no reported break-ins were reported since the installation of the gate. A clear majority voted to keep the existing rules. Speeding on Silvery Lane was a danger and signs should be posted to slow traffic.

On Little Silver Lake Road, poor gate control and recent thefts were cited. The owners agreed to support strongly the existing control system rather than introduce more restrictive measures.

The gate control for both roads is as follows: The gates are open from July 1, 1988 until Labour Day; from Labour Day to Thanksgiving as well as from May 24 until July 1, the gates are locked at 6 pm on Sunday and opened Friday afternoon; otherwise the gates are always locked.

*Constitution.* A constitutional change was approved to extend Association membership to all residents around both Rainbow and Little Silver Lakes and raised the number of directors [area representatives] from three to five.

*Other.* There is a new tennis court in Maberly, with a tennis clinic available.

## 16. Sunday, July 2, 1989

Location: Unknown (31 property owners)

*Gypsy moth.* The guest speaker was David Oliver from the office of the Lanark County Gypsy Moth Control Program. He discussed the resurgence of the Gypsy Moth infestation of our area, as well as outbreaks of the Forest and Eastern Tent Caterpillars which will reach their ten-year peak about next year. An egg mass survey will be conducted in the fall.

*Roads.* Denton Wilson reported that Hern's Construction has been contracted to repair three areas of annual washout and two areas where rock outcroppings were beginning to threaten vehicles. Blue stone has been used rather than crusher tailing as the repair lasts longer. Concern was expressed about speeding vehicles; new "Children at play" signs have been provided by the township.

Joe Legari thanked Roy Hewitt for organizing the major alteration to the steep hill last fall. He also thanked those who contributed extra money towards the project, especially Ed Bain for \$1000. For the coming year, drainage and water diversion will be improved to alleviate annual washout.

*Water quality.* Water clarity and chlorophyll content were better than the average of the last twelve years, despite drought conditions. Jean Hollebhone has volunteered to continue her survey as we have a good historical data base and the lake is sensitive to change. So far, the north basin has not been surveyed and she would welcome assistance from either a north end resident or owner of a power boat. Chuck Leighton urged owners to take measures to prevent phosphates from reaching the lake.

*Lake level.* From the minutes:

As a follow up to the News Letters and survey mailed out last fall and winter, Joe Legari briefed the meeting on the status of negotiations with the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding control of the lake level. He reported that the Ministry approved a small temporary dam to keep the lake from dropping to the very low level experienced last summer and fall. This has provided a mid-summer level control point selected to satisfy the majority of residents and to maintain a constant flushing action. This, however, requires the almost daily removal of beaver dams built over the control site. A committee is being formed to handle this job which has been done on a random basis since the lake was first inhabited. Volunteers would be welcome. The executive was asked to look into the possibility of removing some of the beaver population as has been done in the past.

*Other.* The consensus was that the problems of out-of-season fishing (sometime using illegal lights) and littering of the road were hard to control because of accessibility by outsiders; the major responsibility for proper conduct otherwise lies with individual owners and their guests. The schedule for gate control was

announced.

## 17. Sunday, July 1, 1990

Location: Unknown (31 property owners)

*Roads.* \$950 was spent in June, 1989 to repair bad spots in Silvery Lane. Poor drainage, abnormal spring thaw and early use of the road resulted in bad rutting, and it is planned to have the bad spots graded and crushed stone applied as a more permanent base. The grading done on Little Silver Lake Road is unsatisfactory; it will be redone with no charge for the first grading. Marina Leullier is attempting to establish a fund for Rainbow Lane.

The President advised that Council had passed a motion that we move our gate to the north of the launching area off Little Silver Lake Road. This will be discussed by the Executive who will make a recommendation to Council. The Bains objected strongly to the gate on Little Silver Lake Road being closed during weeks in the fall and spring because of inconvenience in the delivery of building materials and in receiving guests. However, as there has been a dramatic decrease in breakins, numerous members wanted to continue the present schedule.

*Water issues.* Little Silver Lake has received provincial recognition for having participated in the Self-Help Program for ten consecutive years. It was recommended that when illegal fishing is witnessed, there should be two witnesses when it is reported to the authorities. More than 90% of those surveyed favoured boat speed restrictions. Township Council has approved the restriction stated in the survey (15 km/hr within 200 feet of shore). The OPP have been approached for their approval; then the application will forward for approval to the appropriate Ministry.

*Lake Level.* Following a 1988 canvass in which a majority wanted better control of lake levels, meetings with the Ministry of Natural Resources have led the executive to apply for a grant to build a permanent rock and concrete spillway. Under Ministry supervision, this spillway would eliminate further erosion of the creek bed and sidewalls. In addition, the installation of a pipe system to foil beavers damming the water will be studied. The Executive accepted the suggestion that the Ministry should be asked to review with the Association an overview of the whole watershed system rather than viewing it on a piecemeal basis.

*Other.* The President conveyed condolences to the Bimm family upon the death of Harold Bimm. The guest speaker was Brian Stapleton, President of the Mutual Association for the Protection of Lake Environment in Ontario Inc. (MAPLE), whose goal is to assist cottage associations in restoration and maintenance of shoreline vegetation. The \$50 fee paid by subscribing associations goes to nursery operations that provide stock to member associations. It was moved and carried that the Association join MAPLE.

The fish stock survey by the Ministry of Natural Resources indicated an excess of panfish. Accordingly, Bruce Pedden volunteered to organize a panfish fishing derby at the social event on Saturday, August 5. This event will include a corn roast and there will be many prizes. Appended to the minutes was a report by Joe Legari on fishing and water quality. In particular, he quoted from the Ministry of Natural Resources report:

panfish stocks are exceptionally high, indicating that heavy cropping of top predators has released panfish from bass predation. Redirecting the angler effort toward under-utilized panfish stocks could serve a triple benefit:

- (a) provide a satisfactory panfish angling fishery;
- (b) reduce panfish predation on young of the year bass, thereby enlarging bass stocks; and
- (c) permit the greater survival of cyprinids, with a corresponding increase in plankton consumption which in turn will be reflected in an increase of water quality.

## 18. Sunday, June 30, 1991

Location: Unknown (29 property owners)

*Roads.* Road work on Silvery Lane, principally grading, has been completed for the season. Brad Bell reported that a significant amount of work had been done on Little Silver Lake Road to improve the road and ditches. \$4200 was spent in 1990 and \$2500 will be spent in 1991. Jacques Leullier reported that there had been five break-ins on Rainbow Lane and that a gate will be installed this summer.

*Water quality.* The water quality continues to worsen with a decrease in clarity. Todd Legari will take over testing from the Kelsos.

*Lake level.* The grant application for a permanent rock and concrete spillway was rejected by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The executive will seek permission to install a beaver baffler.

*Gypsy Moth.* The County of Lanark sprayed against gypsy moths on May 21 and May 28; this was also effective against the forest tent caterpillar. Unless the participation rate of owners increases, we may not continue to enjoy the subsidy. Bruce Pedden suggested we should spray anyways.

*Waste Disposal.* Permits are now required to use the dumps. Composters are available through the township, but current supplies are exhausted. A recycling program is available at the dumps.

*Boat speed.* The application to restrict boat speed to 15km/hr within 200 feet of shore is progressing. Township approval is contingent on the Association bearing the cost of purchasing and posting required signs. The OPP suggested we manage the problem ourselves. Owners cited danger to swimmers as well as environmental damage.

## 19. Sunday, July 5, 1992

Location: Unknown (24 property owners)

*Township business.* The guest speaker, Deputy Reeve Jack Monachan of South Sherbrooke Township advised that the council sought to balance growth with environmental protection. There are ten lakes within the 37,235 acres of the township, with three other cottage associations at Bob's, Farren and Christie Lakes; there are 816 households, 52 farms and 546 seasonal residences with 1840 voters.

The Ministry of Revenue will hold a town hall meeting in Maberly Hall on Saturday, August 8 to provide information on market value assessment; changes have resulted in tax increases for rural residents and reductions for town residents. While Mr. Monachan supported these changes, the increase would be phased in over three years.

The gate on Fire Lane 7 either had to be left open or moved beyond the public access point. Concerns about security, boating safety and introduction of zebra mussels were discussed, and should be outlined to council. The Township would contribute to road maintenance.

With the present zoning of seasonal residential, the Township would not stop people from living year-round at their cottages and expected that the law would be revised. Mr Monachan asked for input for possible new bylaws.

*Roads.* Because of winter use, Silvery Lane was graded earlier. Denton Wilson recommended that the fee be increased to \$30 from \$20 to pay for additional crushed stone.

Since 21% of the residents of Little Silver Lake Road did not pay their fees, there was a deficit of \$700 in the road account. Therefore, no work will be undertaken. People were encouraged to cut back the brush abutting their properties.

A gate had been installed on Rainbow Lane and was working well. Six of 21 property owners had paid the road dues.

Further discussion was held on the gates, particularly that they be closed at 10 or 11 pm in the summer as is done elsewhere because of break-ins. The OPP would be willing to lay trespassing charge on Silvery



and Rainbow Lanes, both private. Harry Simpson's car had been burgled last summer while in his driveway.

*Lake level.* A work crew had installed a beaver baffle in October, 1991, consisting of 200 feet of 4" PVC pipe laid along the creek bed. It has required little maintenance to date.

*Gypsy moth.* Lanark County has terminated the spraying program because of government cutbacks and low egg count. People around Farren and Christie Lakes have made private arrangements for spraying at \$44 per acre.

*Water quality.* Water quality in Little Silver Lake continues to worsen, with a decrease in clarity. Readings are now taken from a third point. Jean Hollebhone will take over the testing until 1993 and will instruct a possible successor. Mary Ann Jackson pointed out that because of alkalinity, zebra mussels would flourish if they got in the lake.

*Water safety.* Boat speed restrictions to 10 km/hr within 30 metres of any shoreline are in place. The speed limit applies from the public access point to Legari's island once signs are posted.

*Other.* New members Gerry McCurdy and Terry & Lois Matte were welcomed. The guest speaker, Moira Nicholson of ReMax Realtors discussed trends in cottage real estate. The "Anything but bass" fishing derby will be held on August 2 at the Pedden's place. Last year, 879 pounds of fish were caught, in comparison to 525 pounds in the first year. An application has been submitted to the Community Fisheries Involvement Program to have the lake stocked with walleye,

The results of a January survey were appended to the minutes. Ardeth Wilson agreed to prepare a newsletter, as well as a list of residents and telephone directory. Bruce Pedden suggested a "winter fest" as many were coming in the wintertime. A card was sent to Mrs. Vanalstine expressing sympathy for Ken's passing.

## 20. Sunday, July 4, 1993

Location: Unknown (25 property owners)

*Roads.* Silvery Lane has not suffered any significant deterioration in the past year; the road was not graded in order to deter fast drivers and to conserve funds. A new gate has been installed but was found open when it should have been shut. Denton Wilson was reelected as road representative; he would form some self-help groups to repair bad spots.

Little Silver Lake Road was graded last fall and is in good condition. Fee collection was good although there are some who do not contribute. The Township requested that the gate be removed. Brad Bell agreed to organize a meeting with Council with the aid of Lois & Terry Matte, Al Webster and Ken Anderson.

Rainbow Lane is in good condition. The sign describing when the gate would be locked has been removed so as not to indicate when cottagers would be absent.

*Water quality.* The Association has received a plaque from the Ministry of the Environment to recognize Jean Hollebhone for maintaining water sampling and testing over a ten year period.

*Lake level.* The beaver baffle system installed in October 1991 had been destroyed by the beavers; a crew will install a culvert pipe to try to regulate flow.

*Other.* The guest speaker, Charles Billington, from RVCA spoke about maintaining water quality in the Rideau Valley basin, particularly the elimination of phosphates, as well as about its municipal site evaluation guidelines. He left three publications. Bruce Pedden volunteered to become a lake steward liaison with 21 other lake association in the Upper Rideau Lake system.

The third annual Anything But Bass Fishing Derby in 1992 netted 663 pounds of fish, bringing the total to 2067 pounds over three years. The fourth derby with corn roast will be held on July 31 this year. The Association will donate \$100 for prizes.

Ardeth Wilson will prepare and distribute a 1993 newsletter. Bruce Pedden said that a Westport individual will spray against forest caterpillars for \$ per acre provided everyone agrees.

Denton Wilson suggested that the telephone list and minutes be distributed only to members in order to save mailing costs.

### **21. Sunday, July 3, 1994**

Location: Unknown (33 property owners)

*Roads.* There was little to report apart from change of personnel and keeping the road fees unchanged.

*Security.* There was concern at gates being open when they should be locked; some of this is due to workmen. Gail Standing attended a meeting in Perth with the OPP on security and reported through Denton Wilson who distributed copies of the report. Break-ins are increasing; few are solved with the property returned; many small outboard motors are stolen.

*Water quality.* Mark Bimm described the two tests he does on the Water Study Analysis and gave tips on maintaining the health of the lake. He will be replaced by Dave Sheppard during his forthcoming absence.

*Beavers and water level.* The beaver population has increased and water level is high. Denton Wilson was authorized to spend up to \$300 on corrugated steel to be installed near the existing barriers. The president was given approval to approach the Ministry of Natural Resources about getting beaver trappers.

*Other.* The guest speakers were Diane Lariviere-Caw and Bill Kennet from the Citizens Action Group, founded in June, 1993. The fifth annual fishing derby will be held at the Pedden's on June 30 (?). Bruce Pedden reported on a meeting of lake stewards that he attended. The President contacted two or three companies about spraying against gypsy moth, but nothing has been decided. Several members attended a meeting of Township Council about changes to Zoning By-law No. 88-22 applying to areas abutting lakes.

### **22. Sunday, July 2, 1995**

Location: David Sheppard and Ruth Mackenzie (30 property owners)

*Roads.* The gates on Silvery Lane and on Little Silver lake Road will be open from May 1 until the Thanksgiving weekend.

*Water quality.* The water quality is good but there is concern about weeds growing in the lake.

*Beavers.* Denton Wilson said that, rather than install a baffle as recommended last year, we should find a trapper. A work crew will clean out the area around the beaver dam the third week of September.

*Other.* The President distributed information from Ontario Hydro on their new battery pack for cottagers and RVs. He also relayed advice from the Leeds Grenville County Health Department about deer mice.

The fishing derby will occur on August 5 and the Association will donate \$100. Gerry Pynenburg will have the necessary printing done for the Association. Ken Jackson warned of danger from fire in the dry season.

### **23. Sunday, July 7, 1996**

Location: Jim & Mary Humphrey (30 property owners)

*Water quality.* The water quality testing has been done but the report is not available. Water is now being tested for phosphates rather than chlorophyll.

*Roads.* It was agreed that Bruce Pedden be exempted from road fees for Fire Lane 6. Steven Pedden

will be hired to keep the road cleared and the brush cut. A new lock will be obtained for the gate and many find the existing lock difficult to open. A work crew will meet on July 13. The road fees for Fire Lane 6 will be increased to \$30.

*Other.* The guest speaker, Doug Tysick from the South Sherbrooke Fire Department spoke on bylaw changes to the fire regulations, road accessibility, smoke detectors, the rural address system and burning regulations. The president relayed some information on fire insurance from his agent.

The fishing derby will occur on August 3. The association will donate \$100. Campers had stayed overnight in the boat launching area; signs should be posted to prohibit this. A sign should also be posted to state that this is a catch-and-release lake. It was moved and carried that the Constitution be amended to include a 10 km/hr limit for power boats. Denton Wilson mentioned close calls with ATVs and it was suggested that signs be posted for renters advising of safety concerns.

Paul Pospisil was looking into getting lock mail boxes for Fire Lane 7. The assembly broke into separate groups to discuss individual road concerns.

#### **24. Sunday, July 13, 1997**

Location: Unknown (35 property owners)

*Water quality.* Jim Humphrey described changes in water testing. The province has downloaded responsibility for water testing to the municipalities, and it appears we must now pay to have water testing done. It was decided to find out the cost before setting aside funds.

*Roads.* The owners for the several roads met separately after the meeting.

*Other.* President Bruce Pedden gave a short memorial for Ken Jackson, the first president, who passed away. Bruce Pedden said that the fish derby will be held on the August 3 weekend and that donations of gifts are needed. The Association's donation was increased to \$150. Sherbrooke Township is to be joined with two other townships to form Bathurst-Burgess-Sherbrooke Township. White posts have been installed to receive PIN numbers. Membership fees were increased to \$10. Ed Filby and Jim Humphrey attended several meetings of Lake Stewards and will continue to do so. It was noted that there are several boats on the lake after dark without lights. Don Adams replaces Ivy Jenkins as Secretary-Treasurer. Gerry Pynenburg was thanked for doing all the printing.

#### **25. Sunday, July 12, 1998**

Location: Terry & Lois Matte (31 property owners)

*Water quality.* Lake Steward Jim Humphrey reported that basic water testing would cost between \$300 and \$500 per year until sufficient data was obtained for a solid baseline. The executive, in February, 1998, voted to reserve \$250 from 1997-1998 funds for this purpose.

*Water safety.* Ed Filby noted many places where there were submerged trees and rocks. It was suggested that the Association flag such spots. However, this would be difficult on a permanent basis. Posting flags might open the Association to being held liable in case of an accident where no flag was posted.

*Beaver dams and lake levels.* A committee was formed to "determine and act upon desired lake levels".

*Other.* As the Secretary-Treasurer could not determine the incorporation status of the Association, he will take action to ensure incorporation. The Secretary-Treasurer said that, due to different methods of collecting fees on the roads, it was difficult to determine the membership status of property owner at any given time. New owners Eileen & Ed Barbeau were welcomed.

President Ed Filby noted the need for more efficient communication; various means were proposed including "information boxes on each lane, correspondence by e-mail, newsletters and associated organizations such as the Storefront in Portland administered by the Big Rideau Lakes Association". \$50 was

allocated for information boxes; there already was one on Little Silver Lake Road. Use would be made of area representatives.

There was a meeting on July 10, 1998 between Ed Filby and Don Adams, representing the Association, and Reeve Judy Brown. Points of discussion included plans for septic systems, brush disposal, waste disposal amnesty day, cottage and road clean-up, by-law consolidation and integration, taxes, garbage tags, student grants and voting procedure.

It was estimated that it would cost \$100 to prepare and distribute the newsletter. There was discussion about whether to belong to FOCA. In favour of membership was our participation in the MOE-FOCA water testing program, the need to be proactive in protecting our lakes, representation at the provincial level and provision of information, for example with respect to gypsy moths. A survey will be sent out with the next newsletter. Joe Legari offered to collect all correspondence for permanent residents.

The constitution was amended to provide for ten directors and to include a membership agreement to reconfirm the intention “of all members to keep the environment of the lake as close as possible to its natural state with minimum disruption by high powered boats”.

The Lake Steward’s report was appended to the minutes.

### **Sunday, July 11, 1999**

Location: Jim & Marina Leullier (27 property owners)

*Incorporation.* Don Adams said that the Association was incorporated, but the last filing was in 1992. After discussion, there was no consensus on the need for incorporation so the Secretary will go ahead with the refiling.

*Water quality.* Jim Humphrey, the Lake Stewart, said that he was involved in the Alliance of Rideau Lakes Associations, in monitoring township activities, in analyzing its official plan and water testing. Because of inconsistencies in last year’s testing, there will be retesting to establish baseline information. He will be conducting aerial photography, with only the cost of film chargeable to the Association.

*Lake management plan.* Joe Legari raised the idea of forming a subcommittee to create a lake management program. This would involve determining the current status of the lake and creating a timetable for changes that may be necessary.

*Other.* The guest speakers at the meeting were Keith Kerr, Deputy-reeve for BBS Township, Mark Burnham, councillor for Maberly, Mike Mosher, co-chair of the Tay Valley Watershed Initiative and Lynn Preston of RVCA, coordinator for the Watershed Plan. Beaver trapping will occur in the fall.

Jim Humphrey asked for help in building an Association website, but there were no volunteers. He discussed the BBS Township official plan and his involvement. A motion to recommend the inclusion of a tri-ennial septic inspection in the plan was defeated. He explained why membership in FOCA was important.

### **27. Sunday, July 9, 2000**

Location: Ed & Diane Filby (22 property owners)

*Beavers.* Some Association members removed debris and cuttings from the exit point of the lake. Randy Coda trapped four beavers at the southern end of the lake over the winter and will be asked to trap again.

*Water quality.* President Terry Matte said that water quality was the main issue he had to deal with. Jim Humphrey reported that water quality and lake stewardship costs were down because of an agreement struck with the Tay River Watershed Program. Our lake is involved with the lake Partner Program administered by FOCA and the MOEE as well as the Great Ontario Dip-In Program. The short and long term objectives for water quality are the same. Water testing will continue in conjunction with RVCA.

*Other.* The guest speaker was Constable Gary Doherty of the OPP. He discussed cottage security and various official initiatives. A Lake Management Program committee was formed and was beginning work. year round. The fire department should be notified about all burns.

### **28. Sunday, July 8, 2001**

Location: Unknown

*Beaver dams.* The Executive passed a resolution to ensure the continuous natural water flow from Little Silver Lake into the Tay River and the Directors will investigate long range solutions to achieve this goal, including discussion with MNR and affected property owners. In the meantime, there should be no removal of dams on private property.

*Other.* Some changes to the Constitution were passed including election of area representatives in alternate years.

### **29. Sunday, July 7, 2002**

Location: Jim & Mary Humphrey (33 property owners)

*Water quality.* Jim Humphrey reported on meetings sponsored by RVCA, FOCA, Mississippi Conservation Authority and meetings with other lake stewards attended on behalf of the Association. He reported that out of eight lakes tested, Rainbow Lake got a B and Little Silver Lake a D. The low grade for the latter lake was due to the presence of zebra mussel larvae; however, because of its shallowness and slow drainage (18 months), Little Silver Lake showed results of human activity. The main concern is the presence of nitrogen and phosphates in the two lakes. This year, secchi readings will be continued and tests for chemical and bacterial contaminants performed.

*Roads.* A motion was passed that the Executive should examine the issue of taking overall responsibility for road maintenance and bring forward an amendment to the constitution. The purpose is to make the Association rather than individuals responsible for liabilities.

*Other.* New members Martin Treffers, Francis & Vivian Coleman, Barb & Bob McGrath were welcomed. BBS Councillor Susan Freeman, the invited guest, spoke on various municipal matters, in particular on the septic reinspection program. Bob's Lake Road will be renamed Bolingbroke road. Owners are asked to fill in an Association septic survey and submit it to Jim Humphrey. It appears that the incorporation of the Association has not been kept current and it was unanimously agreed that this should be renewed. A motion was passed to approve a \$100 donation to the Fire Department to help in the purchase of a boat. Several cottagers Jim Humphrey pointed out that a permit was required for open fires expressed concern over boats with motors over 10 hp; it was agreed to amend the constitution to restrict water craft over 10 hp and to include this in the welcome package.

### **30. Sunday, July 6, 2003**

Location: Walter Downs and Anne Thomlinson 101 Rainbow Lane (28 property owners)

*Water testing.* Jim Humphrey reported that the Association participates in three water monitoring programs: Lake Partners (phosphorus), Great Ontario Dip In on Canada Day, and routine biweekly testing for clarity, colour and temperature between May and October. Clarity is decreasing and nutrient content is increasing. The water is suitable for swimming but not for drinking. There were no sightings of zebra mussels. The Association would continue to support the Alliance of Rideau Lakes Associations until the Centre for Sustainable Watershed is operating; the latter offers training and advice for lake stewards.

*Other.* New members (Snelson, Simser/Michaud, Stevenson, Zwarts/Maione, Moriarty/Hunter, Carkner) were welcomed. The guest speakers were Mike Mosher, Reeve, and Susan Freeman, deputy Reeve, of Tay Valley Township who discussed various issue, including septic inspections and mining rights. Local volunteers were requested by local environmental groups. A group mailbox is being installed at the end of Rainbow Lane. Concern was expressed at the use of craft with motors exceeding 10 hp. Road representatives would post speed limit signs at the boat launch site.

### 31. Sunday, July 11, 2004

Location: Jim & Mary Humphrey 503 Silvery Lane (33 property owners)

*Water quality.* Bob McGrath reported that the water quality has shown a gradual decline over time. Samples taken in August and September, 2003 indicated a worrying level of e-coli and fecal bacteria. "Sampling in early May showed that an extreme condition existed." Little Silver Lake is more fragile than other area lakes as it has higher phosphorus base levels that encourage algae and snails. Water clarity is reduced. Members were encouraged to take various steps to improve the situation.

*Other.* Hans Ottens & Anne Schultz were welcomed to the Association. The guest speaker was Sarah Willie, the Tay Valley Township Septic Inspector. Boat speed signs have been posted on Little Silver Lake. In response to a question about the increased use and deterioration of the boat launch site, Reeve Keith Kerr said that the Township would review the site and may install posts to limit the size of boats that may be used. The reincorporation of the Association is complete. The President reported on various outside associations and the Vice-President on lake planning seminars he had attended. The Association adopted the Clean water Program. The constitution was amended to include Rainbow Lake in the name and to provide that the annual general meeting be held before July 20. The dues were increased to \$15.

### 32. Sunday, July 10, 2005

Location: Maberly Hall (31 property owners)

*Public access to Little Silver Lake.* A submission was made to Tay Valley Township for a barrier to restrict access by nonresidents to Little Silver Lake. Keyed access would be available to emergency services and residents. Currently, the township awaits a response from emergency services. The problems addressed by this measure includes road erosion, invasive species and speeding boats. The proper parking area is not maintained, so that an unauthorized parking area is in use. Since it is a municipal access point, the Township would cover the expenses of any changes that it approves. In answer to a query by T. Matte, J. Humphrey clarified that residents would have a key and still be able to use the access.

*Water quality.* Cottagers are encouraged to adopt environmentally friendly products and practices. Since water testing is to provide evidence of trends rather than critical information, the results will not be posted on notice boards but will be available electronically. There were no negative results from last summer's dye-testing for septic effluent. Even though there is no cost to residents, this was labour-intensive and will not be continued. Cottagers are encouraged to maintain a 10-metre "ribbon on life" along their shorelines.

Water samples were taken at three-week intervals through the 2004 summer; they indicates that coliform and *e coli* countes were low. However, high counts of general types a bacteria were found; this was apparently due to the lack of filtering by monocultures of plans close to the shore. The Association participates in the Lake Partner Program with regular measurements of temperature and clarity.

A new initiative of the Association is to measure the presence of stream insects and crustaceans to provide a baseline for future measurements of water quality change. Neither zebra mussels and spiny water flea are present in the lake.

*Lake Management.* W. Downs has spent a lot of effort investigating the need for and the possibility of a lake management plan. Tay Valley Township has sponsored a Community Environment Partnership, an internet-based data management and storage tool that will be available to LSRLPOA. It is in final stages of development and will become public in the fall. Ten volunteers are needed to test the system.

Earlier in the year, the executive appointed a committee consisting of Walter Downs, Eileen Barbeau, Tom Stevenson and Luc Lafrance was formed to examine the possibility of a Lake Management Plan. This committee was established by a motion of the AGM and allowed to spend up to \$400 for expenses. This committee met four times and supported an application to the Trillium Foundation by a consortium of organizations that would be administered by the Rideau valley Conservation Association. Eileen Barbeau reported on the result of a questionnaire sent to property owners to get information and input. Tom Stevenson gave an overview of the Lake management Plan that he hoped would promote discussion, identify lake values, environmental and social goals and recommend stewardship actions. It was envisaged that a draft plan would be reviewed at the AGM in 2006 and a final plan adopted in 2007.

*Other.* President Jim Humphrey outlined his activities, attending workshops and working with other organizations. While the Township sends to the President about development it deems relevant to the Association, all those within 400 metres of the proposed development are automatically informed.

The Secretary reported that the incorporation process is kept up to date and that she has applied for the name of the Association to be changed to include Rainbow Lake.

There were five incidents of thefts and vandalism on Little Silver Lake, including vandalism and theft of equipment. It was moved and carried that the Association donate \$200 to the Waterfront Ratepayers after Fair Taxation (WRAFT) group.

It was moved and carried that the Association seek a change to the Boating Restriction Regulations to provide a 10 km speed limit over the whole of Little Silver Lake. Currently, the limit applies on the lower arm of the lake and everywhere within 30 metres of the shore; it was felt that having the restriction enshrined in law would allow cottagers more effectively deal with violators.

Reeve Keith Kerr reported on a number of township matters, in particular the inspection of septic systems. Recently the township has regulated development more closely. Susan Freeman encouraged associations to develop their own plans, which would be appended to the official plan for the Township.

New residents Frank & Sue Sammut, Brenda King and David & Elaine Morrow were welcomed. Door prizes donated by Frank T. Ross & Sons (*NatureClean*), Loeb's Supermarket, Home Mardware, Canadian Tire and Wrigley's Gum were raffled off.

### **33. Sunday, July 9, 2006**

Location: Maberly Hall (27 property owners)

*Lake Management Plan.* The committee set up for the LMP supported the successful application of Friends of the Tay Watershed for a \$96,000 Trillium grant that was awarded to the Rideau valley Conservation Area to help associations develop Lake Management Plans. Since two members of the original committee resigned, volunteers were solicited to help in the development of our own plan, a fairly complicated process. Invited speaker Sheanna Tinlin described the goals and expected outcomes of Lake Management Plans.

*Public access to Little Silver Lake.* President Walter Downs described the complexities of this issue. Tay Valley Township advised against locked access and suggested reducing the opening of the ramp to 8 feet. He noted that Bylaw 452, dated October 1, 1976, that limited boat trailer access had never been enforced. To a motion to approach TVT to limit access, some boat owners expressed concern about their need for access during the summer and the fall. The following motion was carried unanimously:

The Executive proposes that the Association request Tay Valley Township to ENFORCE in a timely manner, the conditions of Section 10 of By-Law 452, dated October 1, 1976, as it applies to limiting boat trailer access to Little Silver Lake, with due consideration to an alternative access for property owners, the means and schedule to be determined in consultation with the Association Executive.

*Water quality.* Lake Steward Hans Ottens reported that water temperature and clarity remain normal, there are no signs of zebra mussels or spiny water flea, and there are benthic invertebrates indicate poor water quality at a level normal to the region. Work on the second Stae of the Lake Environment for Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes started this spring; sampling by RVCA staff was completed in May and will be repeated in July and October, 2006.

*Other.* New residents Barb & Clarke Richmire and Sharon & Frank Johnson were welcomed. It was planned to hold a discussion at the 2007 AGM on extending the 10 km/hr speed limit on Little Silver Lake to the entire Lake. An appendix to the minutes by Ed Filby outlined the history, problems and procedures involved. It was moved and carried to make a \$250 donation to WRAFT. The Community Environment Partnership initiative seems to have stalled and the Executive decided not to proceed until the situation becomes clearer.

Greg Colement, Chief of the South Sherbrooke Firefighter Team, spoke about fire permits, smoke alarms and the need for clear roads.

#### **34. Sunday, July 8, 2007**

Location: Maberly Hall (25 property owners)

*Boat launch.* President Walter Downs reported that a decision made by Tay Valley Township Council will be sent to residents soon, and that RVCA and the Township will have an onsite meeting to discuss vegetation. A sign will be posted.

*Lake Management Plan.* Eileen Barbeau reported that the response from members about the LMP was less than hoped, and that if the plan was to proceed, it would need the involvement of both permanent residents and those in the Ottawa area in order to be credible.

*Boat speed.* The OPP will be patrolling the lake during the summer. There was a discussion of the present situation and the history of the issue.

*Lake Steward's Report.* Jim Humphrey reported that the lake is generally healthy, with water clarity and temperature showing a consistent variation over the years. The Ridea Valley Watershed Watch Program took samples of both lakes in 2006, but has not yet reported. It will return three times in 2007. Three zebra mussel veligers were found in Rainbow Lake, but none in Little Silver Lake. Three samples on benthic invertebrates will be collected from each of five sites in the spring and fall.

*Other.* Guest speaker, Lynda Bennett, from Clayton Lake, an ornithologist, field naturalist and bird column editor, gave an illustrated talk about area birds, and provided a recipe for hummingbird nectar. Members were encouraged to send letters to the Ontario Finance Minister and Premier to elicit changes to the property tax system. TVT has formed a mining advisory group to advise the county on claims filed on private properties; the Association has purchased a \$20 membership with the Citizens Mining Advisory Group (CMAG) which will be holding its annual meeting on August 11. The Community Environmental Program has been suspended because lake associations did not commit to the service.

The President will look into the FOCA insurance package. He will monitor changes to the Water Protection Act of interest to the Association. He reported on meetings he has attended.

Two dead rusty crayfish were found in Little Silver Lake; this is an invasive species that should be removed. Northern pike has been caught in the lake; neither lake has been stocked with pike, but fingerlings might have been introduced somehow.



Amendments to the constitution were approved. Reeve Keith Kerr discussed various matters: spetic inspection, restoration of the shore line at the boat launch; completed review of the five year plan; new fire chief; agreement with carleton Place for disposal of hazardous waste; responses to concerns about mining claims; reduced speed limit to 40 km/hr on CR36 between Hanna Road and Silvery Lane.

### 35. Sunday, July 6, 2008

Location: Maberly Hall (47 property owners)

*Lake Steward Report.* Jim Humphrey, the Lake Stewart, discussed the presence zebra mussels in the area and noted that our lakes were clear. The water level is high this year because of heavy rain and the lake is still healthy. As phosphorus levels had increased in the last two years, residents were encouraged to use environmentally safe products and avoid using fertilizers. He thanked Don Dubreuil for helping with the sampling on Rainbow Lake, and noted that Frank Johnson was doing extensive monitoring of the lake. Janet Conlin reported a sighting of rusy crayfish. Donated environmentally friendly products were raffled off.

*Public access.* The contentious issue of the use of the boat launch site on Little Silver Lake was referred, by a motion of the meeting, to Tay Valley Council to resolve. There would be no further input from the Association.

*Beavers.* In response to a query about lack of action, the President said that the Association was reluctant to act because of possible vandalism and being blamed when the dam was breached. It was moved and carried that the executive look into the installation of a baffler system. Don Dubreuil that breaching of an upstream dam by the County caused a lot of water to drain into Rainbow Lake; Susan Freeman said she would approach county officials to prevent dams being opened up without warning.

*Other.* New owners Peter Menard, Steve Gemmill and Mike & Alice Hodge were welcomed. The guest speaker, John Kittle of the Citizens' Committee Against Uranium Mining (CCAMU) discussed the abuses to property owners in the staking of claims and spoke in particular of the risks of uranium prospecting and what might be done about them. There was discussion about improving communication between the Association and the Township Council. Reeve Keith Kerr noted that Council had set up a Mining Concerns Committee which will make a representation to the provincial ombudsman.

### 36. July 12, 2009

Location: Maberly Hall (32 property owners)

*President's report.* The Preesident, Eileen Barbeau, praised the board of directors for their attendance and commitment; she had accepted her position to move beyond the divisiveness among members, and tried to achieve a consensus among the Board before taking action.

Since September, there has been a monthly newsletter to keep members informed and abreast of deliberations of the board. Karin Cameron had volunteered her services and set up a website. The President reported on interactions with other bodies: the Lake Networking Group, RVCA, Citizens' Mining Action Group and the Canadian Coalition against the Mining of Uranium, Federation of Cottagers' Associations, Waerfront Residents After Fair Taxation. Pat Mills prepared a sheet of Lake Etiquette points available to all owners and renters.

*Constitution.* The Constitution was revised to clarify the issue of membership. The fiscal year would continue to run between July 1 and June 30, while the membership year would run from September 1 until August 31, with fees payable from the time of the AGM until May 31 of the membership yhear.

*Lake Steward's report.* Frank Samut reported on the installation and maintenance of the beaver baffler at the outflow of Little Silver Lake, and presented a chart indicating that the water level variation over the

past year was similar to other years. Ed Filby asked for reassurance about the consequences of the baffler installation and about approval of official bodies. The Lake Steward undertook to provide the Association with documentation.

He discussed water testing by RVCA and members. Water quality seems to be deteriorating, but there are no indications of invasive species.

*Other.* The guest speaker was Laura Harris, a graduate of Sir Sandford Fleming Rcosystem Management Technology and Technician Programs and an Honour Graduate of Trent University's Environment Resource Science Program, whose has spent time on Little Silver Lake with her grandparents. She spoke on "the restoration of our shorelines through naturalization". Tay Valley Township Reeve Keith Kerr spoke on planned capital projects.

The boat ramp issue was referred to the Township for timely resolution, and the Township erected a sign concerning the bylaw for launching boats.

Anita McKeigan reported that she had seen a bobcat and warned residents to look after their pets as bears and coyotes had been seen.

### **37. Sunday, July 11, 2010**

Location: Maberly Hall (28 property owners)

*Beavers.* Frank Sammut, the Lake Steward reported on the beaver basffler; he proposed that it be extended by the addition of a second barrel and three 6-inch pipes. After considerable discussion, it was moved and carried unanimously that after receiving the approval of relevant bodies this work be proceeded with.

*Lake Steward;s Report.* Frank Sammut reported that the generally the lakes are in good health, with the exception of a high nitrogen level in Rainbow Lake. He said that ten owners participated in the RVCA shoreline naturalization program.

*Other.* The meeting was preceded by a pancake breakfast. Tay Valley Township Councillors Bill Avery and Wayne Jordan discussed various issues, including the opening of the new township building and the proposed new firehall. It was noted that the fines for various boating infractions had been raised. Ron Powers appended a brief on water level from his road.

### **38. Sunday, July 10, 2011**

Location: Maberly Hall (33 property owners)

*Constitutional amendments.* Amendments to the constitution were adopted to delete the provision that one of the area representatives should be a member of the corresponding road committee, to provide that the lake steward like the rest of the board members should have a two-year term, to delete the requirement about various board members being elected in even and odd years and to eliminate the requirement that the vice-president accedes to the preesidency. These changes were made to respond to the reality that terms are often irrregular for various reasons and that the vice-president often cannot continue as president.

*President's report.* The president noted that the success of the pancake breakfast in 2010 encouraged the board to have one at this meeting. She continued to send out monthly newssheets to maintain communication. She noted her interactions with the Lake Networking Group and FOCA.

*Lake Steward's report.* Water quality on both lakes has improved; nitrogen, phosphate and e-coli readings are down. RVCA is still providing free testing on both lakes. He thanked volunteers for their work on the beaver baffler, which is working well.

*Signage.* Because of concern about boats speeding on Little Silver Lake, a motion was passed by a small margin of two votes to allot \$200 towards the purchase of signs concerning either or both of restricting speed and reducing wakes. [Subsequently, two “Watch your wake” signs were purchased to be posted on the Johnson and Filby properties. Some owners gave their speed limit signs to others who wanted them.] One owner opposed signs because they detracted from the scenery and would probably not be a deterrent.

*Other business.* The meeting was preceded by a pancake and sausages breakfast. At the beginning of the meeting, Reeve Keith Kerr and Councillor Mark Bunham addressed the audience to discuss the septic inspection program, high speed internet in the county and the strategic plan for the township. Green products donated to the meeting were raffled off.

### **39. Sunday, July 8, 2012**

Location: Maberly Hall (27 property owners)

*President’s report.* It has been a quiet year. She noted that the association will need to respond to recent changes in the Ontario Corporations Act. As acting treasurer, she drew attention to administrative savings because of the use of email, and noted that the website was being redesigned and that part of the \$420 budgeted has already been spent.

*Security.* The owners voted to purchase three engravers, one for each road to be lodged with a permanent resident, for the marking of personal property. One property owner described how thieves attempting to steal his motor were apprehended at the boat launch by the OPP.

Mike Moriarty reported that two thieves making off with his boat motor were apprehended at the boat launch by the OPP thanks to the assistance of neighbours.

*Water quality.* The lake steward reported that phosphorus levels in Rainbow Lake were slightly up and encouraged owners to use suitable products and keep their septic tanks pumped.

*Election.* Pat Mills was elected President, Lynn Tarzwell Secretary, and Wilma Van Zwol Treasurer. The elected area representatives were Nancy Chevrier and Keith Keyes on Rainbow Lane and Paul Chambers and John Tarzwell on Silvery Lane.

*Other business.* One owner expressed concern over cars speeding along his road. Four photographs were displayed that illustrated shoreline erosion on Little Silver Lake. The meeting was addressed by Reeve Keith Kerr and Councillor Mark Burnham. The latter spoke on the septic inspection program, progress on the strategic plan and a new member on the police services board. Green products that had been donated were raffled off, along with township golf shirts and folders supplied by the reeve.

The meeting was preceded by a pancake and sausages breakfast.

### **40. Sunday, July 14, 2013**

Location: Maberly Hall

There were two township guests. Reeve Keith Kerr mentioned that the township had its first strategic plan and that the official plan was being updated for a scheduled 5-year review. Noelle Reeve, the planner, discussed the strategic plan in detail.

The President reported that there had been four newsletters during the year, that the website was now managed by Eileen Barbeau, and that a *Helpful Handbook* has been prepared by Nancy Chevrier and would be distributed to property owners in a binder with pockets for additional information. The handbook will be updated and distributed electronically. Three engravers have been purchased and have been distributed to one representative in each area for property owners to borrow.

The Treasurer reported that we are generally under budget and that we will remain in FOCA.

The President reported on behalf of the Lake Steward, Frank Johnson. The shorelines are well naturalized, and we seem to have avoided colonization by zebra mussels. Most boaters are not speeding.

John Tarzwell reported that there had been some break-ins during the winter on Silvery Lane, particularly into sheds.

Nancy Chevrier was acclaimed as Vice-President; Ed Mills and Ros Creaser were re-elected as Area Representatives for Little Silver Lake Road.

The meeting was preceded by a pancake and sausages breakfast.

#### **41. Sunday, July 13, 2014**

Maberly Hall (32 property owners: 12 Rainbow; 10 Silvery; 10 LSL)

Guests: Reeve Keith Kerr, TVT Planner Noelle Reeve; Therese Steenberghe & Jeroen Kerrbign (Fall River Restaurant)

Keith Kerr encouraged people to vote in the forthcoming election, reported on construction on Hanna Road and on Harper Road between the fourth and fifth lines, noted that the Glen Tay Re-Use Centre opened on May 3, and said that the Official Plan is available for review. Noelle Reeve displayed an area map of the township, noting Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest and significant wetlands (in particular, on the south side of Little Silver Lake Road). The portion of Highway 7 between the motels and the Patterson will be designated as a business park. She described plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the township. A Sustainable Economic Development and Working Group has been created, and there are plans to develop ecotourism. There are no new issue about native concerns with respect to the mining sector as the province is no longer issuing new permits. There are two active mines, one for graphite and the other for vermiculite.

The President, Pat Mills, reported that, despite the harsh winter, there were only two reports of minor property damage. The newsletter will now be distributed electronically. She is looking for suggestions and a committee to plan celebrations for Canada's 150th anniversary. She would also welcome a committee to draft a letter of complaint against high policing costs and the resulting tax increase.

The Treasurer, Wilma Van Zwol, reported that as income covers expenses, there will be no increase in the annual fee. The TD bank no longer provides interest on the bank account and will institute a \$2.50 monthly fee.

Frank Johnson, the Lake Steward, presented water quality figures and suggested that a committee be struck to look into the integrity of septic systems as well as the buffer zones around the lakes. Nitrogen and calcium are trending high. The beaver bafflers needed to be cleaned out and repaired during the winter; Pat Mills noted that the township had inspect the bafflers and were happy with how they were working. Frank would be happy to help with a lake management plan, particularly if it can be recognized in the township's Official Plan.

The Secretary and Treasurer positions have been combined, and both positions will be held by Wilma Van Zwol. Lynn Tarzwell will replaced her husband, John, are Area Representative on Silvery Lane.

The owners of the Fall River Restaurant invited residents to "meet the new owners" at an afternoon event with entertainment.

The meeting was preceded by a pancake and sausages breakfast.

## 42. Sunday, July 9, 2015

Maberly Hall (90 attendees with all roads represented)

Guests: Reeve Keith Kerr; TVT Planner Noelle Reeve.

Keith Kerr said that the tax increase, due to costs of policing and roadwork, will be phased in over four years. Noelle Reeve addressed the issue of water levels, and described the approval and implementation of the Strategic Plan, as well as preparations for the 200th anniversary of the township.

The President drew attention to the cottage handbook, and presented the Lake Steward's report in his absence. She gave a demonstration on the operation of the beaver baffler and thanked those who worked on it. There was a discussion of water levels and the state of trees on the water's edge.

Vice-President Nancy Chevrier noted that there is a budget item devoted to 150th anniversary celebrations. Eileen Barbeau described the content of the website and asked for help in keeping current the events section and active the "Classified" section.

Ed Mills and Lynne Lang were acclaimed as Area Representatives for Little Silver Lake Road.

## 43. Sunday, July 10, 2016

Maberly Hall (47 attendees: 11 Rainbow, 16 Silvery, 19 LSL, 1 Bol)

Guests: Reeve Keith Kerr, Councillor Jennifer Dickson, Councillor Mark Burnham

Keith Kerr addressed the issue of the 200th TVT anniversary celebration, roadside spraying, the wooden railway bridge, and testing and medication for deer ticks. Jennifer Dickson is a member of the library and economic development committees. Two refugee families in Perth are being supported by funds raised by 70 volunteers. Noelle Reeve discussed zoning and land use, and events for the TVT 200th anniversary. Mark Burnham reminded people of the Sun Dance Arts Festival.

LSL Road representative Lynne Lang described plans for the 2017 anniversary celebrations, which included road entrance beautification during May and June, a flotilla and fireworks on July 1, and an end-of-summer barbecue.

Lake Steward Frank Johnson presented a slide show and spoke about the various aspects of his duties. He presented three resolutions:

- A. *Whereas there are few offers to help with the LSP and whereas the Lake Plan needs to represent all opinions, this meeting resolves that Executive shall be instructed to:*
1. *Publish the full survey results, duly edited for data protection;*
  2. *Outline a plan structure and identify key areas;*
  3. *Invite or recognise a representative set of writers to produce draft section[s];*
  4. *Review and circulate these on the website;*
  5. *Endeavour to have a first draft by July 2017.*

In discussion, it was pointed out the development and land use is a cooperative effort with the Township, and that property owners review local lake plans following links on the website.

Resolution **approved**.

B. *Whereas Tay Valley Township has enacted a schedule of mandatory re-inspections of septic systems, this meeting resolves that the Executive [Board] of LSRLPOA be instructed to request Tay Valley Township to include our lakes in their mandatory sewage system maintenance re-inspection program for all waterfront properties in accord with TVT by-law 2012-009 schedule "C".*

In response to a question from the floor, Mark Burnham responded that any faults found would need to be fixed within 6-12 months. There is not cost to having the inspection itself.

Resolution **approved** with 2 dissenting votes.

C. *Whereas the Lake Steward suggests that Beaver baffler requires some attention, this meeting resolves to request that the Executive [Board] shall ensure the following actions:*

- *Remove surplus pipes and straighten barrels;*
- *Monitor levels at the lowest property;*
- *Monitor adjacent property damage;*
- *Monitor lake and stream levels;*
- *Provide monthly reports on the website.*

Resolution **approved**.

Concern was expressed about speeding on Little Silver Lake, and there was discussion about the number of signs needed.

The meeting was preceded by a pancake and sausages breakfast.

#### 44. Sunday, July 9, 2017

Maberly Hall (48 property owners: 14 RL, 17 RL, 17 LSLRd)

Guests: Reeve Keith Kerr; Councillor Jennifer Dickson; Planner Noelle Reeve

*Canada 150 Celebration.* Lynne Lang reported that there was a good turnout for the Little Silver Lake flotilla on July 1. Carol Eldridge, Glenn McCue and family received the award for best crest, and were presented with a live edge candleholder by its creator, Frank Sammut. Some of the crests were displayed. The Eickmeier family was thanked for the fireworks display.

**Keith Kerr** said that no decision had been made about the proposed garbage pickup. The tender for trucks was called only to get an estimate of the costs. The TVT survey of residents can be filled out until July 20.

**Noelle Reeve** discussed events for the 150th anniversary, legacy and heritage properties, housing, transport and recreational facilities in the Age Friendly Community Plan, no new lots of Adam and Farrel Lakes who have reached capacity, whether our Association would consider a capacity assessment, and the mandatory septic inspection for our lakes.

*Lake Steward's report.* The report was augmented by a slide presentation illustrating lake level and baffler status, water quality and the Lake Stewardship Plan. Andrew Kendrick discussed beaver management; he was preparing a document on options for distribution to the members, in the hope that a consensus can be reached. He expressed concern about unauthorized interference with the baffler. One property owner was concerned about unusually high water this year and its negative effects on the shoreline despite attempts to remedy it with the baffler system. Suggestions about strategies to alter the water level were discouraged as possibly being illegal. Concern was also expressed about speeding boats; some thought more signs might be needed. Andrew Kendrick pointed out that RVCA data on water quality in our samples would be posted on the website.

*Lake Stewardship Plan.* Frank Johnson said that various sections were posted on the website; he encouraged members to respond, after which a further draft would be posted. The Development section would be sent first to Noelle Reeve for her input. He expects to have a final document posted before the 2018 AGM, at which members would vote on its adoption.

*Adopt-A-Road.* The following Resolution was approved: *We affirm the participation of the LSRLPOA together with the Parks Family Farm in the Adopt-A-Road program of Lanark County as a last resort option*

to stop the spraying of CR#36 roadsides in our watershed.

**Eileen Barbeau** said that there more resources, information and links on the website, and asked for assistance in keeping the events section up to date. Generic email addresses were provided for the officers of the Association.

*Election.* Alison Bentley and Keith Keyes were acclaimed as Rainbow Lane road representatives; Sue Sammut was acclaimed as a road representative for Little Silver Lake Road.

#### 45. Saturday, July 7, 2018

Maberly Hall (39 property owners: 12 RL, 17 SL, 8 LSLRd, 2 BolRd)

Guests: Reeve Keith Kerr; Planner Noelle Reeve

**Keith Kerr** reported on some road work, the appointment of a new Chief Building Officer, the new Zoning Bylaw, no spraying on township roads and the request to the County not to spray its roads within the township.

**Noelle Reeve** presented a display showing different zoning areas. Some wetlands are protected, and the township would like to protect Maberly Bog because of its scientific interest. The heritage property designation will now include cottages. The township provides a \$1000 history scholarship to a student graduating from one of the Perth high schools each year. There was a question about the protection of forested land.

*Lake Stewardship Plan.* Frank Johnson reviewed the steps leading to the final plan, which was finally posted on the website on June 14, 2018. A planned public meeting in April was cancelled because only two signed up for it. Two motions were passed unanimously to (A) approve the plan, and (B) submit it to Tay Valley Township for inclusion in its Official Plan. Bob Irwin of Silvery Lane thanked those who hard worked to produce “such an excellent plan”.

Frank Johnson will work with Keith Keyes and Noelle Reeve on the Development section. Keith Keyes will have a social history section ready for posting on the website. Andrew Kendrick will work on water level and flow issues.

*Treasurer’s report.* Income was greater than projected; the Canada 150 celebration came in on budget and other items were under budget.

*Lake Steward’s report.* Andrew Kendrick reported that the water quality in both lakes were improving and were classified as “fair”. This might be due to septic upgrades and reduced use of fertilizers. The water is safe for swimming.

The high water levels in 2017 persisted through the summer and fall. Some adjustments were made to the baffler system, which is expected to work well to maintain flow and limit level fluctuations in “normal” conditions. There is a plan to “skim” the beaver dam in case of very high levels. Those who helped in cleaning the baffler were thank and further volunteers were sought.

Members and their guests were enjoined to observe speed limits. Ed Mills asked that swimmers should make sure they are visible and possibly be accompanied by a safety boat.

**Eileen Barbeau** reported on the Adopt-A-Road activity to avoid spraying by mowing and handpulling wild parsnip. More volunteers are needed.

*Election.* The Nominating Committee, Eileen Barbeau and Alison Bentley, reported that the new board was elected by acclamation: President Frank Johnson; Lake Steward Andrew Kendrick; Secretary Eileen Barbeau; Treasurer Wilma Van Zwol; Rainbow Lane Road Representatives Alison Bentley and Keith Keyes; Silvery Lane Road Representatives Paul Chamber and Lynn Tarzwell; Little Silver Lake Road Representative

Sue Sammut.

Tribute was paid to departing residents Walter Downs and Ann Tomlison for their extensive contributions to the Association over twenty years.

#### 46. Saturday, July 13, 2019

Maberly Hall (33 property owners)

Guest: Councillor Rob Rainer

Frank Johnson opened the meeting. He recommended the Nature Notes by Alison Bentley, posted on the website. Eileen Barbeau read a message from **Noelle Reeve**, the TVT Planner, discussing the updated zoning bylaw, the appointment of a climate change coordinator, amendments to the Official Plan and development in the township.

**Rob Rainer** invited people to receive his newsletter, expressed concern about how TVT should grow, dealing with speeding near ABC Hall, maintenance of private roads, Site alterations, spraying and the CPR bridge on CR#36.

*Lake Steward's report.* Andrew Kendrick said that the Lake Stewardship Plan was a living document and invited input on its further development. There was less beaver activity this year, but there seems to have been some human interference with the baffler system. It was noted that there were more weeds in the water, and that the water temperature was high in May, RVCA has posted a data update for the last 10 years on its website, and Andrew Kendrick would like to organize a meeting with RVCA and residents on the health of the lakes. Steve Hiltz wondered when the baffler would be cleaned out, and Janet Conlin noted that there was more algae.

**Eileen Barbeau** reported that volunteers were out to clear wild parsnip along CR#36 this year after a preliminary mowing by the County.

*Election.* Sue Sammut will continue and Catherine Anderson will begin as Road Representative for Little Silver Lake Road; Alison Bentley will continue and Yoshiko Gumienny will begin as Road Representatives for Rainbow Lane. The Silery Lane Representatives will continue their term.