

# NOTICE

## DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC BUSINESS MEETING JULY 28, 2007, 10:00am MERA

### Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order and Introduction of Executive; Judy Hall

1) **Minutes of Previous Meeting June 23, 2007** – read aloud by Judy Hall

2) **Financial Report** – Pat Jones

- As of June 28, 2007 = \$3,895.06
- Income from 50/50 draw = \$10.00
- Membership \$1,790.00 = 118 members to date 2007
- Bank interest .32.
- expenses 1.90 bank charges
- total 5693.48

2) **Introduction of Guest Speakers** – Judy Hall

a) **Water Quality Technician, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority - Susan Lee;** report on water testing done in 2006 as follows;

- conducted testing summer of 2006; sampled at deepest point near west basin

Study findings as follows;

- phosphorus key nutrient for plant growth -originates from detergents, septic, run offs and pesticides/fertilizers
  - results: 7.6 micrograms of phosphorus per litre of water which is great lake results.
- chlorophyll a; green pigment – average 2.9 micrograms of chlorophyll a per litre of water indicating moderate rating which is excellent
- invasive species; test show we didn't have spiny water fleas, however, we do have zebra mussels veligers (larvae)

Recommendations for lakeshore residents;

- build 30 meters away from shoreline
- plant vegetation
- pump septic every 3 years at least
- reduce water usage and use phosphate free detergents
- never use herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers
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Our lake association was adopted by Omya in 2006 and because of their donation, we were able to test the lake 8 times.

- go to [www.mvc.on.ca](http://www.mvc.on.ca) to get our lake report

b) **Police Services Board** – Derek Love(member) - what services does the board provide in the township

- Derek is the Chair of the “Cottage Watch” on White Lake;
- In total, there are 7 Police Service Boards in Lanark County, each containing 3 members.
- ATV's is a political issue which the Police Services Board is not involved. The law does state that ATVs are not allowed on any highway in Lanark County.
- OPP Boats presence on the water; zero tolerance for alcohol in boats. If we want the OPP boat present on the Lake, then we should call and ask for one.

c) **Uranium Mining**

- *John Kittle* – possible effects of proposed uranium mining to the Mississippi watershed;
  - Uranium Deposits are near Crotch Lake. 30 thousand acres have been staked to date.

- John is a scientist (nuclear and physics) who has settled in Lanark Highlands with his family about a year ago.
- John voiced great concern about the proposed uranium mining and is passionate in fighting the threat.
- If a spill occurred, it could pollute the Mississippi watershed. Even if a spill doesn't occur, the dust alone is a potential cancer threat.
- Why mine now? Price for uranium is extremely high. Nuclear power is in demand. John is presently preparing a letter to premier McGuinty requesting an immediate moratorium on uranium exploration.
- **Exploration**
- 100 claims have been staked over 30 acres.
- The Mining Act allows mining without notifying property owners that do not hold the mineral rights.
- No requirement exists in the mining act to notify or even consult property owners. Literally they can remove material with 24hrs notice to property owners.
- The Mining companies don't need environmental assessments, nor do they have to clean up after exploration.
- Property owners could be sued if anyone gets hurt in the process of mining

#### **Mines;**

- Bancroft has been opened
- hwy 7 near Marmora; Deloro site is a toxic site

#### **Health Risks**

- Cancerous health hazards by exposure to uranium mining which is a radioactive material.

#### **Concerns;**

- Ontario mining act is 150 years old.

#### **John's Recommendations;**

- Get informed, write to the government representatives to stop mining, get involved, show your support, and sign the petition.

- *George White* – Frontenac Ventures – benefits of uranium
  - Unable to attend.

### **3) Dining on Dalhousie Cookbook and DLAI T-Shirts – Kirk Robertson**

#### **a) Recipe Book (Dining on Dalhousie)**

- Joann Robertson is working on a recipe book; in 2006 the association received recipes from lake residents which will be put together and distributed free to members.

#### **b) T-Shirts – Kirk Robertson**

- T-Shirts with the DLAI logo will be available in children and adult sizes..

### **4) Flotilla Report – Judy Hall**

- A great turnout of people as approximately 9 boats participated. Lots of fun was had.
- Consider participating next year...

#### **Next Meeting**

- **Aug 25 (AGM)** – MERA – 10:00am.

#### **50/50 Draw**

- Winner John White takes \$12.00.

#### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:20