

Lake Picnic

The 2011 Lake Picnic was held on Saturday, August 6 at Purdon's Beach. Another good event that was well enjoyed by all those who attended.

Ted Manning invited the Area Councillor, Ken Sinclair and his wife Sharon to the picnic. Ken was there to meet anyone who wished to speak to him. Sharon brought a plate of cookies that were enjoyed by all. The Councillor would be a good part of any future picnics. Lorne invited Alana Sargeant from the MVC who staffed a display on Invasive Species. She was well received. Alana was very pleased with the amount interest and the attendees were glad to have her there for the information

Many thanks to Doug Cross for another good job of cooking the hot dogs.



The Board thanked Lorne and Connie Bowerman for organizing the event. Ted presented a gift certificate to Rhodena Bell in thanks for permitting the use of her beach again.



More picnic photos on the last page.

Lake Management Plan (LMP)

After five years of work by many lake volunteers, it was a pleasure to have the LMP accepted unanimously at the AGM on Saturday, September 3, 2011.

It is a good document, and the equal of those which have been prepared by companies that specialize in preparing lake management plans for a fee of \$10,000 to \$15,000. It is us. It is what we want for our lake to keep it as a heritage for future generations..

President Ted Manning made the point that this is a living document which can be changed and updated as things develop in the future.

The LMP is available on the Patterson Lake website at: <http://www.pattersonlake.ca>.

If anyone does not have access to the Internet, a copy can be made available by contacting your area representative, listed on page 4.

AGM

Another good AGM on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at 10:30 am. We moved through a busy agenda and ended up with a pot-luck lunch at noon. The only way to finish a meeting; many thanks to Donna Stanley for organizing the kitchen.

The minutes are published on our website.

We were pleased to have our Concillor Ken Sinclair in attendance and he joined in when residents raised concerns about things that he could address.

As well, we had a display of the paintings of local artist Mirča Delanoë that were enjoyed by all both before and after the meeting.

The naming of the Patterson Lake islands was delayed until the next AGM to give more time

for the Lake community to submit their ideas. We hope to ask the next AGM to choose the names. The suggested names so far are on the website at the Name the Islands button. Again, if anyone does not have access to the Internet, a copy can be made available through their area rep.

Mary Elizabeth James raised concerns about boating safety on the Lake. The meeting suggested that the May issue of the Newsletter be devoted to boating and water safety.

We had some discussion about changing the date of the AGM, but in the end, the Saturday of Labour Day weekend seemed the best choice. Finishing with a pot-luck lunch gives us all a chance to meet and greet lake neighbours, as well enjoying some really delicious food.

Naming the Islands

Patterson Lake has five islands in the centre of the lake that are Crown Land and two islands near the north shoreline that are privately owned. Ted Manning, the President of the Patterson Lake Association of Lanark Highlands, proposed at the 2010 AGM that the Crown Land islands be named.

Ted checked with the Geographical Name Bureau and none of the islands have been officially named. The only registered name on the lake is Fairs Creek. Ted has checked with the Geographical Names Bureau and there are regulations to be followed concerning this proposal. For instance, an island can not be named after a living person, the island name should have historical significance or general agreement and recognition, and if it is to be accepted it should not duplicate other names in the region so as to cause confusion. (For example there are already hundreds of loon islands in the Province).

The only island that most lake users know by name now is Mary's Island, the west island in the middle of the lake. A good case could be made to name it officially "Mary's Island". Local tradition holds that Mary was a First Nation's woman who lived on the island when the first European settlers were homesteading in the area in the 1820s.

The owners of the two private islands near the north shoreline will also be asked if they wish to put forward names for their islands at the same time to receive official names.

The Association will seek a list of possibilities and then let members vote on the final choices at the next AGM in 2011. The plan of the islands, identified by numbers is above. Send your suggestions to Lorne Bowerman at *lorne at bowerman dot ca*. We are suggesting that names only be accepted from those associated with or connected with Patterson Lake. We would like the name of the suggester, his or her address, and the reason for suggesting the name or names. We will publish the information. Anonymous suggestions will not be accepted.

Suggested Island Names (to date)

Suggestion 1:

Island 1 - Mary's Island

Island 2 - Archie's or Archibald's Island

Island 3 - Jean's Island

Island 4 - Elizabeth's Island

Island 5 - Agnes' Island

Archie Patterson (29), his wife Mary Buchanan(30) and their children Agnes (5), Elizabeth (3), and Jean (6 months) came to Canada in 1821 and settled on land just south of the bay on the south shore. They were the first

European settlers on the Lake. More of the early history can be found on the website using the LMP button.

I would also like to suggest that the shoal rock west of Mary's Island be called MP Rock in honour of an infant child of Archie & Mary, who died in 1825 and is buried in a cemetery just south of the bay.

I would suggest that we name the bay on the south side, MacCrimmon Bay in honour of John MacCrimmon who built and used a fishing shack on the east side of the bay in the 1940/50s. The shack is still there today.

Suggested by Lorne Bowerman, 151 Lakeside Rd, November 20, 2010.

Suggestion 2:

Regarding the islands, I would like to suggest the following list. (based on the Group of Seven and their associates who painted the Canadian Shield)

Island 1 - Remain as Marys island because it is in common use.

Island 2 - Tom Thompson Island because it looks like one of his most famous works the Jack Pine.

Island 3 - Jackson Island after AY Jackson.

Island 4 - Lawren Harris Island.

Island 5 - Varley Island.

Suggested by Ted Manning, 407 Hardwood Ridge Rd, June 12, 2011

Suggestion 3

Island 1 - Mary's Island

Island 2 - Speck Island

Island 3 - Crooked Thumb Island

Island 4 - Jack Layton Island

Island 5 - Mystery Island

Suggested by Mary Elizabeth James, 619 Fairs Way, September 3, 2011.

Private Island Suggestion

The owner of the island with a cottage on it in the western arm of the lake will also participate in the naming process. He wants the island to be named Purdon Island.

Newsletter Delivery

In an effort to save money, the Board has decided to deliver the newsletter electronically. The newsletter will be put up on the website by Lorne Bowerman, then notification will be sent out via the area representatives.

If anyone needs a paper copy, please ask your area representative.

Membership Dues

Howard Stanley, Treasurer

The \$20 membership dues may be paid at our Annual General Meeting or sent to:

Howard Stanley, 313 Hinchey Ave

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Cheques should be made payable to **The Patterson Lake Association of Lanark Highlands**. Membership receipts will be sent out with the newsletters.

If you happen to pay twice in one year, don't worry about it. It will be credited to you for future dues.

Area Representatives

Parsons - Judy Young

Fairs - Howard Stanley

Nelson/Purdons - Rhodena Bell

Porcupine - Jack Hobbs

Lakeside/White Pine - Doug Cross

Hardwood Ridge - Ted Manning

Newsletter

This newsletter was edited and published by Lorne Bowerman. As usual Connie Bowerman did the polishing and correcting. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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The First Picnic for Preston Manning



Ted thanking Rhodena