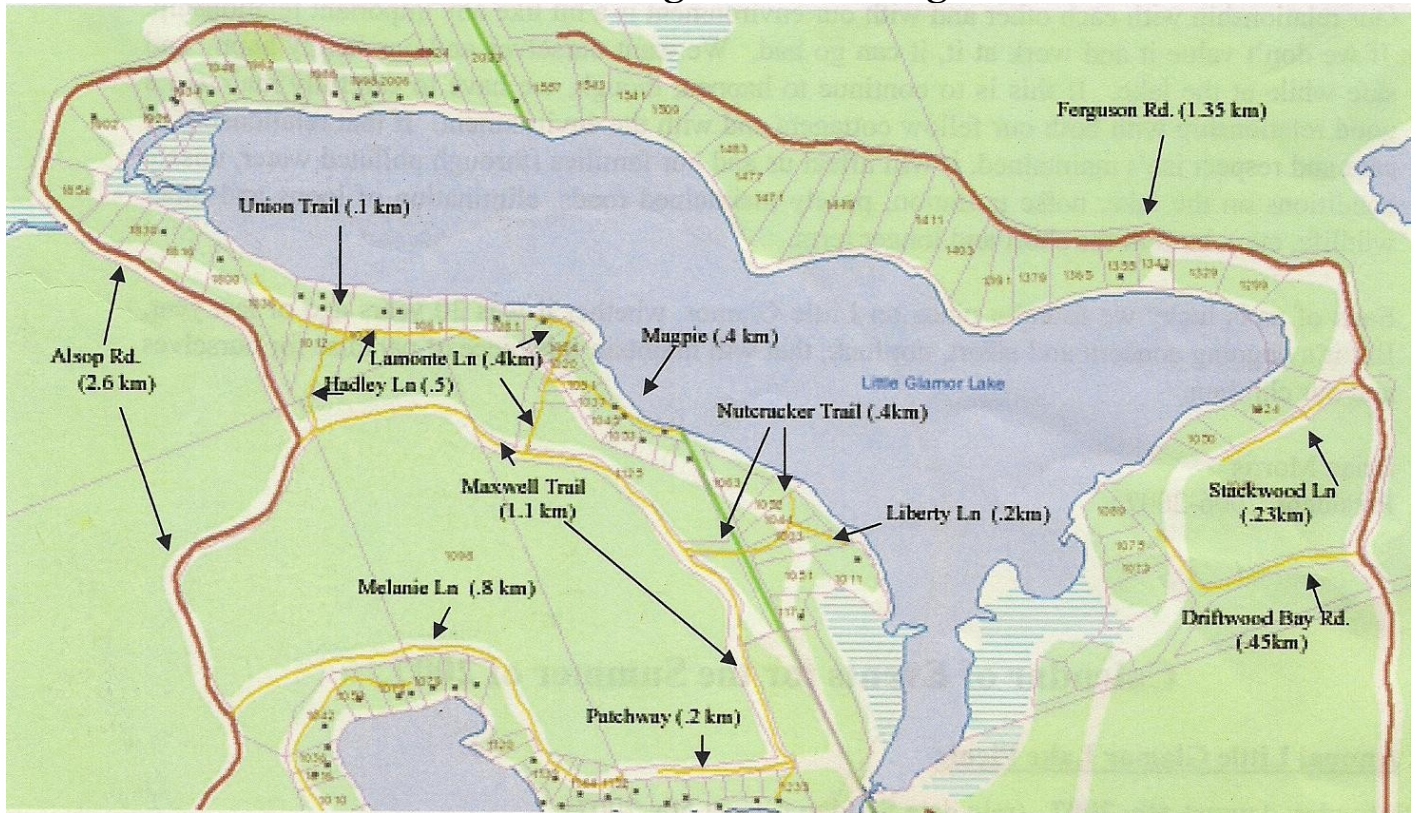


Little Glamor News

Spring, 2009

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Executive for July 2008 to 2009

President: Roger Young 447-2307

Vice-president: David Pfrimmer 447-2173

Secretary: David Brusegard 447-2376

Treasurer: Dot Mathieson 447-2257

Director & Lake Steward: Greg Gaetz 447-2280

Director at Large: Margaret Doherty 447-3356

With the generous assistance of:

Picnic Coordinator: Brenda Nicholson 447-3051 (Rob & Emma Gibson – games organizers)

Road Captains (summer maintenance): Roger Hillier (Maxwell, et al) 447-2767;

Ron Kuzenko (Melanie) 447-2682; David Brusegard (Ferguson) 447-2376;

Jim Andrews (Upper Alsop) 457-1690

(snowploughing): Roger Hillier, Robert Durward, Ted Baumen

Cottage Watch: Ted Baumen, Aaron Nicholson

These kind folks help to make life at our lake better, safer, more enjoyable. All are unpaid volunteers who appreciate assistance from time to time. Remember to say “Thanks” and offer your help, as well as to ask any questions or raise concerns that you may have.

Annual General Meeting: 9:30 am, Sat., 18 July 2009, Gooderham Community Centre

Family Picnic: noon – 3:00 pm, Sat., 1 August (rain date 2 Aug.) at park by the dam

Please take the time to read your cottage newsletter thoroughly.

It contains a great deal of information of importance to you concerning your enjoyment while at Little Glamor Lake, and the protection of your cottage property investment during the balance of the year.

Please bring your copy of this newsletter to the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Gooderham Community Centre at 9:30 am, on Saturday,

18 July 2009.

Come out and meet your neighbours – coffee & cookies available.

Please be on time. We plan to start promptly, and to finish by 11:00 am, if possible. Your participation at the AGM ensures that LGLCA operates in a democratic fashion; your Board of Directors needs to clearly know your thoughts and wishes if we are to work satisfactorily to achieve your goals. Don't be one who passes up the meeting and lets everyone else decide for you. Come out, and have your say. There's nothing worse than receiving complaints later from those who remained silent, or absent, when the 'big decisions' were made.

Your newsletter contains 'Minutes of last year's AGM', a 'Treasurer's Report', a cottager address list and an Invoice for renewing your membership including (for some) contributing to 'common' road fees administered by the cottage Association. It's all explained in the following pages. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Board.

Proposed Agenda for AGM:

Welcome

Introduction of Board and Guests

Dignitary remarks

Review and Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

Review and Adoption of Treasurer's Report

Road reports, Lake report

Brief presentation of health issues, testing procedures for water & radon

Review of any unfinished past or on-going cottager concerns

Discussion of new or emerging issues – Lake Plan, possible 'flat fee' for 'universal' snow ploughing.

Your Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to be heard. Don't lose it.

Welcome back to Little Glamor Lake. May this summer be the best experience you and your families have ever had.

This has been a busy year, with several areas of great concern to your association Board on behalf of all of us as cottagers and year-round residents alike. Bringing association records up to date and streamlining banking matters were just some of the smaller ones. Of much larger concern were:

Roads: This spring saw severe damage to many parts of our road system, with washouts and a number of culverts needing to be re-set or replaced entirely. That work has mostly been completed, although some areas are awaiting further gravel and grading. Our hard working road captains beg your cooperation and patience as we catch up. **Please read carefully the explanation on road fees and cottage association dues printed herein.** Play your part by making sure that your annual contributions (and any past amounts owing) are in the Treasurer's hands as soon as possible.

The uranium mining threat: The Ontario government has recently released its long-promised proposals to amend the Mining Act. While certain gains have been made (notably the ban on any new staking of claims on private lands where owners hold 'surface rights only'), the proposals do not go far enough to protect against environmental damage done during exploratory work, nor to protect against development on Crown lands which are within municipal boundaries where neighbouring private lands have been heavily developed for other uses such as cottaging and recreational tourism. On behalf of our lake association, I have attended three consultation meetings with the Mines Ministry (2 in Toronto, 1 in Kingston), worked constantly with organisations such as FUME, CUME and CBMAR, (see: www.fighturanium.com) delivered a talk during a seminar at the Cottage Life Show in Toronto, and twice met recently with our newly elected MPP, Rick Johnson. Further attendance is planned at Legislative Committee meetings studying the new Mining Act. Also, good relations have been kept up with Reeve Dave Burton and local Council members (Donna Graham and Suzanne Partridge, in particular). Many letters have been written and sent off to the Premier, the Mines Minister and MPP's. **You can be of great help by contacting your MPP in your home riding.** We need the support of as many elected officials as possible. Your home riding MPP has a duty to listen to you, even if it's about your cottage property. We need him or her on our side just as much as the local reps up here. You can be sure the mining industry is reaching out to all of them. We need to do the same if we value our cottages and what they mean to our lives.

We live in a geological 'hotspot' for the presence of uranium. While the immediate prospect of an open pit mine in our midst has diminished for the moment, the possibility is still there for future development. An actual mine is one potential threat. The presence of natural uranium in the soil, and its associated chemical compounds such as radon and other radioactive derivatives, are quite another. If you have a deep-water well (over 100'), you are encouraged to think of doing a test for heavy metals. Some of our area wells have produced test results above the stated 'acceptable' limits. This can pose a health risk for your family (bone cancer and kidney disease from uranium), especially in younger children and pregnant women. The cost of testing (about \$80) is slight in relation to the risks involved in not knowing. Remedial solutions can then be determined, if necessary. The same is true for radon gas, which occurs naturally, but can build up in living areas of homes and cottages. Left unchecked, it can increase the risk of lung cancer. A quick test for radon gas concentration can be done for \$50; a more extensive one for \$175. Again, remediation is available.

How do I know these things, and why am I telling you? Not to be alarmist, but simply because I had my place checked out. It failed!!! So, I have installed remediation equipment. My home now comes well within the safe limits published by Health Canada. Does yours? Contact me if you wish to learn more.

Lake water levels:

Two years ago, the federal government commissioned an 'Expert Panel' to study the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway. Why do we care? Because we are part of the RAFT (reservoir and flow-through) lakes which feed water south to sustain Canal operations. In fact, we supply 35% of all the water flowing through

the TSW from watersheds in the Haliburton and Severn uplands. Because we have concerns about fluctuating water levels in our RAFT lakes and about increased drawings from the canal system for municipal and industrial needs, we joined the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) which presented a brief to the Panel (see www.cewf.ca). I was invited to join the Advisory Board of CEWF, and have participated in numerous meetings. We also drafted and presented a brief on behalf of our own association, LGLCA. Last year, the 'Expert Panel' submitted its report to the Minister of Environment Canada, and Parks Canada, under whose authority the TSW falls. That Report, entitled "It's All About the Water", is very far-reaching in its vision and conclusions. Some very important recommendations were made - most importantly, to take water management responsibility from Parks Canada and place it in the hands of a 'super authority', an Independent Water Management Agency. This IWMA would operate with coordinated jurisdictional powers of both the federal and provincial governments in one body instead of, as now exists, competing interests in different levels of government. It would be tasked with administering water needs/policies on a watershed-wide basis, meeting as equitably as possible the needs of all stakeholders, not simply the TSW first, and all others later. There are other key recommendations such as greatly increased funding to up-grade and automate dams and locks, provide better conservation practices, etc. In future, the TSW would operate as one element of the watershed, not drive it as it presently does. The federal government promised to respond within a year; this time has now passed, and we are still waiting.

"It's All About the Water" is an excellent document, about 80 pages long, and well worth reading. CEWF supports the wisdom and breadth of understanding as shown by the Panel. We support their conclusions and recommendations. We believe it results in the fairest and wisest solution for the greatest number. **We need you to voice your support, both to federal MP's and provincial MPP's.** There will be competing voices heard which espouse only limited and narrow solutions serving their own interests. We need proper management of our total watersheds in order to protect our lakes as well as ensure a future for the Trent Canal. It is the combination of the great Severn and Haliburton watersheds which gave birth to the TSW canal system, and which continue to give it life. Properly managed, we can all go on enjoying the water which flows past our respective shores. Some voices wish only to think of the canal locks and dams, believing that if efforts are concentrated there, everything will continue as it always has. However, global warming and increased takings of water from the southern lakes for other than historic canal purposes threaten to leave us with less and less of our water, and to drain it from us at even earlier dates than in past. We believe the Panel's recommendations give us our best chance for preserving our own riparian and navigational rights, while still allowing the Kawarthas and the TSW to maximize their usages. We all need to pull together on this. **Please do your part by speaking to your local MP and MPP in your home riding.** Hopefully, they will have many other constituents from other lakes telling them the same thing. They are our avenues to political success. We need them to take action on our behalf now, not 20 years from now!

These are critical issues at this point in time, and time is of the essence. If you value your cottage, your right to enjoy the water flowing past it and the health of your family, **make a point to visit your home riding MP and MPP** for a friendly chat. They need to hear from us in order to choose the best solutions and laws.

Please attend the Annual General Meeting, 9:30 am, Saturday, 18 July 2009, at the Gooderham Community Centre.

And don't forget the Annual Picnic in the park by the dam, noon to 3:00 pm, Saturday, 1 August 2009 (rain date Sunday, 2 August 2009).

Last, but far from least, may I express 'Thanks' to those volunteers who have helped out with the many tasks involved in furthering the aims and objectives of our Association and its members. You are not always seen, your names may not always be publicly mentioned, but you do have our deep and abiding gratitude. On behalf of LGLCA, Thank you.

Roger Young

LGLCA annual membership dues and road maintenance levies:

Why we charge LGLC Association dues and road fees. What you get in return. What happens if you neglect to pay on time.

Dues and road fees are separate matters, but equally important to us all. Sometimes folks are confused because several different road fees are levied, depending upon where you live. Here's how it all works:

Membership in the Association runs from 1 July of each year to 30 June of the following year. Annual dues are \$25 per cottage and entitle you to one vote at any annual general meeting, or special meeting. You also get an automatic invitation, along with family, friends, etc. to our wonderful summer picnic. **Most important, you get essential road liability insurance coverage.** How does that work, and why should you bother?

Because we all access our cottages by means of rights-of-way over other private lands, we, the holders of those rights-of-way, become legally responsible for their upkeep and for anything that happens upon those roadways, even when used by uninvited strangers and trespassers. That includes any part of a roadway used to reach your cottage, not just the piece running across your lot. If something terrible should happen anywhere on our road network, we could all be jointly as well as individually liable. It is unlikely that your personal cottage insurance protects you for a road accident claim which could be a km or more away along the general right-of-way. The \$25 that you pay to belong to LGLCA each year goes, in large part, to buy a \$5 million road liability insurance policy on your behalf. (Some also goes toward efforts to protect your \$\$\$ investment in your property -such as fighting off uranium mines, working for more equitable consideration of water needs and protecting lake water quality). We take those legal liability worries off your shoulders. We cover the private roadway portions of Alsop, Melanie, Maxwell, Hadley, Union, Magpie, Lamont, Nutcracker, Liberty, Patchway, Ferguson, Stackwood, Driftwood and Maple Ridge. The insurance company provides lawyers in the event we are sued, as well as covering accident claims. If you don't feel that 'peace of mind' coverage is worth \$25 alone, try seeing how far you get hiring a lawyer to protect your butt for \$25 if/when you are sued. He/she might say 'Hello', but quickly ask for a \$2,000 retainer, to be 'refreshed' as often as necessary as time goes by. **You must be a paid-up member of LGLCA in order to be covered. Too late to join after the accident has happened, so send your dues in now!!!**

Road maintenance charges: Ontario law says that everyone, whether individual or group, who holds a right-of-way is responsible for its up-keep. In our situation, the cottage association itself takes care of one piece of 'common usage' roadway. Past that point, area road groups look after their own needs. Where the association or area group buys stone or does road work (including snow ploughing) on behalf of users, each individual owner is legally obliged to contribute his/her fair share. There are no exceptions. There have been cases elsewhere in Ontario where dissenters refused to pay and have been taken to court. They lost, had to pay up, and were assessed costs in addition. It is a legal obligation incumbent upon each of us to pay our fair share of road upkeep. The roadway you use gets you in to your cottage, as well as emergency vehicles, if necessary. When our roads are well kept, the value of our cottages is enhanced; if they are neglected through lack of funds, we all suffer. Your Board believes the Association has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of all, and is committed to a strong road program. Here's how it works at Little Glamor:

Anyone entering from Glamorgan Road, and using Alsop Road between Webster Circle and the fork at Maxwell Trail, pays a road fee to the Association for use of that common roadway. Past practice has been to charge those who live off Maxwell Trail and those who live on 'Upper' Alsop (beyond Maxwell fork) \$75. This fee only covers maintenance on that common portion of Alsop up to Maxwell fork. Melanie Lane residents use a little over half that distance and are charged \$40 as their share. This system was used in past and was re-introduced last year. Some folks are paid up; some are not. Please see the 'score card' in this newsletter and do your best to catch up if you are not already paid. We have had many additional expenses for culvert work on this portion of the road this spring. We will be around to see those who fail to remit. This past year, we also paid for snowploughing of this portion of the road out of the road budget, so you got an even better deal than previously. We would like to continue, but need your full cooperation in order to do so.

Melanie residents also pay for their own road repairs through Ron Kuzenko. Roger Hillier looks after those who use Maxwell. 'Upper' Alsop is now being administered by Jim Andrews and Pat Hullah. Ferguson Road is looked after by David Brusegard and Ted Baumen, while Stackwood, Driftwood and Maple Ridge look after themselves, as needed, as do Hadley/Union, Magpie/Lamont, Nutcracker/Liberty and Patchway.

That is the reason and explanation of why you may be asked to pay different road charges, each for its own section of road. You are not being charged twice; you are simply being asked to pay separately for a different section of road. Those in default will be reminded of their legal obligations to contribute fairly, along with all other users. Together, we can all have better, safer roads.

It has been suggested that winter snowploughing costs could be dramatically reduced by simply levying a common fee as we do for summer maintenance. At present, roads are cleared in winter by small groups of cottagers who pay specially for that purpose. Problem is, a few pay, but others 'freeload'. Those who pay often put up \$200 - \$250 a piece for the privilege of being able to use their cottage over the winter. A few who say they "never come up and aren't interested" then show up and use the same ploughed roads for free. Road captains have been advised to take down license numbers and inform any 'free-loading' users that they will be assessed \$25 per time.

All of this could be avoided if we simply went to a 'flat fee' road maintenance levy to cover both summer and winter. This would really need to be discussed and approved by a majority at an annual or special meeting. If there is serious interest, please so advise your executive. One benefit might well be with regard to cottage fire insurance coverage over the winter months. It is debatable whether many fire insurance policies could be considered totally in compliance if a fire truck could not reach a cottage on which the roads are not ploughed. Such a potential for denial of loss by an insurer would be removed if our roads were under a regular ploughing regime. Think about it, and let us know if you are interested. We can try to pull together some cost projections/comparisons.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find an INVOICE asking you to pay your annual cottage dues and (for those who enter via Alsop) a levy for your share of the maintenance and snowploughing of the common portion. A stamped envelope addressed to the Treasurer is provided. Please cooperate by remitting dues and road fees at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report:

June 2009

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| <u>Road fund:</u> On hand 1 Jan. '08 | \$8659.08 | |
| Collected | <u>5580.00</u> | |
| Total | \$14239.08 | |
| Expenses:..... | <u>2708.23</u> | (Dudman: \$2393.23; Manley: \$315.00) |
| Road Fund Balance on hand:.. | \$11530.85 |\$11530.85 |
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| <u>Association General Fund:</u> On hand 1 Jan. '08 |\$3418.48 | |
| Collected (incl. Interest) | <u>2549.17</u> | |
| Total..... | \$5967.65 | \$5967.65 |
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| Expenses: Insurance | \$1236.60 | |
| Copying, postage, office | 125.97 | |
| FOCA..... | 332.85 | |
| Picnic (ribbons and signs)..... | <u>149.17</u> | |
| Total | \$1844.59 |\$1844.59 |
| General Fund balance on hand | \$4123.06 | <u>4123.06</u> |
| Overall funds standing to the credit of LGLCA | | \$15653.91 |
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| Re: Picnic: Collected | \$569.04 | |
| Expenses..... | <u>294.87</u> | |
| | \$274.17 | (less ribbons, signs \$149.17 = \$125.00 held to credit of future picnics) |

Family Picnic:

Brenda Nicholson advises that a "baked goods" table will be available this year. Donations of cookies, pies, tarts, etc., are welcome. Bring to the raffle table on day of the picnic. Sales made are used to defray picnic expenses. Our thanks to all who are willing to offer a sample of their prize 'home-made' treats.

Your used books, cd's, dvd's, VHS movies, etc., are also welcome. There will be an 'exchange' table where you can swap on a 1-for-1 basis. Used books are also sold for 25 cents if you don't have a 'trade in'.

Brenda also needs 'prizes' to be donated to the raffle. Each year, we have had a fabulous selection of things to be won, both small and large. Please try to help if you can. Small toys or items which can serve as awards to winners of the children's' games and races are also needed.

Can someone assist (actually take over) the 'face-painting' booth? We are in need of a replacement 'artist' if we are again going to have this fun activity for the youngsters.

Tables may be needed for set-up and display. Can you loan one for the afternoon?

Very importantly, this will be Brenda's last year of running this event. Someone new is required for 2010 and the future. Please call Brenda at 447-3051 if you are interested, and/or if you can assist with any of the above items that are needed.

Set-up time for those assisting at the picnic is 11:00 am. The actual picnic begins at noon, August 1, 2009.

Geese: Unfortunately, we are plagued with a small, but persistent, resident flock who hang around pretty much all year. They pollute both the water and the shore, as well as drive the loons away.

There are two means of discouraging them and keeping their numbers down:

1 – don't feed them, and don't provide them with easy access to your lawns and/or grassy areas. Keep a 'buffer zone' of vegetation at least 4 feet in width between the water and your lawns. Geese are wary of walking through tall foliage.

2 – it is permissible to control geese by culling them; after the 3rd week in September, they may be hunted. Volunteers with current, small game/bird licenses and proper firearms permits are needed. Please contact David Brusegard: 447-2376.

Care and upkeep of septic systems: Septic systems must operate properly to be effective. They should be routinely inspected and pumped out every 3 or 4 years. If you see damp areas near your septic bed, or smell unpleasant odours, it is essential that you act immediately. If left un-inspected and/or un-pumped, 'accidents' can damage your property, your waterfront and make swimming and drinking water supply highly unpleasant and very unhealthy. Some older cottages have systems which no longer meet today's regulatory requirements; if yours is one of those, please give consideration to up-grading before a 'disaster' occurs.

Should we adopt a formal 'Lake Plan'? What is it? What could it mean?

Many lake associations across Ontario are now developing their own, specific lake plans, which can be designed, approved, adopted and self-regulated with support from the local municipality. Lake planning tools and guidelines are available from FOCA. This would be a subject well worth discussing at our annual meeting. Please come out and let us know your thoughts.

Have a safe and happy summer. Please think of others as you enjoy your own lakeside holidays. Fun times and great parties make for wonderful memories, as long as they don't upset neighbours. Ours is a small lake. Sometimes many users want to be on it at the same time pulling skiers & tubes. Remember to obey the boating 'rules of the road'. If you don't already know them, take time to learn. Watch out for swimmers and take care not to swamp those in canoes, kayaks, paddle or sail boats. We can all get along, in safety, with a little cooperation and good will. If you are boating near shore, please be aware that Canadian navigation regulations require that boats operating within 30 meters (100 feet) of shore must not exceed 10 km/h. Yes, a water speed limit. It's a safety factor, as well as helping to keep down your wake, which causes floating docks to bounce and erodes the shoreline.

2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes - Little Glamor Lake Cottage Association

July 5, 2008

This was a joint meeting with the Glamor Lake Cottage Association held in Gooderham. The GLCA president, Lori Saville opened the meeting.

Last AGM meeting minutes were noted and approved.
Treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

LGLCA had \$14,228.91 in its account at that time.

Speakers:

Dave Burton, Reeve, introduced Coun. Donna Graham, Gary Stoughton, and Susanne Partridge

Dave Burton spoke:

They received Provincial funding for URSA Road upgrade.
Considering taking hardtop on Glamor Lake Road to the dam.
Also replacing the Donway Bridge

Donna Graham spoke:

Landfill site being cleaned up. Warned that landfill cards will be asked for.
Hazmat dates were noted.
Promoted Horseshoe Days in Gooderham
Promoted the "Connections" Newsletter that can be picked up at the post office.

Lori Saville handed out Uranium Notes to the Glamor Lake cottagers (ours had already been circulated).

Roger Young, Christine Atrill, and Robin Simpson of FUME all spoke on the Uranium Open Pit Mine and Bancroft Uranium, El Nino, Abitibi and Can-Am situation.

Dave Burton was thanked for his efforts in having other townships pass a moratorium resolution. Cottagers were asked by Robin Simpson to write letters and form letters could be obtained, signed and mailed to politicians for a fee of 5 dollars.

Motion: Roger Young moved that both cottage associations donate 100 dollars each to FUME.
Carried

Motion: David Pfrimmer moved that the cottagers present vote on the proposed uranium motion. The vote was called, and carried.

WRAFT's work in attempting to reduce and cap taxes for cottagers was introduced by Brian Cain.

Motion: Brian Cain called for a vote on contributing 300 dollars to WRAFT. Carried

Lake Stewards Reports:

No new data or test kits have been received. Testing will have to be done next year.

Point of Information: Residents 65 and older do not require fishing licences in Ontario.

Jetskis: It was suggested that people should ensure that they discuss the undesirability of Jetskis with their neighbours. If you report unsafe practices to the OPP they will lay charges.

Directors: Brian Morris nominated Margaret Doherty as a new director for LGLCA. Acclaimed.

Lake Water Levels:

Roger Young reported that LGLCA has joined the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), representing 40,000 waterfront property owners in the Haliburton watershed. CEWF made representations to the federal Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway. The Expert Panel has now reported; it made 26 recommendations to the government, including the creation of an independent water management authority. Roger will keep working on this initiative and report back next year.

Meeting was then adjourned.

INVOICE

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

2009-2010 annual dues (per cottage).....\$25.00
(provides you with 'paid-up' membership, including \$5 million group insurance coverage for road accident liability claims which could arise out of your ownership of the right-of-way and/or use by others of the road network leading to your cottage)

plus,

road maintenance and snow ploughing fees for the common portion of Alsop Rd. (between Webster Circle and the Maxwell fork). This applies only to those with cottages on Melanie Lane, 'Upper' Alsop (beyond Maxwell fork) or using any portion of Maxwell Trail. These fees are obligatory. You may also be asked to contribute to costs of maintaining your own specific 'area' road (i.e., beyond the common portion).

Melanie Lane\$40.00

Users of Maxwell Trail or living on Upper Alsop\$75.00

(Ferguson Road cottagers pay only the \$25 Association dues; your 'area' road fees are collected separately).

Please remit payment in the stamped addressed envelope provided, or bring to Annual Mtg. Make cheques payable to: Little Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association (LGLCA).

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Little Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association – 2009-2010 Annual Dues and Road Fees

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mailing address: _____

tell: (_____) _____ email: _____

cottage address: _____

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Melanie cottagers remit total of \$65 (\$40 mandatory Alsop Road fees if not joining LGLCA)

Users of Maxwell Trail or living on 'Upper' Alsop remit total of \$100

Ferguson Rd. cottagers remit \$25

Please check the 'scorecard' in the newsletter and ensure that all past dues and/or road fees for which you are responsible have been paid. We will be calling upon everyone to 'catch up' delinquent dues/fees outstanding. If you have questions or disagree with our records, please call and discuss. We seek only to be fair and equitable to all.