

WESLEMKOON PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Dear Weslemkoon Camper,

This year's annual meeting of your Association was held on Wednesday, July 27, 1955 at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Bevis. Nearly half a hundred campers attended this gathering. Both the business portion of the meeting and the social hour which followed proved thoroughly enjoyable. We are sending each camp owner this report of the Association's activities instead of distributing formal minutes of the meeting.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS DOING

Fishing Despite this summer's hot, dry weather, all reports indicate a renaissance in Weslemkoon fishing. Good catches of both bass and trout were the rule throughout the summer. And, with the new dam stabilizing the water level, it is our earnest belief that fishing will continue to improve. Although natural propagation has been much encouraged by the maintenance of a favorable water level, the Department of Lands and Forests has given further assistance by planting additional fry in both Lake Weslemkoon proper and in its neighboring smaller lakes.

Buoys An adequate number of well-made buoys have been provided to mark dangerous obstructions on commonly traveled routes. To fix responsibility for the placement of these markers and their care and maintenance, the Association has employed one man, Mr. Ray Grant, Weslemkoon P.O., to take charge of this activity for this year. He will see to it that the markers are properly maintained; are in place early in the season; and are collected at the season's close.

Dam Not only was your Association instrumental in obtaining the new dam, but it has been responsible for the transfer of control of the water level from the Hydro Commission (whose principal interest is in obtaining water for power development) to the Department of Lands and Forests (whose interest in this direction lies in the improvement of camping facilities and in improved fishing and hunting conditions). No longer is there a likelihood of the lake's level being dropped suddenly several feet in the middle of the trouts' spawning season! Even though this past summer was extraordinarily hot and dry, Mr. Caverly, the dam tender, maintained the optimum water level with only a few inches' variation throughout the entire season. All of this improves fishing and renders boathouses and docks more useful and convenient.

Roads Roads leading to either end of the lake are in generally good repair. Your Association can take much credit in this respect, for, as in all things with political implications, the appeal of a sizeable organized group carries far more weight than the complaints of individuals.

Post Offices

Thrice-weekly postal service is now available during the summer months from either end of the lake. Mail service has been speeded from the Caverly's Landing P.O. by making direct connections with McArthur Mills, where daily pick-up and delivery service is available.

Safety and Sanitary Provisions

Recognizing that increased use of the lake by both summer residents and casual visitors introduces many problems affecting the health and well-being of everyone, the Association is planning an extensive educational campaign which will feature the distribution of appropriate literature; the procurement of waste containers for the various public landings; and the establishment of safe dumping grounds for cans, bottles, and other inorganic waste materials. A special committee headed by Mr. Clarence Filiere, 19659 Hilliard Road, Rocky River 16, Ohio, has been appointed to develop this program. Mr. Filiere recently reported that another member of his committee, Mrs. C. H. M. Stansell has obtained interesting information concerning water purification and will report on this at the 1956 meeting. Mr. Filiere would also appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to assist in the work of this important committee.

Custodial Care

Every effort is currently being made to improve the custodial care which the Association provides during that long portion of the year when camps are largely unoccupied. To clarify the situation, the following points are brought out:

1. The service provided by the Association is purely inspectional. If a custodian finds camp property damaged, he will make what temporary repairs are necessary to prevent further damage and will inform the cottage owner of the situation and will include a bill for the emergency repairs. The property owner may then have permanent repairs made by any one he chooses. The same situation exists where the custodian is compelled to shovel snow from a flattish roof to prevent collapse: Such labor is an individual matter and the camp owner must expect to pay for such service.
2. It is anticipated that every camp on the lake will be visited at least four times each off-season by its respective custodian. It is his responsibility to inform you of his findings by mail. Appropriate postcards have been provided him. If you do not hear from your custodian as frequently as you should, please contact him directly.
 - (a) If you live at the north end of the lake, south to and including the Shawhan Camp (and including all Otter Lake camps, Oshawa, and Ken Hess' Camp), your custodian for this year is Mr. Cleveland Caverly, McArthur Mills, Ontario.
 - (b) If you live south of the above line and on or near the EAST shore of the lake from Weslenkoon P.O. to Col. Thompson's camp (including all Seymour Creek, Barth's, and Graham's), your custodian for this year is Mr. Percy McCrae, Weslenkoon P.O., Ontario.
 - (c) If you live south of Mr. Caverly's territory and on or near the WEST shore of the lake from Weslenkoon P.O. to the Shawhan Camp (including all of West Bay), your custodian for this year is Mr. Alex Gunter, Weslenkoon P.O., Ontario.

Maps

The maps provided its members by the Association two years ago are now out of print. A new and improved map is now being prepared. It is expected that this new map will be available at the time of the 1956 meeting.

Little Weslenkoon

Since several of our members have a particular interest in little Weslenkoon (Effingham) Lake and have been anxious to facilitate the portage into that lake, they have contributed to a separate fund for this purpose. Mr. Ray Grant has already done a great deal of clearing and dock construction at both ends of the portage and will complete this work in the spring. Mr. Charles Derry has been kind enough to volunteer to construct a dolly to make it easier to take a boat from one lake to the other. We expect that this, also, will be available in the spring of 1956.

GENERAL

Your officers and directors earnestly believe that the \$5.00 per year dues to your Association represent a real value to every person interested in Lake Weslenkoon. We all are anxious to secure additional members so that the services furnished by the Weslenkoon Protective Association may be expanded. If you have not already paid your dues, a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Won't you send your check today?

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Dues Please forward your check now if you have not already paid your dues.
2. Mailing List If your name and address are not correct as they appear on the envelope in which this bulletin is being sent you, please send the secretary a correction.
3. Suggestions Please do not hesitate to forward any ideas or suggestions for the betterment of conditions in the Weslenkoon territory to your secretary. He will see that they are forwarded to the proper persons for consideration.
4. 1956 Meeting Since the last Wednesday in July has been so favorably received as a meeting date, we ask that you kindly reserve this day (July 25) for our next meeting.

APPRECIATION

The undersigned officers of your association wish to express their gratitude for the help given them. Particular thanks are due The Bevises, who acted as hosts to the association on the occasion of the annual meeting. We wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

J. Harvey Bryan, President

William H. Schroeder, Secretary/Treasurer

Address of your Secretary:
3737 Aylesboro Avenue
Cincinnati 8, Ohio

Happy New Year to you all

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