

RLCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 11, 2009

1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Our President, Shal Gewurtz called the meeting to order & welcomed everyone. He reviewed the Agenda, which includes reports by Board Members and presentations by 3 Guest Speakers.

Shal introduced the 2009 Board of Directors, and thanked them for their support and all their hard work:

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| President | - Shal Gewurtz |
| VP & Assistant Editor | - Larry Cousins |
| Treasurer & Memberships | - Sue Armstrong |
| Secretary | - Cathy Lancia |
| Newsletter Editor | - Theresa Kim |
| Advertising & Merchandising | - Judy Cole |
| Municipal Liaison | - Aline Huleva |
| Lake Steward | - John Jackson |
| Directors-At-Large | - John Anderson, Al Cole, Keith Beard, Fred Saunders & Debbie Wright |

Shal indicated that Cathy Lancia, who as our Board's Secretary would normally be recording the minutes for this meeting, could not be present. However, Cathy's colleague, Shirley Rule, is present to record the minutes. Shal thanked Shirley for taking time from her busy schedule to be at this meeting.

Three directors are retiring this year, and Shal thanked each one of them:

Al Cole – Thank you for your long service in a variety of roles, which included looking after the fire pumps that RLCA used to have. Thank you Al and hopefully this is just a temporary absence.

Debbie Wright – Her heavy load at work made it difficult for her to stay on. Thank you for your contributions and hope to see you back again.

Theresa Kim – Newsletter Editor – Thank you for all your work and hope to see you back on the Board again.

Shal indicated that he had one more “thank you” to express, and he guessed that the person would be surprised. Shal reminded the gathering that he was not present at the 2008 AGM when he was nominated in absentia, and therefore, he didn't have the opportunity to thank John Anderson for his superb service as 2006-08 President of the Association. So under the theory of “better late than never”, Shal thanked John for his service as president. John has served the Board for over 10 years. This past year he ran the fire pump auction, monitored the Trent-Severn issue, and wrote a professional project proposal. Shal thanked John for staying on as a Director and lending his support.

Shal also thanked Janice Parker, our Councilor & Stephen Patrick from the County Voice for attending the meeting. He also acknowledged the presence of Duncan McCallum President of the Kennisis Lake association (KLCOA) who is attending as a guest. In this context, Shal said that the Board is trying to resurrect a practice whereby RLCA and KLCOA attend each other's meetings to foster greater interaction on common interests.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - OVERVIEW OF BOARD ACTIVITIES – Shal Gewurtz

i) Redstone Lake Map

The County provides a service to develop maps free of charge to Cottagers Associations as long as there would be no profit made by the Associations or anyone else.

The Board provided input and guidance to Jesse Lougheed, the County's GPS technician, and a wonderful map of Redstone Lake was produced. Shal used this opportunity to publicly thank Jesse for his hard work on our behalf. Shal signed a County Agreement which binds RLCA not to derive a profit from the map. There is a cost to RLCA making copies but the Board made a decision to invest in our membership and promote the map in a membership drive. So Shal asked everyone to help by spreading the word that a great map is available for each 2009 paid membership. He encouraged everyone to talk to their neighbours who are not members and encourage them to join RLCA. Several people have been asking if they can get more than one copy, and the answer for now is that this is a decision that the Board will have to make if there is sufficient demand to warrant making additional copies, But for now, we have enough copies to meet our commitment of one free map for each 2009 paid membership. . The County, however has additional maps in various sizes for a fee.

ii) Liability Insurance Policies for RLCA

The Board researched and obtained liability insurance for the Directors and Officers of the Board and Commercial General liability, to include RLCA members who may be asked to help with activities. The cost of both policies was \$1620.

iii) Newsletters

Two Newsletters have been sent out so far this year. One in January and one in June.

iv) Auctioned Fire Pumps

Three fire pumps that once belonged to RLCA were successfully auctioned off on-line. RLCA no longer holds responsibility with respect to firefighting, and a public announcement was made to this effect in the Winter 2009 issue of the RLCA Newsletter which also summarized the rationale for getting rid of this responsibility.

v) Set up Pay-Pal Account on the Website

Cottagers can now pay their Annual Dues on line using Pay Pal.

vi) Maintain Website

The Board is constantly updating the web site, www.rlca_haliburton.ca. Ron Foreman who is the RLCA webmaster will be giving a short presentation about our website later in the meeting.

vii) Coalition of Haliburton Lake Associations (CHA)

- the main objective of the CHA is to share information and effort among lake associations. This is important because all lake associations have a shortage of volunteers and time
- the Board weighed the pros and cons and has decided to participate
- no fees are required from member lake associations
- An example of shared effort - Newsletter articles can be shared amongst the various Lake Associations
- a major CHA Project is the development of a Manual for Lake Area Property Owners A copy will be given to each property owner in Haliburton paid for by revenues generated by advertisements. Realtors will be asked to give a copy to new owners along with a 1 year membership in their respective Associations.

vii) Lake Plan

The Board participated in developing the FOCA Lake Planning Hand Book. The Board started work on lake planning when Keith Beard collected information through a questionnaire several years ago. More recently, Aline Huleva participated in the production of the Hand Book, which was done under the auspices of FOCA and the Haliburton Stewardship Council, with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Handbook was launched by the Ontario MNR Minister, the Honourable Donna Canfield giving it a high profile..

Next Steps for RLCA:

- Use the Handbook to develop a Lake Plan for Redstone
- Use resources from other Associations (CHA)

Dysart is following the RLCA Initiative with interest. It has been discussed that getting 75% of all property owners on Redstone to approve the plan would hopefully get the attention of the Municipality.

viii) Municipal Liaison

Aline Huleva is our liaison with the Municipality, where she keeps track of Municipal Affairs.

ix) Shoreline Property Owners Site Visit Program

Sponsored by the Lakeland Alliance, qualified advisors conduct on-site consultations with shoreline property owners. John Anderson championed this cause for RLCA and prepared a great proposal, but this year 2 other lakes were chosen for this program. We are hoping that Redstone will be chosen next year.

x) Uranium Mining in Haliburton

The RLCA is monitoring developments in this area. The Ontario Mining Act has undergone a review, and will be changed. For example, it appears that prospectors can no longer come onto private property for the purposes of staking a mining claim, but other issues are still outstanding.

The following are additional Board Initiatives, and there will be reports on some of them by Board Members and Guest Speakers:

- Membership Drive
- Financial and Membership report – Sue Armstrong
- Lake Stewardship – John Jackson
- Trent Severn Waterway Issues and Coalition for Equitable Water Flow – John Anderson
- Internet Service for entire Redstone Lake Community – Jamie Parks
- Monitoring Property Tax Developments (WRAFT)
- Contacts with Groups and Issues of Interest to RLCA Members (e.g. Haliburton Land Trust, Dedicated Angler Program, Green Haliburton Initiative)

DISCUSSION (questions or comments) AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: Is there an available list of all cottage owners?

A: Our Association only maintains a list of paid members and for privacy issues, this cannot be posted on the Web.

Q: What are the details of the Lake Plan?

A: Examples are – do you want a Marina/ boathouses/ clear cutting on the lake?
The Plan will be used as a guide and whether it has a semi official status would depend on the Municipality. Janice Parker explained that the Lake Plan is more of a Best Practices Document. Once we have a Lake Plan document, we will take it to the RLCA members.

Q: How does it work for development on the Lake?

A: As Janice Parker clarified, a Lake Plan is a best practice document, but as everyone is aware, development is regulated by the Municipality through building permits and Council decisions, in accordance with the Municipality's Official Plan. Dysart's Official Plan is undergoing its 5-year review and there will be a public Open House on August 22, 2009. Details are on the Dysart website www.dysartetal.ca

Contractors should be aware of the rules and regulations and they should educate their clients. One property owner clear cut 75 trees on his property to the dismay of his neighbours.

3. INTERNET SERVICE IN THE REDSTONE AREA – Jamie Parks

Shal introduced Jamie Parks from the County of Haliburton, coordinator of the Broadband Access Program. Jamie explained that the County of Haliburton has partnered with Bell Aliant and Xittel Wireless Service. Jamie showed a map indicating the provision of Internet Services that have already taken place and those that will take place in 2009/2010.

Farm & Rural Agricultural Affairs has granted the County with \$1,000,000.00 for this Project. Bell Aliant gave the best proposal, with fibre optics. Each cabinet services approximately 5.5 kilometers at a cost of \$250,000. Hopefully the funding will keep coming in and technology should gradually get more reasonable. To obtain more information call 310 bell or go to www.bell.ca

Xittel took over the W3 Connex Business. Xittel has towers that can hit areas that aren't serviced by Bell Aliant. They are in need of sponsors to host a tower for the Redstone area.

The 3 G-Sticks are another method of connecting to the internet. Two brands were mentioned: Bell Turbo Stick and the Rogers Rocket Stick. It is advisable to test them first to see if there is service. Shal said that he has tried the Rogers Stick, under a 30 day trial, and it was useful to have the option to return the Stick if the overall reception turns out to be poor..

Internet Courses are being offered at Sir Sandford Flemming College in Haliburton
-2 Business Courses – 1. Your Domain 2. Understanding Web Designs
-2 Individual Courses – Internet, E-mail and you

The County is also sponsoring a Hot Spot Program whereby selected locations have been set up with internet service. People wanting internet services can visit these locations or even just sit in the parking lot to connect to the internet. The West Guilford Community Centre may be one such "Hot Spot"

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: Is Xittel weather dependant?

A: To some degree, but not as much as Satellite Service. The 3G- Sticks are also weather dependant. Both Bell and Rogers were tested on Kennisis (North Shore) and Rogers proved to be the better provider. Rusty’s Auto sells Bell Services and Halco sells Rogers.

Shal announced a 15 – minute Coffee Break

4. WEBSITE – Ron Foreman

Shal introduced Ron Foreman, who has been the RLCA Web-master for about 2 years and he will explain how we can maximize the benefits from the website.

Ron started his presentation by referring to RLCA’s mission which is:

- Advance the cultural and social interest of the summer and permanent residents of the Township.
- Promote the interest of persons owning property in the Township and vicinity.
- Promote aquatic and other social and physical activities among the young people.
- Protect our environment..

Ron said that the RLCA website is an important tool towards achieving our mission. He provided some statistics for our website

| | June 2009 | May 2009 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|
| Visits | 408 (+77% - 2008) | 261 |
| Unique Visitors | 328 | 201 |
| Pageviews | 1285 | 883 |
| Pages/Visit | 3.15 | 3.38 |
| Bounce Rate – people immediately leaving the page | 44.85 | 42.53 |
| Average Time | 2:25 | 2:33 |
| New Visits | 67.65 | 69.73 |

New visits – have had visits from many other countries...

| | June 2009 | May 2009 |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Canada | 362 | 224 |
| US | 29 | 35 |
| Ireland | 5 | 1 |
| UK | 2 | 0 |

Other countries with at least one visitor:

United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Taiwan, Germany, Belgium, Qatar, South Korea, Hungary, Netherlands

Regarding the Sources for Traffic to the RLCA website

| | June 2009 | May 2009 |
|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Direct | 36 % | 20 % |
| Referrals | 12 % | 13 % |
| Search Engines | 52 % | 67 % |

Regarding Search Engines used to lead to the RLCA website

| | June 2009 | May 2009 |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| Google | 191 | 144 |
| Yahoo | 17 | 16 |
| Bing | 4 | 0 |
| Live | 0 | 10 |
| MSN | 0 | 6 |

Regarding Keywords used to get to the RLCA website

| | June 2009 | May 2009 |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Redstone lake | 51 | 41 |
| Redstone Lake Ontario | 19 | 22 |
| Redstone lake cottagers association | 13 | 3 |
| Redstone lake haliburton | 13 | 13 |
| Others: ontario cottage association, pelaw lake, little redstone lake, map of redstone lake haliburton | | |

Ron finished his presentation by providing a few “take away ideas” to strengthen the RLCA Website:

- Refresh the site’s content regularly. Make it a frequent destination for stakeholders.
- Launch an online membership campaign with an incentive to join or re-join (the map?).
- Offer our newsletter advertisers space on the website for an additional fee.
- Survey the members about their concerns.

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: How many members have e-mail?

A: This will be answered in the financial/membership report.

- Q: Would it be possible for the Association to purchase and install a Bulletin Board at the beginning of Redkenn Road?
- A: The Board will have to discuss this. The Notice Board on Boice Bradley Road was put up and paid for by the East Bay Association, not RLCA.
- Q: Shal asked if hyphen in the RLCA web address (www.rlca-haliburton.com) may be problematic or be difficult for some internet surfers, and as a result, we may be losing some traffic.
- A: Ron said that ideally, a web address should not have a hyphen. When RLCA set up its web site, the natural choice for our address would have simply made use of “RLCA”, but this was already spoken for by someone else, so we had to use rlca-haliburton.com address. It is not ideal but it isn’t too bad, and RLCA members (the primary clients) would have it pop up automatically on their computers.
- Q: Would it be possible to have information posted on Facebook?
- A: May be a possibility – but would many RLCA members use it?.

5. FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS – Sue Armstrong

Sue Armstrong gave the RLCA Financial Report for the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The balance as of March 31st was \$11,552. See attached Statement.

A Pay Pal account was set up to receive On Line Annual Fee Payments. It costs an extra \$1.50 to use this method of payment. 82% of our RLCA are using e-mail to receive information which is a cost saving for mail outs etc. Sue thanks Ron Foreman with setting up the Website and for his hard work and assistance.

Membership

2006 – 213 Members
2007 – 210 Members
2008 – 206 Members
2009 – 71 Members so far

We are trying to attract new members by offering the new Redstone Map and make it easier to make payments by using Pay Pal.

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

There was a rumour that Kennisis Lake has 4 Associations. Duncan McCallum President of KLCOA assured us that there is only 1 Association but people may be confusing it with the many private road associations.

There was a motion to accept the Financial Statement; moved by Fred Saunders and seconded by Ed Hayward. All in agreement – none opposed. **The motion was passed.**

6. LAKE STEWARD REPORT – John Jackson

FOCA and MOE have monitoring data for the phosphorus levels in the lake. Phosphorus controls the algae growth. An increase in phosphorus causes a decrease in the clarity and quality of the water.

Secchi Disks are used to check the clarity of the water and the water is tested several times per year. John tested Redstone on December 24, 2008. The clarity was 8.2 which he felt was high at the time. He checked again after it rained on December 27th, 2008 and the reading was 8.5. The Board has purchased a pH meter. to allow John to test for acidity levels. Recall that a neutral pH reading is 7, with levels below 7 being acidic and above 7 being alkaline or basic. According to MOE results, the pH for Redstone was 6.4 in 1980 and 6.6 in 2008. Currently, John measures the pH to be between 7.6 and 8.5, so the lake has become slightly alkaline.

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: What effect does a 2 stroke or a 4 stroke have on acidity?

A: The effects aren't as severe as sulphates from the atmosphere. There's a seasonal shift in the test results, as more boaters are obviously using the lakes more in the summer.

Q: Where in the Pelaw is the deepest part?

A: In the middle – it is approximately 20' deep.

Q: Is there a statistical difference between Pelaw and Little & Big Redstone?

A: NO

Invasive Species

Some cottagers have noticed green substance on the docks. It is non-threatening. It is a bio weed, a form of algae, and completely normal. There is also a plant called Canadian Water Weed which is completely natural. There have been no reports of invasive species. Regarding the Zebra Mussels, Redstone has a lack of calcium in the water, so it is not conducive to Zebra Mussels.

Mr. Bird said that he saw one! Hope they won't be settling into this area!

The MOE has stopped monitoring the acidity. Shal asked John whether we should send our results to the MOE. John said that MOE may be interested. The more alkaline, the more algae. A good rate is 6.5 – 8.5. If the rate is more, it could affect the fish.

7. UPDATE ON TRENT SEVERN COALITION

RLCA is a participant in the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). The CEWF was formed to provide input to the Review Panel for the Trent-Severn Waterway. For more information, the link will be on our Website.

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: Who is the Minister of Natural Resources?

A: Donna Canfield? We need to make the MP's aware of the Trent Report. We want them to agree with us.

Q: Are Golf Courses now using their own water?

- A: Golf Courses can no longer draw their supply from natural streams – they must build their own reserve or use a well.
- Q: Will there be more funding?
- A: There is no need at this point. Hopefully the coalition will get results and persevere.
- Q: Has there been progress on the Trent Water levels?
- A: There doesn't seem to be. You can go online to read sample letters
- Q: I am in an area where trees used to grow in the lake. Was the lake level originally lower?
- A: Yes, until 1906 when the dams were built, therefore effecting control of the water levels.

8 & 9. PREPARATION FOR & ELECTION of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors – Shal Gewurtz

Shal explained how the election will proceed. First, he will present a proposed slate for the incoming Board which the 2008-09 Board prepared, and he will ask for a motion that the proposed slate be adopted. If passed, the proposed slate will form a “Core Board”. Then Shal will ask for nominations from the floor, and this will give an opportunity for new directors to be elected to the Board.

The proposed slate consists of the Board members from the outgoing Board minus the 3 Directors who are leaving. For the record, the names on the proposed slate are : OFFICERS – Shal Gewurtz (President), Larry Cousins (VP), Sue Armstrong (Treasurer & Membership), Cathy Lancia (Secretary), John Jackson (Lake Steward). DIRECTORS – Judy Cole, Aline Huleva, John Anderson, Keith Beard, Fred Saunders,

Shal asked for a motion from the floor “that the proposed slate form the core of the 2009-10 Board of Directors, subject to additional names after the elections”. This motion was proposed by Andrew Oliver, seconded by Ted Mercer. All in agreement; none opposed. **Motion carried.** Congratulations to all Board Members.

Our insurance policy covers 15 Board members, so we're certainly looking for 3 new members to replace the directors who are leaving, but ideally we would like 5 additional directors..

SOME QUESTIONS ASKED

- Q: What is the time commitment involved?
- A: It is not onerous. There are usually 3 Executive Meetings per year (1 every 4 months) We use e-mail to do business between meetings. The meetings are usually held at Shal's place. The coffee and muffins are great! Fred Saunders interjected that he has been a member for a year and has found it to be a tremendous experience. He has learned a lot about ecology and would encourage people to volunteer.

Jim Howard-Tripp volunteered to join the Board. Larry Cousins seconded the motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.** Welcome to the Board Jim!

Ron Ciancone nominated his wife **Mary Lou Ciancone.** Jim Howard-Tripp seconded the motion. All in Favour. (Except for Mary Lou 😊). **Motion carried.** Welcome to the Board Mary Lou!

Ann Bates nominated her husband, **Harvey Bates**. Seconded by Sue Armstrong. All in favour. **Motion carried**. Welcome to the Board Harvey.

Mary Mercer nominated **Lee Hayward** to the Board. Seconded by Sue Armstrong. All in favour. **Motion carried**. Welcome Lee!

There being no more nominations, Shal declared the election to be over, and he thanked the new directors for stepping forward to serve, and the membership for participating in the election

10. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Jackson introduced David Flowers, Fish Extension Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Minden Area Office. David thanked the RLCA for inviting him and noted that the Board is very knowledgeable on Lake issues. He wants everyone to be aware that he is available at the MNR to assist anyone who has questions or concerns.

David briefly described the characteristics of Redstone lake which has a large surface area of 1194 ha., a maximum depth of 82.4 m., and a mean depth of 21.9 m. At all depths, the lake water is well oxygenated, and together with excellent deep-water habitat for cold water fish species, Redstone has optimal conditions for the growth of lake trout. Redstone has a lake trout species that is genetically unique to this area. It is called “Haliburton Gold”, and with its smaller, torpedo-shaped body, strong fighting ability and delicious salmon-coloured flesh, it is different from other lake trout species. They have been designated as a heritage species. David strongly suggested that we should all do our best to protect and enhance our fish population and anglers should keep a ‘diary’ on what they are catching.

The Haliburton Lake Trout Project (HLTP) is a community-based effort designed to enhance our lake trout fisheries. Volunteers and professionals have joined forces to improve angling opportunities. A major component of this project is protecting the Haliburton Gold lake trout strain and reintroducing them into selected lakes within the County.

Studies have been conducted on Redstone since 1967 for water quality, habitat mapping, and netting surveys, including contaminant sampling. This year, 2500 trout were put back into the lake; last year, there were 1000. Information will be provided on our website and you can go to the MNR to get info on Redstone.

Recreational fishing brings almost \$2.5 billion to the Ontario economy. The MNR works to maintain healthy fish stocks and in 2004, introduced the Ecological Framework for Fisheries Management to enhance fisheries management. In 2008, the MNR began a province-wide Broad-scale Fisheries Monitoring Program, which monitors the health of fish populations, fishing activity and water quality. There are 3,251 lakes in Ontario and the MNR plans to monitor approximately 254 lakes across Fisheries Management Zones 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18. 168 lakes will be fixed sites, monitored once every 5 years; 68 lakes will be selected randomly at the beginning of every 5-year monitoring cycle. Redstone has been chosen for this program as a fixed site.

Last year 189 lakes were monitored for fish abundance and characteristics; 225 lakes were monitored for water temperatures, oxygen levels and clarity and 178 lakes were checked for invasive species such as the spiny waterflea and rock bass. Invasive species were found in some new lakes.

Small and Large Netting operations will be conducted on Redstone from September 8 – 18 of this year. The net sets will be clearly marked with MNR buoys and boaters are asked to avoid activities in these areas. The fish caught during the netting survey will be studied for fish species, sex, age, length, weight, and general health. Some fish will be used for contaminant sampling, (mostly those that die during the netting operation). The preliminary results of the findings will be posted on the RLCA website, or you could contact David and the MNR.

DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION

Q: What is the oldest fish caught in the Lake?

A: Most fish caught are between 6 – 16 years of age and between 1 ½ - 2 lbs. They usually don't grow larger than that because they are feeding mostly on insects. If they feed on smaller fish, they will get much larger. Redstone has a healthy fish population. They can live up to 30 years. The Haliburton Gold Trout are glacial relics and were given the name because the eggs are gold in colour.

Q: How long will it take to get recommendations on how to improve our Lake?

A: The results of the Netting program to be done in September will be available in the Fall and will be made available to the Board for distribution to the membership. Any recommendations from the netting program will take longer and may be made after surveys in other lakes are completed.

David gave away some door prizes, sponsored by the Dedicated Angler Program. Two prints of the Haliburton Lake Gold Trout, and three posters on Fish Species were given to the lucky recipients. These posters and pictures can be purchased at Service Ontario in Minden. David was thanked for sharing his expertise with our Association and Shal presented him with a Map of Redstone on behalf of all the Members. We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with David.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and thank Bill Burdon, West Guilford Shopping Centre for provided the food for the meeting. Bill has supported us with ads in our Newsletter and in turn, we hope the members will support Bill at the West Guilford Shopping Centre.

We would also like to thank Larry and Susi Cousins for busily barbecuing as we speak. We also thank Judy and Bob Cole for providing the barbeque and Shirley Rule, for taking the minutes of the meeting for Cathy Lancia. Thank you also to the folks who manned the desk, handling the dues paid, the map, etc. these include Sue Armstrong, Louise Jackson, Margo Gewurtz, and Judy Cole. Thank you to Keith Beard for collating all the power point presentations. Thank you to the Board for helping to make this a successful AGM, and to Janice Parker, Stephen Patrick from The County Voice and Duncan McCallum for attending our meeting.

12. RCLA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

It was moved by John Anderson that the RLCA donate \$250.00 to the Haliburton Health Services. It was seconded by Keith Beard. All in favour, none opposed. **Motion carried.**

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next RLCA AGM is scheduled for July 10, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. at the same location. Shal mentioned the two dates set aside by the Municipality for the free disposal of household hazardous waste, August 8th at the Haliburton Dump from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. and on August 22nd, in the Harcourt Dump.

Lindy Smith announced that the new building being erected on York Street in Haliburton is the New Library. It is 5,000 sq feet and will have a fireplace with seating area, a patio and a greater collection of books. The Federal Government has provided a Grant which has paid for the building, but not the furnishings. Their goal is to raise \$150,000 by fund- raising and by donations. They are looking for a one time donation. All donors will be recognized by having their names appear on a large quilt, if the donation is between \$50.00 and \$499.00.

There will be Donor's Wall with your name on it grouped into donations of \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$10,000 or more. Lindy is hoping that the RLCA will consider a donation. Keith Beard called for a motion for a donation of \$200 from RLCA with the Board discussing a possible increase of this amount. All in favour, none opposed. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION

Q: Were local contractors hired to build the library?

A: Janice Parker is part of the building committee and most of the tenders came from the Bracebridge Area for the construction of the building. Tenders for the furnishings are out, but no one from this area appears to be bidding.

Shal announced that there are many hand-outs available at the back of the room, including Trent Severn Coalition Bookmarks.

DISCUSSION

Q: Will there be a fence put around the dump?

A: Janice Parker said No, there will not be a fence put around the dump.

Q: Is it possible to extend the Dump hours on Sundays and Holidays?

A: Janice reported that statistics were kept of vehicle traffic, between 10 & 12 on those days and between 6 – 8 p.m. There were 4 times as many cars during the 10 -12 period than there were between 6 – 8 p.m., so the decision was made to change the hours to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays.

Shal asked if anyone had any further announcements, and there were none. Motion by John Anderson to end the meeting. Seconded by Fred Saunders. All in favour, none opposed. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. A free barbecue hot dog Lunch followed.