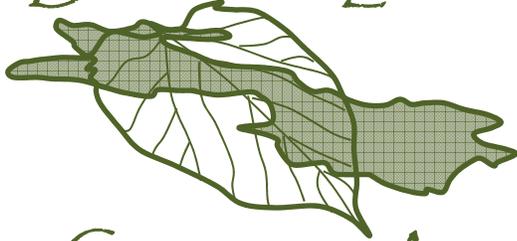


Basswood Lake



Cottagers' Association

Fall/Winter 2010

Newsletter

Message from the Chair

Dear Members,

We are so fortunate to be located on one of the most pristine lakes in North America. As an association, our membership is charged with maintaining and enhancing the quality of life on the lake.

In 2011, we hope to have a tour of Basswood, and learn more of its history by visiting some of the cottages and letting their owners provide details of their experiences on the lake.

In advance of the tour, we would welcome your suggestions, so please write to me and let me know what properties you would like to know more about.

We also plan to provide a 2012 calendar for our members, with unique photos of the lake and its surroundings. If you have pictures you would like to submit, please send them to mhunting@cinci.rr.com.

In recent years our paid membership has declined. As your new Chairman, I will try to contact all current and former members, with the following goals in mind:

1) Update our membership list with current addresses (both physical and e-mail)

2) See what you would like our association to do for you and our lake

3) Collect dues for 2010.

Our dues are still only \$25, and as a paid member you can save up to 5% on your cottage insurance, through our membership in Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association (FOCA). This savings should more than cover the cost of our dues.

If you have not already done so, please send your dues, made payable to Basswood Lake Cottagers' Association, to

Jane Mason
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Thessalon, ON
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I look forward to meeting or speaking with most of our members during the next year.

Sincerely,
Michael Hunting, Chairman
Big Basswood Lake Association

AGM News

The annual meeting was held at Sowerby Hall on July 25, 2010.

A set of by-laws was presented and adopted, and a copy will be available on our website in the new year.

Elections were held at the meeting, with the following board members being returned or elected:

Andrew MacKay
Jane Mason, Secretary
Joanne Falk
Jon Cavanagh
Ken (Kasiy) Shaw
Lenny Ivison
Lolly Hunting
Maria Kasch, Treasurer
Marilyn Kellum
Mike Hunting, Chair
Peter Van Hoof

Mark your calendar for next year's AGM:
Sunday, July 24th, 10am, Sowerby Hall

Basswood Lake Website

Dan Kachur did a wonderful job designing the original Basswood Lake website and we appreciate his work to date. Plans are now underway to update the site, making it more interactive for members. Watch for additional information on this initiative in early 2011.



Wildlife and Habitat Inventory

Plans are progressing to involve lake residents in observing and reporting wildlife sightings, plants and their habitats on and around Big Basswood Lake. Observing and monitoring natural phenomena is another way to evaluate the lake's overall health. It also strengthens our connections to and enhances our understanding of Big Basswood Lake and its watershed. These observations will serve as an invaluable benchmark for future reference.

The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition and the Kensington Conservancy are providing resources to assist in the development of this project. We are looking for involvement at all levels for implementing the inventory. Any botanists, birders, naturalists, teachers, tech people, neighborhood organizers out there? Let us know. Please contact Marilyn Kellum at mkellum@umich.edu or 734-428-8725.

Share Your History With Us

As Mike mentioned in his message from the chair, we would like to produce a calendar featuring interesting photos from around the lake. In order to have the calendar ready for 2012, we will need time to prepare so please search your archives and send your pictures to Mike and Lolly at mhunting@cinci.rr.com by March 2011.

Stay in Touch

Our member contact list allows us to provide you with timely information on events in the area. We would like to keep in touch electronically wherever possible, so if you use email but are still receiving this newsletter by mail, please send your email address to Joanne Falk, joanne.falk@gmail.com or Mike Hunting, mhunting@cinci.rr.com.

Harris Creek Winter, photo provided by Joanne Falk
