

RIL COTTAGE CONNECTION

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2008 ASSOCIATION DUES

This is the first year of our new \$20 association dues, which is the first rate increase since 1973. So far we have about 28% paid membership for the 2008 year.

Please complete the attached membership information form and forward it to June Crittenden along with your \$20 dues. Please make sure all contact information is complete, and if possible include an email contact so we can communicate with our membership more quickly when the need arises.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer of 2008 is quickly approaching and what better place to be, after a very trying winter, than our getaway location of Ril Lake. This spring has seen record water levels with the massive snowfall melt and a few spring showers. This type of weather usually brings adverse affects to our lake's water quality. Hopefully, the impact of this year's spring run-off will be minimal.

NEW RIL LAKE SIGN & ASSOCIATION LOGO

At last year's AGM, it was moved and accepted that a new Ril Lake Sign should be completed to replace the existing sign. This new sign project stimulated our initiative for a new Ril Lake logo. Thanks to Neil Bradshaw (Muskoka Bob Road), of 'Bradshaw Design Solutions' for donating his time and expertise to design the new sign and logo. Neil proposed 3 design concepts, which were put to a membership vote via email. The winning circular crest design won with 18 votes, followed by the other two options which rec'd 10 votes each. Hopefully we will have full utilization of both the new sign and logo early this summer.

NATIVE TREE & SHRUB SALE

Casey Cook's place will again be a pick up location for the Muskoka Heritage Foundation's annual Native Plant Sale. An order form is attached. Your ordering options, including online ordering at www.muskokaheritage.org, and deadline are indicated on the form. Casey will take care of your plants until you can pick them up.

Another option is to shop in person on Saturday, May 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ministry of Natural Resources' parking lot, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON.

This is a great way to help nature clean itself of the toxins and pollutants which have become mankind's legacy.

SAILING REGATTA & SAILING LESSONS

Bruce Clifford (James Point Road) organized the inaugural Ril Lake Sailing Regatta held last summer. Bruce is planning the second annual regatta for this summer, with the added feature of an afternoon of sailing lessons. Full details and dates will be forthcoming at "Dock-Talk".

NEW RIL LAKE ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS

by Paul Priest

At last year's AGM and again in the Fall 2007 Newsletter, I outlined some upcoming additions to strengthen our Association, now and for years to come. My mandate, as President, is to establish and maintain a strong, representative, democratic, and pro-active paid membership.

With only some 176 residences (full & part time), we have a difficult task of maintaining a democratic representation from the majority of our property owners. In the past, we have had paid membership levels as low as only 30% of property owners, of which less than half would attend the AGM while trying to govern association business. That meant 15% of residents, at most, were making decisions on behalf of all owners. This is not only unmanageable, but also non-democratic!

Also, in the past there has been a small core of volunteers willing to take an active, and sometimes long term, role in our small lake community. This is not unusual, but we need to share these community responsibilities over shorter periods of time to give new input and vitality a chance to lead our association.

So, it is in the spirit of democratic association governance and the need to maintain a dynamic association, that I put the attached resolutions forward for all residents to cast their vote.

In closing, you have three things on your to do list:

1. Complete the **Membership Information Form** and send in your \$20 dues for 2008.
2. Cast your **vote for the Resolutions** attached, and forward the ballots to David Parsons, Secretary.
3. **Order your 'Native Trees & Shrubs'** to kick start your 2008 "Re-naturalization Effort".

Have a great spring and we'll see you in the summer at "Dock-Talk" and the AGM.

RIL LAKE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

2008

CONTACT SHEET

2008 Annual Fee Payable: \$20 per property owned

NAME[S] _____

COTTAGE ADDRESS _____

Baysville, ON
P0B 1A0

HOME ADDRESS _____

CONTACT

Home _____

Cottage _____

Email Address _____

ISSUES OF INTEREST IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE:

Please print and complete this form and submit along with your 2008 annual fee payment of **\$20 per property owned**.

Cheques should be issued to **Ril Lake Association** and sent to

June Crittenden
Ril Lake Association Treasurer
1091 M^cArthur Point Road
R.R. #1
Baysville, ON P0B 1A0

Ph: 705.767.3677

Ril Lake Association – Proposed Resolutions to the Constitution

You may vote for each of the resolutions by ONE of the following methods:

1. in person at the AGM,
2. by proxy, (see below *)
3. or by assigning your vote to one of the Executives of the Association. (see below *)

1. Voting Rights

Be it resolved that 'Paid-up' members of the Ril Lake Association will be granted 1 vote per cottage / household property (address), and 'Non-Paid' members will be granted 1 half vote, on issues of constitutional importance.

For Against Withheld

2. Membership Threshold for Association Solvency

Be it resolved that the Ril Lake Association shall remain solvent and active only if there is a minimum of 66% paid membership, noting that with paid membership of less than 55%, the Association becomes non-representative of the general Ril Lake population and shall become dormant and insolvent.

For Against Withheld

3. Annual General Meeting (AGM) Quorum

Be it resolved that a quorum of

- a) 66% of the 66% paid members: 76 properties represented (43% of total properties)

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- b) 35% of the 66% paid members: 40 properties represented (23% of total properties)

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- c) 25% of the 66% paid members: 29 properties represented (16% of total properties)

This roughly what we have had historically at AGM's

For Against Withheld

....shall be required for the meeting to be deemed constitutional. If the meeting does not meet this constitutional requirement, then all decisions made at the meeting regarding the operation of the Association shall be null and void.

4. Limitation of Terms as 'President' of the Association

Be it resolved that the President of the Association may only hold office for a maximum of three consecutive terms (or 6 years).

For Against Withheld

To "Assign" your voting rights to an executive member, check the appropriate box below.

I hereby assign my vote to ONE of the following Association Executive members:

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

Cottage Address: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

PLEASE PRINT

- * For Proxy voting or to Assign your vote to an executive member, return your completed and signed form to the Secretary of the Ril Lake Association.

*David Parsons
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