



MACA NEWS

YOUR MACA EXECUTIVE

President: Peter Dilworth
Vice President: Andy Mosher
Treasurer: Virginia Vranckx
Secretary: Susan Rohricht
Lake Steward: Tim Hagarty

Directors:
 Steve Dyce (Fish Community)
 Dave Ewart
 John Ewing (Roads)
 Stephen Foster
 Haden Heathcock
 Bill Lester
 Phyllis McCulloch (Membership)

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Long Lake, Photo: Steve Dyce

2021 MACA TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Spring Cleanup:
 Sunday, May 23th

AGM:
 Saturday, July 10th

Wine and Cheese:
 Saturday, August 28th

President's Message

Greetings to all of our members!

Where did the summer go? It always seems to fly by so quickly! Many of us spent more time at the lake than normal - although few things about this summer were normal. COVID-19 affected everyone. We got used to wearing masks, keeping our distance and doing jigsaw puzzles. We are fortunate to be able to escape to this beautiful part of our country. It is a summer we will all remember.



Despite the challenges, we managed to hold a virtual AGM on August 29th. Notes summarizing that meeting are provided in the pages to follow. Also contained in this newsletter are the winners from our photo contest.

We completed our water testing with the Lake Partner Program albeit in the fall rather than in the spring (for clarity, phosphorous, and calcium) and with U-Links using a technique of analyzing benthic invertebrates. Now that we are moving inside it will be important for us to be vigilant ... wear masks, wash your hands regularly and socially distance.

Be good and stay healthy.

Peter Dilworth, MACA President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER



**By Phyllis McCulloch,
Membership Director**

The best way to renew your membership is using the secure Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) renewal process beginning in January. The 2021 MACA membership fee will remain at \$30.00. Everyone who renews their membership by February 28th will be included in the early bird draw to win the great 'Nature Clean Basket'. Details will be sent in the Winter Newsletter.

We will get around early in the spring to get your renewal sticker on your sign.

A quick reminder - it is critical, no matter the season, to keep your 911 Sign visible so Emergency Personnel can get to your location without delay. If your 911 Sign is damaged contact the Haliburton County Office to make arrangements to get it replaced.

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness
(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)

- 2" or less: STAY OFF!!
- 4 Inches: Ice Fishing
- 5 Inches: Snowmobile or ATV
- 8-12 Inches: Car or Small Pickup
- 12-15 Inches: Medium Truck

Department of Natural Resources



Lake Steward's Corner

by Tim Hagarty, Lake Steward

The leaves are falling, and the boats are put away, sigh, but we have good news! The Provincial Government has brought back the water testing that was cancelled due to Covid 19. We are going to try to get it done in the short time we have this year.

We were able to continue with the water clarity readings and the results were generally clearer than normal. Spring and early summer readings were high, (very clear) and mostly levelled off to normal by summers end. To put that in perspective in metres: Miskwabi - 10 -7, Long 8 - 6, Wenona 8 - 5. We were unable to get Negaunee's numbers.

Have a safe and wonderful winter.



Stop Speeding

The Municipality is asking cottage associations to remind drivers to please slow down, especially on our cottage roads.

New MACA Roads Email Address

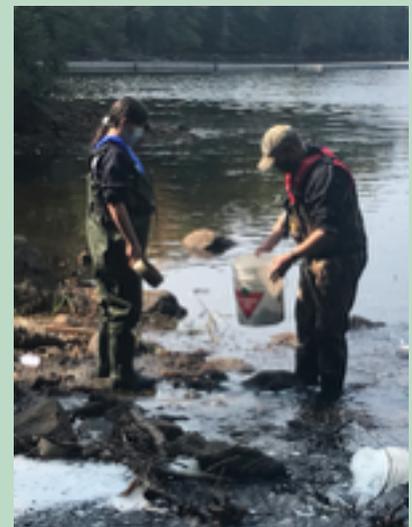
Road concerns can now be sent directly to MACA_Roads@outlook.com.

Hunting Season

This year's gun-hunting seasons in Haliburton are from October 24th-30th for moose, and November 2nd-15th for deer. For safety, please remember to wear your "hunter orange" clothing when hiking – and that goes for pets too.

U-Links Benthos Bio-Monitoring

On September 21st and 22nd the U-Links Coordinator and a Trent University student were here to take benthic invertebrates samples at a variety of locations on our 4 lakes. These samples are being analyzed and a report will be issued to MACA in early 2021 with important information on the health of our lakes.



2019 Annual General Meeting August 29th

Attendance: 38 online connections to start the meeting (many with more than 1 person).

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Eight directors were appointed last year. In the Spring, Stephen Foster from Negaunee was voted onto the board by the board of directors. Two directors are not running again this year and one resigned in March. Virginia Vranckx, John Ewing and Phyllis McCulloch are all up for renewal. In addition, Bill Lester from Long Lake will stand for nomination to the board. A motion to appoint these individuals to the MACA board for two-year terms carried.

FISH COMMUNITY UPDATE – ADAM CHALLICE, MANAGEMENT BIOLOGIST MNRF

Adam provided an update on the Haliburton Lake Trout project (i.e., the four-lake study that started in the early 2000's that involved Miskwabi Lake). The project was stalled, but in the last couple of years it has been reinitiated. The current focus is to analyze the status of the fisheries on the four lakes. There has been no stocking on Miskwabi for many years. Adam will ensure we get the report on the findings when it is completed.

MNRF is working with an advisory council to review the effectiveness of the current regulations for our Fisheries Management Zone (i.e., Zone 15). The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations represent MACA on the advisory council. A public consultation online process for review should be available soon.

Northern pike are now in Miskwabi and Long Lakes. They are invasive. This will influence the fish community as they are a top predator, grow to large sizes, have a wide diet and the same habitat as lake trout. Lake trout will now have to co-exist with the pike, as experienced in other lakes. If there is interest in harvesting or controlling pike in our lakes, a fishing derby targeting the largest pike could be organized.



If we encounter invasive plant species, send Adam pictures or report such findings on the EDDMapS Ontario website.

Adam can assist us with any fish related questions. Feel free to contact him (adam.Challice@ontario.ca).

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Membership – Phyllis McCulloch

As of August 29th, we have 252 members. This is the highest number of members MACA has ever had. Our January winter newsletter goes out with the renewal form. We had 88 people who qualified for the early bird draw. This year's early bird prize was a basket of Nature Clean products. The winners were Gary and Susan Keene.

Phyllis has connected with a new supplier for samples of t-shirts and hats. MACA will send out notices once they are available for purchase.

Financial report – Virginia Vranckx

For the fiscal year 2019 we had \$6,500 to start the year. We had a wonderful membership income year. Expense highlights include a new item for the Wetland Evaluation project (of \$467) and the cost of Signage (i.e., \$2,700 for the 911 member signs and no wake signs). At the end of November 2019, we had \$4,400 on hand. Our income tax filing was accepted by the CRA.



For 2020, membership income July year-to-date was \$7,100, although more membership money has since been submitted. Expenses this year have been impacted by COVID-19. FOCA credit card fees were higher as fewer cheques are being dropped off. MACA made a donation to the food bank at the beginning of the pandemic, as did other associations. At the end of July 2020 we had over \$6,600 in the bank.

A motion to accept the financial statements carried.

Lake Steward's update – Tim Hagarty

Phosphorus and calcium testing for 2020 has not been done yet because of COVID-19. We are still testing for water clarity. In the spring water clarity was 2 to 3 meters higher than normal. Phosphorus testing results in Long Lake was higher than normal last year, although it could be a blip in testing. Tim encouraged all property owners to check their septic system to be sure it is in good shape.

Chinese mystery snails are currently on the move in the Kawarthas and there are a couple of cases of blue green algae in Muskoka. Eurasian Watermilfoil, an invasive species plant, is also in the Kawarthas and some Haliburton Lakes. It gets so thick you can't get your boat through. Tim asked the group to look out for these invasions. Everyone was reminded to wash and dry boats before moving them into our lakes.

Tim also encouraged safe boating and less wakes to avoid shore erosion.

2019 Annual General Meeting (Cont'd)

Roads – John Ewing

Dysart should be commended for the new ditches and culverts on Trapper's Trail Road. A Nomad Rd tree issue has been identified to Dysart. There is an open issue on Bear Paw that Dysart has addressed by putting fill at Wenona Lake Road and Bear Paw. John has reached out to the Ministry of Transportation about better notification for the sharp turn at Highway 118 and Trapper's Trail Road, but no one is available for a site visit due to COVID-19. John agreed to investigate a complaint about rocks on Kennaway.

OTHER UPDATES

Peter noted that MACA has received an unprecedented number of comments this year. This is not unique to MACA as it is happening at lots of other associations and could be a sign of the times. More stress – more people up north – more interactions. The number one complaint is careless boating and large wakes causing damage. Noise (including never ending construction projects) is number 2. Other complaints are around trespassing, littering, speeding, not picking up after dogs, foul language, etc. MACA doesn't have the authority to police. We are happy to help people place their complaint with the appropriate authority. MACA also tries to educate and influence legislation. Peter reminded everyone to be respectful of their neighbours.

Dysart has passed a resolution that now allows fireworks on the Labour Day weekend. This aligns with other jurisdictions. Council also changed firework rules to make Canada Day less confusing.

The Municipality will add signage to tell drivers not to block the turnaround areas at the boat launches. They also agreed to look to see if repairs are required at the boat launches (e.g., apparently the last concrete tile on the Miskwabi launch has shifted and may need to be fixed).

MACA has developed a partnership with U-Links Centre for Community Based Research in association with Trent University for benthos testing to evaluate water quality. The process involves examination of the creatures in the mud about 6 feet from shore. We will have research done on all four of our lakes.

Council has made some changes to the Septic Re-inspection program to ensure it moves forward. It will still be a lids off inspection but there is no longer a need for a pump out. Inspections are not slated for our area for another 4 or 5 years, but if you have problems please get your septic tested now!

It was noted that the loon signs placed in the far eastern bay of Miskwabi Lake are consistent with Environment Canada's (Canadian Wildlife Service) migratory bird convention act which protects nesting areas and eggs.

A group of property owners from the west side of Wenona Lake has approached the Municipality to plow their seasonal road and maintain it four seasons. It is difficult to get traction with the Municipality as there are many seasonal roads in the county. Peter has spoken to the lead property owner. MACA will continue to follow this initiative.

There will be another board meeting in the fall where the executive will talk about creating a boater's code of conduct, communications, discussing next year's events (including hosting a kayak/canoe poker run next year) and protecting loons.

Peter presented a thank you gift to Mike Giza as he leaves the board after 20 plus years of contribution to the executive. He was a former President, Vice-president and led the development of the lake plan, which is one of the best in the area. The framed photograph, taken by S. Lukacic, entitled, "Learning Curve", is a small token of our appreciation.



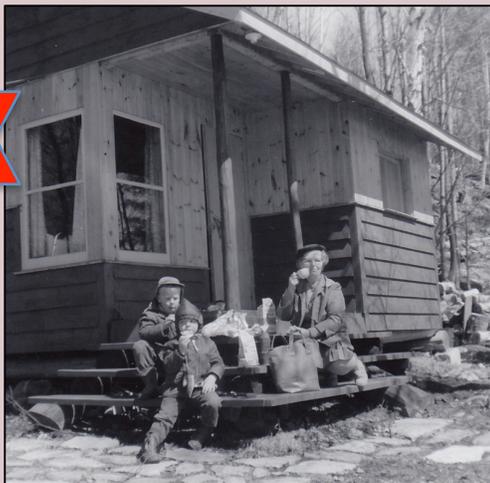
Presentation to Mike Giza

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. ET with 39 connections on the call.

3rd Annual MACA Photo Contest Winners

Theme: *Good Old Times at the Cottage*

"Last Century" Winners



Lunch at the Cottage, by Peter Kukkonen



Dock Time, by Gary Hokkanen



Homemade Paddle, by Marlene Wiseman

"This Century" Winners



Cannonball, by Gary Diamond



Turkey Jump, by Andrea Dyce



Where Did Everyone go?, by Connie Lester

MACA NEWSLETTER FLASHBACK



**Excerpt from MACA Newsletter #9 -
September, 1976**

OUTDOOR HUMOUR

An Angler, accompanied only by his large shaggy dog, was fishing in a remote lake. He picked up a likely-looking spot in a little bay, dropped anchor and made a mighty cast. His wallet, in his shirt pocket, popped out flew through the air over the side of the boat. He made a fantastic grab, but missed.

Just as the wallet seemed about to vanish in the water, a carp zoomed up from out of nowhere, caught the wallet on the tip of its snout and balanced it for a moment.

Then the fish flipped the wallet up in the air, over his head to the other side of the boat. And just as it was about to splash into the water, another carp zoomed up, caught it, balanced it and flipped it back to the first carp.

This went on for some time, with the goggle-eyed Angler watching it all like a fan at a tennis match.

Finally, he recovered sufficiently to observe: "Well I'll be darned. That's the first time I ever saw carp-to-carp walleling."

ENVIRONMENT ONTARIO LEGACY

We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the launching ramps, we shall fight on the lawns and in the cottages: we shall never surrender. Yes, the cottagers are at war with developers. Our lakes just can't handle any more cottages is the battle cry echoing throughout the recreational country in southern Ontario. Whether or not this is true, is a matter which needs to be investigated. Unfortunately, a method of measuring the capacity of the land around a lake to support development and to predict when the environment will be adversely affected has not yet been developed*.

* We have come a long way in the last 44 years, as the current Dysart et al Official Plan has now established recreational carrying capacity limits and additional trout lake restrictions designed to protect the environment.

Cottage Cook's Corner

Favourite Recipes Shared by MACA Members



CRANBERRY-ORANGE NUT BREAD

Contributed by: Kathryn Hunsberger

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 orange, juice and zest of (or 1/8 tsp orange oil and 3/4 cup orange juice)
- 3/4 cup buttermilk [or sour cream or yogurt] (I prefer buttermilk)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup cranberries, chopped (fresh, frozen or dried)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9X5 inch loaf pan.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a medium sized bowl, combine the orange juice, zest, buttermilk, egg and vegetable oil.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix until combined. Stir in the cranberries and nuts, then pour batter into loaf pan. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes, or until tester inserted in the centre of the loaf comes out clean and the bread starts to pull away from the edges of the pan. Remove it from the oven and let cool for 15 minute, then turn it out of the pan to cool completely on a rack.

The loaf will slice better if wrapped when cooled and left to rest overnight before serving.

Source: food.com