

**Minutes for the  
Twin Sister Lakes Ratepayers  
Annual General Meeting  
Pomeroy Cottage Between the Lakes  
August 13, 2005**

1. Introductions of those present.
2. Minutes of the August 2004 AGM read by Barb Craig.  
Charlie O'Neill moved to accept the minutes as read.  
Seconded by Ivan Kinshella.
3. Business arising: Jack stated there was no increase in taxes last year. Therefore he did not meet with council.
4. Water Testing: was done in August, 2004 by Kirk Johnson and John Davies.  
Values generally went down. i.e. We have very clean water. For further information, see web site or handout.  
Cost of testing has increased to \$10.00 per bottle for a total of \$300.00.  
Discussion followed re: next water-testing and possible membership fee increase.  
Motion made by Bonnie Barham to increase the membership fees to \$15.00, seconded by Shona O'Neill. Passed.  
Next water-testing will take place August 2006.

5. Treasurer's Report:

TOTAL ASSETS		\$3347.27
Membership	\$302.16	
Interest	31.92	
Donations	57.61	
TOTAL INCOME:		391.69
LESS EXPENSES:		548.52
Assets at end of year		<u>\$3190.44</u>

Charlie McKinnon moved to accept the treasurer's report.  
Seconded by Cat Heaven.

6. **Council for Marmora and Lake** was present and introduced at the meeting.  
Reeve Terry Clemens stated that financial stability, urban issues and growth in the community are all areas of concern. Due to new provincial guidelines, federal and provincial money has been received to build a new sewage treatment plant which will contribute to urban growth. The Sewage Treatment Plant must be brought up to standard. The federal government will contribute two million dollars,

requiring one million dollars from the municipality. (There will be a one-time charge on the tax bill.)

The plan is to stabilize taxes through growth.

Frank Mills spoke, reiterating that there would be no tax hike this year. The province has been generous and with both federal and provincial funding, Marmora will receive approximately ten million dollars for growth. The provincial funds (CRF or Community Reinvestment Funds) have been replaced by the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund which gives an additional \$200,000.00 to the municipality and no downloading.

Our cottage property taxes cover the library, recreation, policing, fire protection, social services, education, landfill, capital expenditures, council and support staff. Cottagers pay \$45.00 extra for garbage pick-up. Make certain you are not paying for this if you do not have pick-up.

Cottage septic tanks, when pumped, will now go to the new plant (when completed next year). Currently it goes directly on the fields. In future there will be a \$100.00 fee for sewage processing.

Frank urged cottagers to pump their septic tanks every 3 to 5 years and to replace them every 20 years as sludge can build up, leading to leaks.

Constable Dave MacKinlay was introduced as the person who will be the single point of contact for policing, break-ins etc. He is stationed at Central Hastings in Madoc. (phone 613-473-4234) Address: 105953 Hwy. 7, Box 490, Madoc, ON K0K 2K0  
[dave.mackinlay@jus.gov.on.ca](mailto:dave.mackinlay@jus.gov.on.ca)

There usually are about 3 break and enters per year in the area which is considered very low. Gates into properties are a good idea and good deterrent to burglars.

The OPP covers eight townships from Peterborough to Lennox County and south Marmora, Madoc, and Tweed. This is a huge area with a population base that supports 33 officers, over 4 shifts. Usually there are 5 people per shift.

Most popular items stolen: liquor, boat motors, generators, chain saws, whipper-snippers, lawn mowers.

7. Peter Moran of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation or MPAC spoke about property assessment and Current Assessment Activity. There is a Board of Directors appointed by the Province with 8 municipal representatives, 5 tax payer representatives and 2 provincial representatives. MPAC, which is funded by all

400+ municipalities, is not part of the Ontario Government but is mandated by legislation to value all properties in Ontario.

Twin Sister Lakes has 88 waterfront properties.

There will likely be a tax assessment this year for 2003 to 2005.

For further information call 1-866-296-6772 or online : [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca)

A handout was provided at the meeting.

8. Election of Officers:

Nominations were open. Two directors are required to replace Hans as well as to add a person responsible for fisheries. A new treasurer is also required.

Rick Orchard and Chander Chaddah were nominated for the first director's position. Chander Chaddah withdrew his name for nomination.

Melanie Hicks was nominated for the position of Fisheries and Wildlife.

These nominations were seconded by Geoff Barham.

Janet Watkins was nominated for the position of Treasurer. (Jack will step down as a signer.)

We will not have an auditor and instead finances will be audited by the executive.

Charlie O'Neill moved that nominations be closed.

The new executive is as follows:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Jack Watkins</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Kirk Johnson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Barb Craig</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Janet Watkins</b>
<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Charlie O'Neill</b>
	<b>Bonnie Danes</b>
	<b>Rick Orchard</b>
	<b>Melanie Hicks (Fisheries and Wildlife)</b>

Moved by Cat Heaven to accept the executive and seconded by Paul Tomcs.

9. Photo Contest:

Judges ...Bonnie Danes, Hans Knoll and Marilyn Pomeroy

Winners:

Fun at the Lake                      Lois Tomc

Scenic Views                      Christine Haddar

Honourable Mention              Lois Tomc

Pets and Wildlife                      Lois Tomc

Best overall: Fun at the Lake

After draws for door prizes, Charlie O'Neill moved to adjourn, seconded by Ivan Kinshella.