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## President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

When we celebrated the entrance of the New Year, a fresh new decade, just a few months ago, we looked forward to renewed resolutions and good times in 2020! Little did we expect how the following weeks would suddenly spin 'normality' out of control. The COVID-19 virus has taken hold of our lives, interfered with our best-laid plans for travel, and caused a level of personal, and community, concern not experienced before in decades. If we each play our part in reducing the spread of this ugly virus, and take extra good care of ourselves, there is hope the strength of this pandemic will fade away quickly. By the time the black flies and mosquitoes awake to begin their fearless intrusion of our personal space in the late Spring, fingers crossed, the virus will have calmed down and we will look forward to welcoming summertime and enjoying relaxing moments with friends & family on Crane Lake!

While we meander through what is left of winter and leap enthusiastically into Springtime, we need to turn our minds towards what we can do within our own Crane Lake community towards maintaining, and improving, the quality of our Lake water. While we have spent these past few winter months focused intensely on our own health, we must not lose sight of the importance of the health of our lake water. We are so very fortunate to have one of the best lakes in Ontario to call our own! The reality is Crane

Lake is precious – it is so easy for us to think that it will never change - that Crane Lake will always be pristine, and a swimmer's paradise. Unfortunately, Crane Lake is very vulnerable, more now than ever. And so, it is critical that we each take the time to increase our knowledge and our awareness of what could impact the health of our lake water. We must not be complacent - or the value of our lake, and our properties, could literally slip between our fingers. Times are changing quickly around us, and we must always remain alert. Our survey to our membership a few years ago, solidly concluded that the Number One focus for all of us is the quality of our lake water and we cannot lose sight of this!

Gary Mueller, Director on the Crane Lake Board who tests our Lake for water quality throughout the warmer months, has offered this to us for our serious consideration: "This winter which is coming to a quick end has produced only a foot of ice of which 3/4 is grey ice, not the good black ice as other winters have produced. Snow depth was way down which will provide a low run off this season and I hope mother nature will bring rain to make up the difference. I know many cottagers enjoy a shorter winter, but it will have a negative effect on Crane Lake over time".

The samples of water that Gary collects from

various areas around our Lake each summer are sent off to a Laboratory in Dorset Ontario, managed by the Lake Partner Program, supported in a large part by FOCA. We have been testing our water for over 20 years this way. The Secchi readings, which measure the clarity of our water, have been close to same measurements, from year to year, throughout the Spring/Summer and early Fall samplings which is wonderful news. The fall readings have shown the greatest depth of visibility, but heavy rains have been known to impact this measurement.

Our Phosphorous measurements are in the average mark for a lake of our size, but the level could tick up quickly with the long warmer seasons based on climate change, and, of course, improper human behaviour. The following is a brief review to remind us of the importance of our own actions in respecting the quality of our water in Crane Lake.

## Total Phosphorous Count

Phosphorous is an essential nutrient in Crane Lake for our aquatic plants. It is important to recognize that aquatic plants are crucial to the balance of the ecosystems that keep our water quality healthy. Levels of phosphorous that are too high, or too low, will seriously damage aquatic plant life, and destabilize Crane Lake's aquatic ecosystems.

**High total phosphorous levels create excessive, harmful aquatic plant growth** that, when they decay results in a reduction in the amount of oxygen in the water. Our fish and other aquatic organisms become unhealthy and die. In extreme situations, high phosphorous can stimulate excessive algal blooms of murky scum, resulting in decreased water clarity, reduced deep-water oxygen concentrations and the production of toxins. As well as negatively affecting the aesthetics of the lake, and causing terrible taste and odour problems, algal blooms can kill animals that use the water, and it will affect human health. The level of phosphorous in a lake is an indirect indicator of the suitability of the water for recreational use of the lake. Phosphorous levels are obviously vulnerable to nature's own doing of which we have little control. But it is critical to acknowledge that humans (that's us!) must do our part to not add to the problem!

Natural Common Sources of Phosphorous in our lake includes:

- Soil and organic matter
- Spring runoff
- Wildlife wastes
- Deposits from the atmosphere.

Human Sources of Phosphorous in our lake includes:

- Failing/leaking septic systems
- Detergents & soaps
- Fertilizers used on lawns and landscaping/flower boxes etc.
- Deposits from the atmosphere

How we can make a difference:

- Have your septic system inspected immediately by a professional if it is less than 10 yrs. old, and repair or replace as required. This is extremely important! This is a silent and hidden cause, but remarkably dangerous to our aquatic life.
- Build up your shoreline with **natural, native plants** that will capture the phosphorous that arrives via rain & snowfall and runs down your land to the lake. Without the natural shoreline (native plant growth, not lawns), it is as if there is an open door to the falling phosphorous that enters unabated into our lake.
- **Only** use phosphorous free soaps & detergents
- Do **NOT** use fertilizers on cottage property

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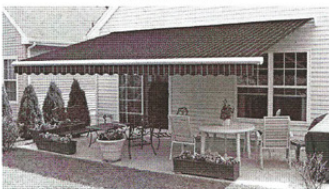


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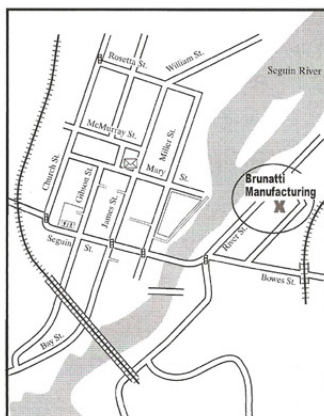
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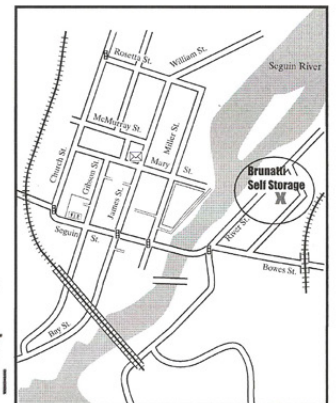
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- Gary Meuller will participate again this summer in a project called 'Bugs in the Mud' which involves sampling the Lake's floor to provide us with how Crane Lake's biodiversity is holding up against the impact of humans and climate change. We hope to have these results available at our 2020 AGM.

**Low Phosphorous levels results in an unproductive lake.** Small fish die easily, and without the oxygen generators, our aquatic life changes permanently.

Sources that create Low Phosphorous Count:

- Primarily, **the presence of zebra and quagga mussels!** Their feeding systems result in the removal of the natural presence of phytoplankton. Phytoplankton is one of most critical aquatic organisms in our lake! The main purpose of the Phytoplankton is to generate oxygen and create the base of our lake's food web, allowing for the growth of healthy fish and aquatic life.

How we can make a difference:

- Always wash your boat off before launching it into Crane Lake if it has traveled to other lakes. With our recent exposure to the remarkable transmission of COVID-19, this thought process should seem quite familiar. **Remove the opportunity for transmission of zebra mussels.** Once they arrive, it is extremely difficult to stop their growth.
- Always instruct your guests & other family members to wash their boats if they are launching them at the public/marina docks after being used in other lakes.

## Invasive species

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We encourage you to go the link above and read through, or download, the Invasive Species Guide developed by FOCA. Several lakes in neighbouring communities are fighting serious battles with the super aggressive invasive plants that are rooting in their lake floor, blanketing the area and smothering all other aquatic life, including fish. These plants reproduce quickly, and in abundance, and are extremely difficult to remove. Some Associations are using divers to cut the plants at their roots, others are using methods requiring dozens of volunteers to make any headway. It is a costly, frustrating and lengthy battle.

Those Associations that have, or are, experiencing the invasion of destructive plant species in their lakes, aggressively encourage the rest of us to become familiar with these invasive species. Early detection, like with any unwanted aggressor, is our best defence. The CLA will continue to provide educational materials to our members!

Let's start this new decade with our commitment to learn more, do more – and thereby reap the benefits of a sustainable healthy Crane Lake!

And, now, with a much more fun message, the Board is enjoying the opportunity to bring to life the History of Crane Lake video for our members! With several interviews to edit, many photos from members that depict life in the past & in the present, and a wonderful story to tell, there is much work underway.

Your CLA board wishes each of you a healthy Spring, and we are all looking forward to seeing you back at Crane Lake for a fabulous summer of fun and relaxation!!

# In Praise of Fire Extinguishers

Bruce Sanderson



Never underestimate the importance of a fire extinguisher! At least one cottager on Crane Lake can attest to this after, armed with only her wits and a few fire extinguishers on hand, she was able to extinguish a potentially devastating fire last fall before it got out of control.

In Ontario, it is the law to have smoke detectors installed in every residence, including your house, your cottage and any bunkies on your property. It is also the law to have carbon monoxide detectors installed in every residence which has a fossil fuel burning appliance or an attached garage. However, Ontario law does not require you to have fire extinguishers on hand. Regardless of this, it is a very wise and potentially life-saving precaution to have at least a few extinguishers and even several on hand depending on the size of your home, your property and the number of outbuildings you have.

There are 3 primary categories of fires that the chemical powder in fire extinguishers are designed to extinguish.

- **Class A** – Combustible materials such as paper, wood, fabric, refuse
- **Class B** – Flammable liquids and gases (oil, gasoline, propane, etc.)
- **Class C** – Electrical – Note that electricity does not burn, however if the fire is electrically energized (i.e. an electrical short ignites a combustible material), electrocution could occur if the fire is fought with water. If the power is turned off, the fire can then be fought as a Class A or B.

Fire Extinguisher Best practice:

- Mount one fire extinguisher at or very near each exit from the building. This safety-first practice allows you to access it on your natural path out of the building that is on fire. If the fire is in its early stages, you can then turn around and try to put it out with the fire extinguisher, while having a clear path to the door in case you need to leave quickly.
- Mount one fire extinguisher in a handy location in or near the kitchen in the event you have a cooking related fire. Again, make sure you have an unobstructed escape route out of the building in case you are forced to leave quickly.
- Mount a fire extinguisher in each of your outbuildings, like a shed, garage, sauna and especially in a bunkie.
- Fire extinguishers should be of the size 1A-5B-C (2 lb.) or larger, with at least one larger size like a 2A-10B-C (4 lb.) or a 3A-40B-C (8 lb.) on hand. The numbers in front of each letter correspond to the amount of dry chemical compound for that type of fire. All of these sizes will have a pressure gauge and are refillable.
- Note that the law requires every watercraft with a fixed (permanent) fuel tank to have a fire extinguisher on board. Also ANY boat larger than 6m (19'8") must have at least one fire extinguisher on board. It is also a good idea to carry one in your vehicle.

# FOCA - You Are A Member!

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

The Crane Lake Association is a long-time member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and that means all of us can also access FOCA member benefits. But what does that mean? For more than 55 years, FOCA has been the voice of waterfront Ontario. In 1963, a small group of cottage owners united as a provincial organization that has grown to represent more than 500 lake associations with 50,000 families across the province. Our united voice carries weight on the issues that matter. The issues evolved over time, but the motivation remains the same: to protect the sustainability of Ontario waterfronts and freshwater resources for our kids, and their kids after them.

Over the years, FOCA has played an important advocacy role on environmental and policy concerns. In the 1980s FOCA fought hard for government action on the issue of acid rain, and lobbied to stop the use of toxic Dombind as a road-dust suppressant. FOCA secured your right to vote at the cottage in Ontario municipal elections as second-home owners. FOCA's Lake Stewards are at the core of the Lake Partner Program of volunteer water quality monitoring to inform scientific and policy decision-making in the face of a changing climate.

Over the past decade, FOCA has gone to Parliament Hill and Queen's Park to speak out against federal and provincial omnibus bills that gutted protection for our fisheries and fish habitat. FOCA worked with partners to secure land owners' rights during claim-staking after years of behind-the-scenes work on the Mining Act, and FOCA continues to sit as a stakeholder at the table for discussions about the Algonquin Land Claim.

FOCA has lobbied hard in recent years for reforms to water management planning, and continues to work to ensure that land use planning is responsible and accountable to community interests. In 2017, after more than 18 months of FOCA's advocacy efforts on the issue of dock permits, Ontario confirmed certain occupations of public land would be enabled without an MNR permit (subject to conditions, and only where allowed by municipal bylaw or Federal statute). FOCA holds intervenor status on the Ontario Energy Board and, on behalf of members across the province, has most recently been lobbying hard against proposed changes to the Seasonal Class of Hydro One customers, that would see many member's annual electricity bills rise by \$1,000! A final decision is pending; watch for updates in the FOCA Elert (e-newsletter). Sign up for free, here: <http://bit.ly/FOCAElertSubscribe>.

Got a cottage-country question? FOCA publishes a wealth of information online for members. Find fact sheets and brochures about invasive species, climate change concerns, municipal engagement, healthy waterfronts and so much more, here: <https://foca.on.ca/resources/>.

While you're at it, check out all the offers, discounts and other benefits available to you, because of our association's annual membership in FOCA: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>.

Lake associations across the province benefit from FOCA's ongoing research, information, and advocacy. FOCA is here to help our association, and to help make continued progress on the issues most important to waterfront residents. The work continues, and FOCA is leading the way toward a sustainable freshwater future for Ontario.

# 2019 Sailing Regatta Results

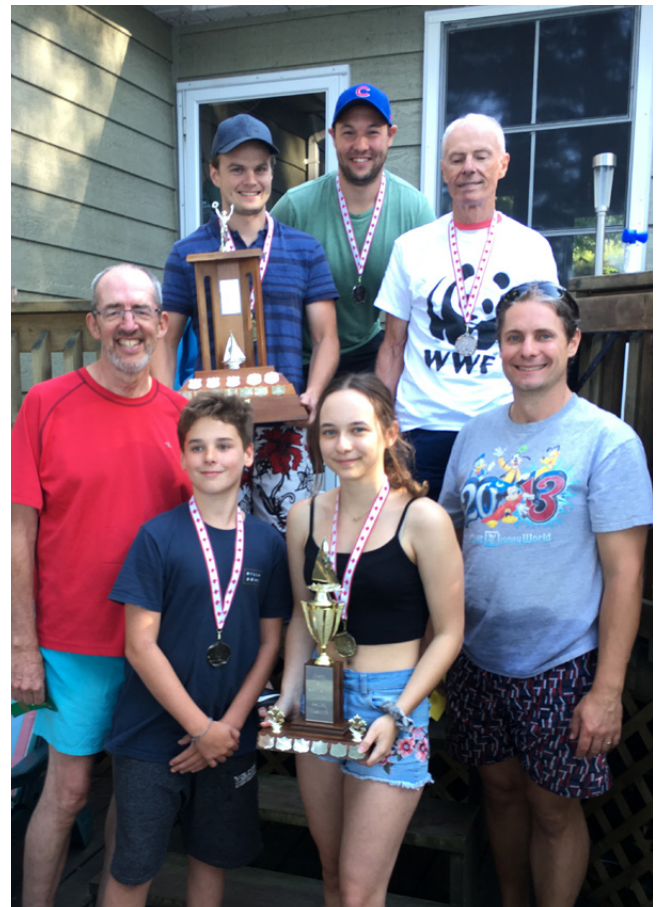
Steven Neugebauer



The 2019 Sailing Race was held in the south end of the lake. It was a nice sunny day, but the winds were almost non-existent. This proved quite challenging for the sailors!

This year we tried something new – we had two races running almost in parallel; a Junior Sailing Race, and a Championship Sailing Race. Both courses shared two of the buoys from the mouth of Peacock Bay across to the mouth of the Blackstone River, but each race had a separate third buoy. The Junior race's third buoy was down in Patterson's Bay near the cliffs, and the Championship race's third buoy was near to Walker's Point. It was very exciting to see our younger generation having an interest in this time-honored tradition on Crane Lake. Hopefully we will see their names on the Championship trophy in the future.

JUNIOR CHAMPION SAILING RACE - RESULTS			
Place	Skipper	Vessel	Elapsed
1	Emily Vibien	Pico	0:57:20
2	Dylan Follett	Zuma	0:58:35
	Paul & Justin Neugebauer	Pico	D.N.F.
CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING RACE - RESULTS			
Place	Skipper	Vessel	Elapsed
1	Mark Istvan	Lazer	1:10:12
2	Greg Marshall	Lazer	1:22:30
3	Klaus Faisst	Windsurfer	1:22:43
4	Bob Neugebauer	JY15	1:34:28
5	Chuck Erion & Steve Kinchen	Tanzer 16	1:34:51



The sailors from left to right:  
 Back Row: Mark Istvan, Greg Marshall, Klaus Faisst  
 Front Row: Chuck Erion, Dylan Follett, Emily Vibien, Bob Neugebauer

# COVID-19 - Update from FOCA

## Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

What if you own property in two places in Ontario, and want to relocate from one to the other, such as to shelter in place at your cottage? FOCA has heard from many members, partners, and municipal contacts over the past days about this issue. Many are concerned that any transiting increases the chance for spread of illness.

FOCA reminds members that our rural communities have reduced capacity to accommodate sudden changes in supply demands. Many of us wouldn't ordinarily open the cottage until nearer to the May long weekend. As we already know from our local grocery experiences, parts of the supply chain are under strain. Additionally, **rural hospitals have limited capacity and resources**, and you should consider where your health needs can best be met, in an emergency situation.

### If you do relocate to your waterfront residence (or are there already), FOCA suggests the following:

- Connect with your lake association on social media (*Editors Note: That's us!*). As always, these are the people who know your waterfront area best!
- Provision yourself for several weeks (with food, drinks, gas, hardware supplies, prescriptions) before leaving your off-season community, so that you will not need to make stops along the way. This is not the time for our usual credo to "buy local" in cottage country. As you would do anywhere at this time, should you urgently need anything from a retailer or pharmacy you should call ahead to see if there are options for safe pickup or delivery.
- Continue to follow all the principles of social distancing at the cottage! Although cottage country is usually the place for relaxed rules, that cannot be the case anywhere for the foreseeable future. Cottages are often the gathering places for multiple households in an extended family; for now, and possibly for some time to come, that could put everyone at risk.
- Develop an exit plan with immediate family, in case you develop any indications of illness while at your waterfront property.
- As the clock slows down on our usually-hectic schedules, use this time to enjoy nature, cook, read, sing, dance, nap and dream about dock-jumping time to come.

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# Fire Protection Contract

Bruce Sanderson



Hello to a new decade! Coinciding with the beginning of the 2020's, we have entered into another 5-year term in our contract for professional Fire Protection Services. It's been about five and a half years now since approximately 73% of the property owners on Crane Lake voted yes to a contract with Seguin Township for emergency fire response. Effective January 1st, 2020, the contract between The Township of the Archipelago and Seguin Township for Fire Protection Services on Crane Lake was renewed and remains at \$236 per year for each property on Crane Lake with a structure on it (no price increase).

Prior to 2015, our only recourse had we experienced a fire in our cottage or one of our outbuildings, or a forest fire was threatening our cottage, was to call upon our neighbours or one of our fellow cottagers who volunteered to bring the fire boat from the marina or one of the portable fire pumps located on the lake. Having any response was predicated on a volunteer being on the lake, which may not be the case if an incident occurred during the week or outside of the peak summer months.

Being in a contract with Seguin for professional Fire Protection Services means three things. First, the convenience of having all emergency services for Crane Lake fall under the umbrella of simply dialling 911. Before 2015, only Police and Ambulance would respond to 911 calls – we were on our own for fire. Second, it means that emergency fire response will occur 365 days a year. Third, the responders from Seguin are professionally trained and experienced fire

fighters.

With the renewal of the contract, I want to ensure everyone is aware of the importance of knowing your proper municipal address, and that you have the reflective green metal sign with white lettering posted on or near your dock so that it is visible from the water both day and night. All your family and guests should know this address in the event they need to call 911 to report a fire. This is important because all fire calls will be responded to only via the water, even if you have road access to your property. Since only a handful of properties on the lake have enough room to allow a fire truck and / or a pumper truck to turn around and leave, all response must be by water.

If you have any questions about 911 response for Fire Protection on Crane Lake, please feel free to contact me (Bruce Sanderson) on my cell at 647-402-9402 or by email at [brucesanderson@outlook.com](mailto:brucesanderson@outlook.com). The most frequent question I get is regarding information for insurance purposes. I can tell you that most insurance companies will put your cottage under the "Unprotected" category because of the distance to the nearest fire hall and therefore no discount will be given for fire insurance (I'm currently not aware of any companies that will give a discount). I am in the process of preparing a short guide on this subject and will distribute it when it is finished.

Good luck to everyone for a fun and smooth cottage opening this spring, and best wishes for a great summer on Crane Lake!

# History Project Update

Ross Fraser

Volunteers have been hard at work gathering information and stories from the Crane Lake community for our History Project. With thanks to those who have already shared with us, the team is still working actively to gather more informatoin, footage, and old photos to contribute to the final project. If you have any that you would like to submit, please send them by email to [history@cranelakeassociation.ca](mailto:history@cranelakeassociation.ca).

The records of our community run deep, and there have been some interesting discoveries. Over the next two pages we enclose the winter newsletter from February 4th, 1972 for our Association, then known as the Conger Township Conservation Association. The more things change, as they say, the more things stay the same. I invite you to take a moment to read this slice of our history, and to reflect on the enduring importance of some of the priorities of the Association.

Despite the passage of time, the commitment of the community to preserving a healthy and thriving waterfront remains unchanged as the highest priority since our founding in 1968. Mr. Hugh McMahon became the chair of a new committee in 1972 to monitor the quality of water at various points in the lake. This tradition that continues through the efforts of Gary Mueller and volunteers across the province contributing to the Lake Partner Program.

Our first emergency fire pump was installed at Crane Lake House in 1971. The start of a long history of important work now carried on by our Fire Safety Committee and Bruce Sanderson!

On a personal note, it was special to see my Grandfather's name at the bottom, serving as President. History can connect us to the lake in special ways, and as we do more work on this History Project, I hope you will each find your own individual moment of connection. For me, I like to think that my Grandfather would be pleased with my involvement in the CLA...though I know for sure he would be less forgiving about my 'occasional tardiness' in printing these newsletters!

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February 4, 1972

CONGER TOWNSHIP CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
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NEWSLETTER TO CRANE LAKE COTTAGERS

Your Association held its Annual Meeting at Crane Lake House on Saturday, September 4th., 1971.

The Association was formed in 1968 to promote conservation of land, waters, fish and wildlife in the Crane Lake area. It also was to encourage water and fire safety and to generally benefit the holiday community through group action.

Even with a very small membership, considerable progress has already been made. Through the Department of Lands and Forests, a new dump was established and a fish survey was begun. A portable fire pump and accessories was purchased and is now located centrally at Crane Lake House.

Originally the Association served a broad area, including Blackstone Lake. Because The Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association has now been formed to look out for the interest of those on Blackstone, it is proposed that the name of our Association be changed to indicate that Crane Lake area is its primary concern. A motion to alter the name will be introduced at the next meeting.

In order for our Association to deal authoritatively with Provincial and Municipal Offices we must be able to show that we are acting for all property owners on the Lake. Accordingly we are urging all Cottagers to become members. The cost of membership for each cottage owner is nominal. The \$5.00 fee covers the year September 1971 to September 1972, payable to "Conger Township Conservation Association". Mail it today in the enclosed envelope.

Your executive recently had a planning meeting. We believe that you will find the following to be of interest:-

Bill Kunc reports that the Department of Lands and Forest has produced a contour map of Crane Lake which will be published shortly at \$0.50/copy. An experimental planting of Lake Trout is planned for 1972 since the map shows over 300 acres to be deeper than forty feet. A feasibility study is continuing concerning the planting of adult Pickerel. Cottagers of long standing will be contacted concerning the location of old spawning ground locations.

Mr. Hugh McMahon has agreed to head up a committee to monitor the state of the water at strategic points in the lake. While our information indicates that the water is in good shape now, we must watch for any tendency toward deterioration. An extensive sampling plan is already in operation in Blackstone Lake. Mr. McMahon is conferring with the Medical Officer of Health and the Ontario Water Resources Board concerning the establishment of our sampling procedures.

It is the intention to purchase two more portable fire pumps when funds become available. These pumps will be placed at strategic positions on the lake.

- The auction of the leases for nine Crown lots was carried out in late October. Successful bids ranged from \$2,300 to \$4,000. This means that leases will cost the successful bidders from \$230 to \$400 per year (10% of the bid value). Leases are for 30 years and are renewable for two further 10 year periods.

- Department of Lands and Forests is not presently planning the leasing of more land on Crane Lake. Close to 50% of the shoreline is presently in private hands and while the Municipal Act stipulates that 25% of the shoreline is to be reserved as Crown Land an effort is being made to hold to the 50% figure.

- We hear that a very successful New Year's Eve Party was held at Crane Lake House. The big feature was square dancing.

- The Cottagers in the area known as the "Kingshott Development" formed a committee last fall to work out a solution to problems concerning the road into that area. Apparently a solution is in sight involving the relocation of a section of that road. A substantial portion of the funds necessary to finance the construction and the legal fees have already been collected from the Cottagers concerned.

- In the course of working out the above problem three representatives of that area were successfully elected to the Conger Township Roads Board.

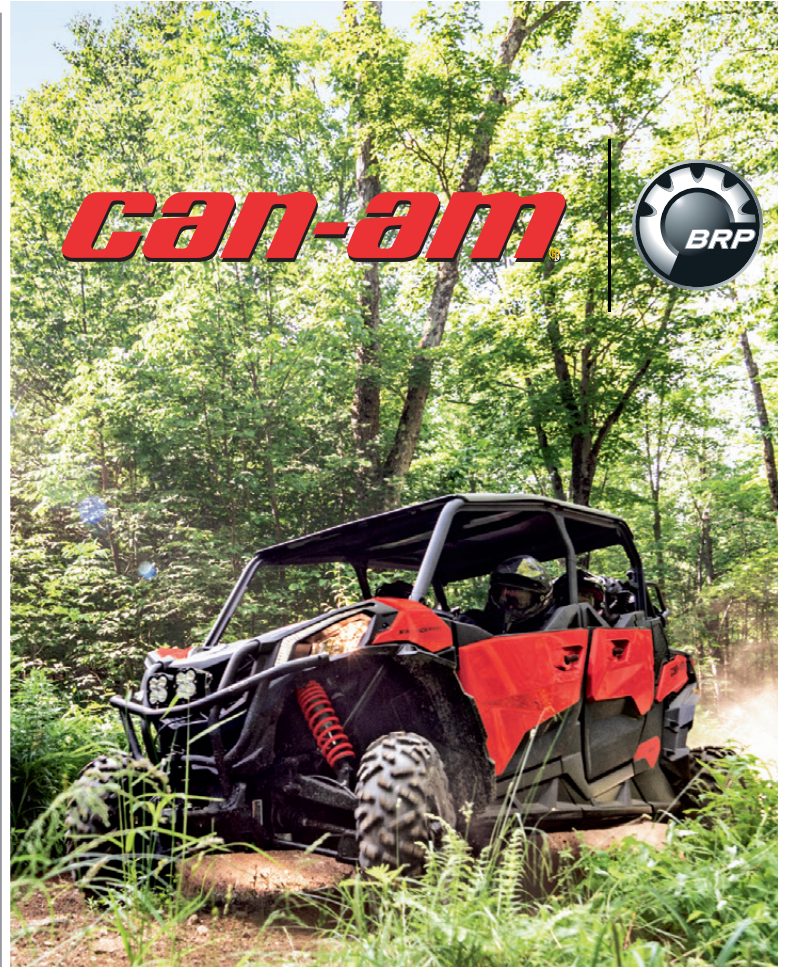
The executive listed below looks forward to your support. Please agree if you are asked to act on any one of the committees.

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# Regatta Volunteers!

Mark your calendar for this year's Regatta scheduled for Saturday August 1st. And while you're doing that we'd love for you to consider the essential role volunteers play in making this a fun memorable event. This year we're looking for volunteers of all ages who can commit 3-4 hours to help run the Regatta. For high school students who volunteer, the CLA can sign their volunteer hour forms; what a fun way to earn these hours!

Anyone who'd like to volunteer can email the CLA at [contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca](mailto:contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca).



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# Treasurer & Membership Report

Steven Neugebauer

## Treasurer Report

As of December 31, 2019, our combined bank/savings balance was \$52,114. For 2019, income did not reach planned amounts, but expenses were generally lower than planned amounts.

The 2019 fund activity is summarized below:

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund
Income	\$9,215	\$5,360
Expense	\$11,050	\$674
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$1,835)	\$4,686
Balance on 01-Jan-2019	\$8,039	\$36,104
Balance at 31-Dec-2019	\$6,204	\$40,790

\*\*\* Please note that these numbers are inclusive of certain assumptions for some 2019 expenses that are not yet submitted, and these figures have not yet been reviewed. Our formal financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 will be available at the 2020 Annual General Meeting in July, as well as a current update to our financial position.

## Membership Report

It's that time of year again! It's time to send in your association dues for 2020.

For the 127 Crane Lake Association members that supported us for 2019, I hope you will continue to support us for 2020! For the 97 cottages that are not members, including those whose membership has lapsed over the years, I hope you will (re-)join the membership in 2020. The association membership dues for 2020 remain at \$100. The benefits of membership in the Crane Lake Association include:

- Winter, Spring and Fall Newsletters highlighting upcoming events and current issues
- Entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Participation in the Crane Lake Regatta
- Maintenance and renewal of our fire pumps, fire boat, defibrillator and other fire protection and life-saving equipment
- Representation in matters of mutual interest pertaining to the Crane Lake community.

We hope that all Crane Lake property owners will join us at the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in July. You can pay your membership dues at the AGM, by Interac e-Transfer to Steven Neugebauer – [CLA.Steve1@gmail.com](mailto:CLA.Steve1@gmail.com) , or forward your cheque payable to the Crane Lake Association to:

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 c/o Steven Neugebauer  
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