

DIRECTORS' REPORTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE JACK LAKE
ASSOCIATION
JULY 2, 2011

Important Dates

Kids Fishing Derby	Sat. July 16th
JLA Regatta	Sat. July 30 & Sun July 31 (Rain date Mon. Aug. 1)

Past President's Report

Jack's Lake Road

Thanks to those who signed the JLA petition last summer to get the County's and Townships' attention on the extremely poor condition of this road. We have been informed that approval was given in the 2011 County budget. Extra money was allocated for work on three low traffic volume roads like ours from the County's Reserve funds. Work should commence this August/September.

The project involves the section of road from County Road 504 south approximately 5.2 km., and will involve the replacement of several cross culverts and restoration of the surface to width of 8.0 m. wherever possible. During the construction, one lane will be open at all times with both lanes open at the end of the day.

We Have a New Jack's Lake Association Constitution!

The modifications made to the JLA constitution were ratified with a 97% approval. Thank you for your support.

Fire Pumps

The JLA is happy to report that an anonymous donor has given the JLA a new fire pump. Please note the location on your 2011 maps of the newly donated pump. It is located on the north shore, at the west end of the Narrows.

Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lakes Association (HBMLA)

The HBMLA is an umbrella organization of lake associations made up of elected volunteers who are committed to improving communication between the individual lake associations, and between the lake associations and the Township, government agencies and FOCA. The lake associations' membership numbers show that they represent a high percent of their lakes' property owners. As you know, no organization can be held to a standard of representing all residents' interests. Recognized best practices are the guideline of the HBMLA.

At a Feb. meeting, HBMLA members questioned council regarding: timely communications; the HBM Official Plan; the timing and state of Scoped By-Laws; an HBM environmental brochure; source water protection.

At a Public Meeting in April a draft of the 2011 budget was reviewed and HBMLA members provided feedback. Concern was expressed that no spending reductions were found, and that the practice of increasing taxes well in excess of inflation was not sustainable by taxpayers.

Concern was expressed that council continues to maintain that because the mill rate declined by 3%, that there would be a 3% decrease in taxes in IIBM Township. We showed council a report in the Community Press on April 14, 2011 with a headline announcing "Three per cent tax decrease". This is clearly a misleading statement, since spending and therefore taxes will increase by 7% in the coming year. The fact that the assessment base increased by 10% results in a decrease in the mill rate. It was brought to council's attention that on the same page of the Community Press, the following headline related to Marmora stated: "Expect 2.4% increase on tax bills", with the following opening paragraphs:

"Marmora – Council here has passed its 2011 budget with a 5.9 per cent tax rate decrease, but that won't mean lower taxes for most residents. Due to the assessment phase in for 2011, most households in Marmora and Lake can expect to see an average increase of 2.4 per cent on their taxes this year....."

So it is clear that IIBM Council has taken a different communications approach from Marmora, one that in IIBMLA's opinion obscures to most taxpayers what is actually happening. Reeve Ron Gerow and Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Linda Reed disagreed with our position on this, stating that there are reasons that an increasing assessment base results in additional demands on township resources and thus drives higher costs. CAO Reed agreed to quantify how much of the assessment increase drives additional costs and how much is related to increases in property values that do not. CAO Reed agreed to write an article on the 2011 budget that we could publish in the various lake newsletters scheduled to be issued in the spring. We agreed to work with her on this.

The IIBMLA look forward to working with council to play a more active role in developing next year's budget so that more sustainable taxation can be developed. Individual property owners are welcome to express their opinions directly to Reeve Gerow or other council members. Telephone numbers and email addresses are available at the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen web site at:

<http://www.havelockbelmontmethuen.on.ca/council.php>.

Fisheries Committee Report

A **Kids Fishing Derby** is to be held at Jack's Lake on **Saturday, July 16, 2011**. This exciting event is sponsored by Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire along with the Jack's Lake Association and our two Marinas, the Anchorage and Forest Glen.

Adults wishing to register their Kids or Grandkids can email or call :
anthonyhalcovitch@hotmail.com or call 705-768-3592.

Registration will also be available at the two Marinas from 8AM – 9AM on July 16th. Fishing is for kids 12 and under from 9AM to 11:30 AM.

Plans also include a fish fry, a filleting demonstration, prizes, giveaways, and snacks for all the kids!

The Fisheries Committee conducted another **Walleye Watch** in April to determine the success of the previous years' spawning bed rehabilitation efforts. Thank you to the brave and hearty folks who looked after this. Plans are underway to set another date this summer to conduct **spawning bed rehabilitation** in the south basin. The committee will also be setting **long term goals** for the committee and will share this information with MNR Bancroft.

Membership Report

Membership in the association is on target for this year. Copies of the most recent Smoke Signals mailed to former members resulted in five new memberships. The committee will again be present at the Regatta to sign up anyone interested in membership.

**Budget and Actual
with planning for 2011**

Revenue	2009		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	16,500	17,525	1,025
Newsletter Advertising	15,950	17,945	1,995
Maps and Decals	25	210	185
Book, Bake Sale, Regatta Fees	200	1,047	847
Environment (Shrubs reimburse)			
Donations: General	500		-500
Walleye Watch Grant	1,500		-1,500
TOTAL	34,675	36,727	2,052

Revenue	2010		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	16,000	12,855	-3,145
Newsletter Advertising	16,315	18,047	1,732
Maps and Decals	25	99	74
Book, Bake Sale, Regatta Fees	200	2,296	2,096
Environment (Shrubs reimburse)	2,000	1,708	-292
Donations: General			
Walleye Watch Grant	1,500	1,600	100
TOTAL	36,040	36,605	565

Revenue	2011		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	16,000	11,430	-4,570
Newsletter Advertising	16,315	4,705	-11,610
Maps and Decals	25	240	215
Book, Bake Sale, Regatta Fees	2,000		-2,000
Environment (Shrubs reimburse)			0
Donations: General	600		-600
Walleye Watch Grant	1,500		-1,500
TOTAL	36,440	16,375	-20,065

Expenses	2009		
	Budget	Actual	\$ to spare
Newsletter	15,000	12,743	2,257
Insurance	2,500	2,468	32
Regatta	3,000	4,707	-1,707
Environment	2,000	2,815	-815
Environment			
Fire Pumps - New	-		0
Fire Pumps - Misc	700	586	114
Buoy and Markers - New	6,800	732	6,068
Buoy and Markers - Misc	300	317	-17
Lake Plan	2,500	1,990	510
Ontario Hydro	250	234	16
FOCA/NORKLA/CBWF Assoc.	1,300	1,242	58
Community Donations	500		500
Maintenance/Equipment *			
Bank Charges	150	88	62
Annual General Meeting	300	649	-349
Admin	2,150	612	1,738
Membership Drive	400	225	175
TOTAL	38,050	29,408	8,642

Expenses	2010		
	Budget	Actual	\$ to spare
Newsletter	15,000	13,705	1,295
Insurance	2,500	2,516	-16
Regatta	3,000	3,376	-376
Environment	2,000	887	1,113
Environment	2,000	1,769	231
Fire Pumps - New	-		-
Fire Pumps - Misc	1,200	1,441	-241
Buoy and Markers - New	4,500	2,206	2,294
Buoy and Markers - Misc	500	454	46
Lake Plan	250	-	250
Ontario Hydro	250	239	11
FOCA/NORKLA/CBWF Assoc.	1,400	1,234	166
Community Donations			
Maintenance/Equipment *			
Bank Charges	150	105	45
Annual General Meeting	300	240	60
Admin	2,000	445	1,555
Membership Drive	400	135	265
TOTAL	35,450	28,753	6,697

Expenses	2011		
	Budget	Actual	\$ to spare
Newsletter	15,000	5,902	9,098
Insurance	2,500		2,500
Regatta	3,000	94	2,906
Environment	5,000		5,000
Environment	2,000	98	1,902
Fire Pumps - New	-		-
Fire Pumps - Misc	1,200	223	977
Buoy and Markers - New	500		500
Buoy and Markers - Misc	500	223	277
Lake Plan	250		250
Ontario Hydro	250	115	135
FOCA/NORKLA/CBWF Assoc.	1,400	1,375	25
Community Donations			0
Maintenance/Equipment *	5,000		5,000
Bank Charges	150	52	98
Annual General Meeting	300		300
Admin	2,000	238	1,762
Membership Drive	400	766	-366
TOTAL	41,450	9,086	32,364

Actual Excess/Shortfall -\$ 3,375 \$ 7,319

\$ 590 \$ 7,852

-\$ 5,010 \$ 7,289

Bank Balance May 12, 2011 \$ 45,767