

1998

Art Burgess got the rope in at the swimming hole !!!!!!! Finally, after all the kidding he took over last number of years at the Annual Meetings he got us off his back. We were not surprised it would be done a little later than expected.

The high rock around the Boat House has been cracked by Fred Isaac's July 4th to 10th camp to allow drainage of the water by drilling holes in the rock and placing Betonamite, an expansion material, in the holes. Keith Balfour with Kenny Hayward had started the work on the boathouse bracing and footings. Work was completed by the end of 1999.



Poor drainage allowed trapped water to freeze and damage the footings.
(Picture May 1997.)

Income was up \$4,000.00 this year and 3 members had resigned. Financially the camp is in good shape.



July 1998.

The shingles on the roof of the bathroom were replaced by Rob Haddow and Tim Inkster during their July 1998 Camp. Tim caulked the chimney flashing on the main lodge and repaired the screening on the kitchen vents which had been damaged by raccoons.

The gas pump was sent out put for repairs at the end of the season as it was leaking and had become very loose.

John Haddow Sr. and his camp added the porch to the Main Sleeping Cabin replacing the original steps so that entry into the cabin with loaded arms would be easier and safer for members and guests. This was a great improvement and wasn't soon enough for me as I recall falling from the stairs late one night while heading out for bladder relief. Keith Balfour and Rick Ball had done more of the shutter work on the cabins which are looking great. Hopefully this project will be finished by 2000.



Main sleeping cabin with porch addition. Picture taken August 1999.

The Onan generator is getting old. Problems are happening and it had started losing oil during the summer.

This year was great because we now had more boats than people. Kenny Hayward had delivered the new steel boat and repairs had been completed on the others. A plan to acquire more motors is underway and a boat committee is to be set up for this. Four new members were added to the camp compliment at the Annual Meeting which was needed to boost the revenues.

A problem had been created because the Board had allowed a family camp to take place in an August Summer Camp. History had shown that summer season camps were mens camps and previous discussions in earlier years had tabooed family or mixed camps during that time. The Board noted it had made the decision based on revenues and did not condone or disapprove of it's actions. It was decided at this point that the Constitution & Rules & Regulations of Morton's Point Camp had to be modified to current day applications. All Camp Managers were part of a committee set up to work along side the Board to determine how the new documents should be written. The results were sent to the Board (the Secretary) to put together a package which would be sent to the membership and voted on at the 1999 Annual Meeting.



Photographer would normally be waist deep in water here. September 1998.

The lake levels have been dropping for a number of years but this September was the lowest I have ever seen it reach. The docks were actually hanging in the air from the holding brackets. Rocks, normally under enough water for a motor boat to pass over, were totally exposed. One good thing was being able to collect golf balls that had been hit less distance than I could throw them by our in house golf pros. Good reason to be asking for a new dam !

I was elected onto the Board at the October 1998 Annual Meeting and took the position of Secretary previously done by Jim Steele. Jim asked that I take over from the same day I was elected as there would be too much for him to handle with the Constitution Committee. He was right. I spent countless hour typing , proof reading, sending out information packages and getting information from committee members. The nice thing was is that I enjoyed every minute of it.



Tim Inkster. July 1998. Drinking his way to neurological disability.

Ned Riley was given the task of finding out the capacity of the water holding tank which was installed in 1965. The formula can be found noted back in the chapter on 1965 in this book. The tank can hold 306 gallons of water / 1,158 litres. At this point and time, I don't know what it was needed for but it certainly makes an interesting fact ! So much so, I added it into the book....

The cedar sign on the boathouse was installed this year. It was made by Rhadigan & Co. Signs of Saline Michigan (Tom Rhadigan / member) for a cost of \$200.00 US. All who view it are quite impressed.



The old Party Boat was retired at the end of the 1998 season and plans were made to turn it into a swimming platform for the summer of 2000.

The Old Party Boat. Purchased in 1987. Picture taken during it's last season in July 1998.

The used 1970 Crestliner 24 foot pontoon boat was purchased from Marvin Sjoerdsma on November 19, 1998 at a cost of \$2,645.00 tax included. Plans were made to make minor repairs and get the boat transported to Camp in the Spring of 1999. A wind storm tore the canopy off while at the marina prior to transporting it to the lake. The decision was made not to repair it.



Newest addition to our armada before the wind took off the Bimini top.

Resignations (0)

New members (2) Nathan Schonier, Jack Campbell.



Fishing below the weir dam on the Mag August 1998.

1998 high water level at Lake Wah Wash Kesh.



The Tweed sleeping cabin was washed away from its foundation at Lovesick rapids and came to rest several kilometers away completely intact, including all the glass windows. Like an iceberg, this cabin floated down the lake with only its peak showing above the water. Look carefully at the end of the cabin to see the high water mark.

(photo by Andy Vurma)

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