

# FALL 2008 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

Founded in 2000 to provide Spirit, Service and Support!



## 2008 Annual Meeting and Elections

by Peter

The 2008 MSAA Annual Meeting convened about 7:15 pm on Saturday, May 31 in the Pioneer dining hall. Peter Collinge started the meeting by conducting the annual election. Officers and Executive Committee members were unanimously elected for 2008-09, as listed to the right.

Mike chaired the rest of the meeting, starting by giving the Treasurer's Report. Our current account balance is \$1952, similar to this time last year. We lost several hundred dollars on the 55th anniversary reunion but hope to make that up by sales of the remaining 55th anniversary patches.

Next was a discussion of coming events. 1) There will not be an official MSAA staff celebration this summer, but Erin Burruto will arrange to supply the staff with Tahou's Garbage Plates courtesy of Alex Tahou. 2) The next MSAA Executive Committee meeting will tentatively be on August 11. 3) A Fall Family Picnic/Clambake will be held in Powder Mills Park on Saturday, September 27. 4) The camp is planning to host an Eagle Week in 2009. Organizers hope some alumni will volunteer to help. 5) 2010 will be celebrated nationally as the 100th anniversary of the BSA. [Member Kathy Elliott later reminded us that 2010 will also be the 10th anniversary of MSAA!]

Peter mentioned that more camp promotion will be done for 2009; alumni volunteers are encouraged to help promote camp. (Sign-ups for camp were down about 8% in 2008, causing budget problems.)

The 2008 MSAA fundraising project is helping to buy replacement mountain bikes. A new project will be chosen for 2009, and possibilities were discussed.

Finally, George Varga was again thanked for a great job with the Beaver Tales newsletter.

After the meeting, many of the MSAA members participated in BarkEater ceremonies, including the first, second, and third year ceremonies for newer participants and the premiere of the new fourth year ceremony for those who became third year BarkEaters last year.

### Executive Committee

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#### **Vice-Chair**

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#### **Council VP of Camping**

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MassStaffAlumni.org

### Chair's



### Corner

It was an honor and privilege to be elected as your Chair at our Annual Meeting. I will work to serve you as well as past chairs and hope that when my term is up, you feel I did. I look forward to a good year that will be filled with both fellowship and work events that benefit our members and Camp Massawepie. If you haven't participated in our events please come out and meet or catch up with fellow staff members, and have a good time; I do. The Clambake at Powder Mills Park is always a great time. It is your Alumni Association, so please call (I'm in the phone book) or email at mikek@netacc.net to let me know what I can do for you to make our organization better. Have a great year!

Mike

**Treasurers Report** *by Mike*

At the Annual Meeting a brief Treasurer's report was given as was noted in the Annual Meeting Report. We started the year at \$1966.39 and had \$1831.74 at the end of April. We took in another \$1468 in May for a total of \$3299.74. During the year we took in \$1700.00 for dues, \$377.00 for tee shirt and patch sales and \$1932.00 for the 55th Reunion (but spent \$2483.59 on the Reunion a loss of \$551.59 for that event). We collected \$85.00 for the Square Foot endowment. We also received \$1025 in dues/donations that was specifically donated for new mountain bikes. Additional dues have been pledged to mountain bikes but they will be part of the '08-'09 report. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns, as I turn over the "books" to Peter.

Mike Knittel, 2007-2008 Treasurer

**Is Massawepie in Your Will?** *by Peter*

Did you have a great time at Massawepie as a youth? Do you want to help ensure that future youth get the same opportunity? If so, please consider including Massawepie in your will. To ensure that a bequest will specifically benefit Massawepie, use language saying that you are bequeathing money to:

"...The Otetiana Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America for the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment, to endow in perpetuity the maintenance and equipment of the Massawepie Scout Camps."

For assistance or further information, please contact Tim Smith at the Otetiana Council Servicer at (585) 241-8570 or [Tim.Smith@otetiana.org](mailto:Tim.Smith@otetiana.org).

**Mt. Bikes** *by Mike*

As we normally do, this past year we offered the option that if you paid \$50.00 or more for your yearly dues we would contribute the entire amount for the project for the year. This past year we decided that the area of the camp that needed our help was the Mountain Bike Program. And I am pleased to announce that the Board has approved the donation of \$2000.00, most of which was from our member specific donations for new Mountain Bikes. Thanks to all who contributed!

Together with our significant support of the Meyering Rifle Range and the Kayak Program, we have made a big difference in the quality of the Massawepie camping experience. I hope you will continue to support other camp programs on which the Massawepie Alumni Association decides to focus. We look forward to sharing our next camp program initiative in an upcoming Beaver Tales issue.



**BEAVER WEEKEND PROJECTS**

*A new storage building at the Archery Range and new bunks for the bunkrooms at Gannett Lodge!*



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# Seventh Fall Family Picnic/Clambake

Come join us for an afternoon and evening of fun and food!  
Bring your old camp photos and memories to share!

*(Must be a paid Alumni Association Member or family of paid member to attend.)*

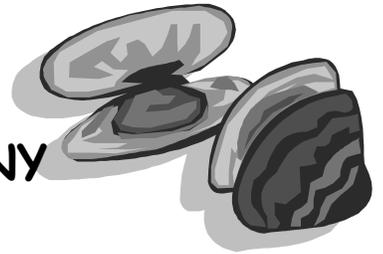
## Saturday, September 27th, 2008

### Shady Rest Pavilion

(off Woolston Rd. near Irondequoit Creek)

### Powder Mills Park, Pittsford, NY

### 1:00 PM - until?



Cost - \$15.00 per adult

Includes 2 dozen clams, chicken, salt potatoes, and corn on the cob

\$5.00 per child

Includes hot dogs and chicken, salt potatoes and corn on the cob

*Please BYOB and a munchie or dessert to share!*

Send below RSVP and check or money order (payable to Otetiana Council) to:  
Massawepie Staff Alumni Association, 7131 Gulick Rd., Naples, NY 14512

## BY Friday September 12th, 2008

**RSVP - MSAA Family Picnic 9/27/08**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00= \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome!

Welcome to our new members who have joined since the last listing:

Rob Cunningham  
(Mountaineer '98)

Jeremy Kulp  
(Pioneer '08)

Jason Swarts  
(Mountaineer '92, '93)

Alex Tahou  
(Friend of Massawepie)

## Membership Renewal

Is your membership current? Annual memberships expire on May 31. If yours has expired you should find a renewal form enclosed with this newsletter. Send \$10 (or \$20 for 2 years) to the address shown on the form. Or, you can receive a complimentary one-year membership (or extension) by returning the form with \$50 or more of donations to: the "Square Foot" Endowment (which will support Massawepie equipment and maintenance in perpetuity); or to our next "support Massawepie program and/or staff fund drive," which will be announced

## Upcoming Events

### September 2008

27.....Family Picnic/CLAMBAKE – details on Page 3!  
***SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 12!***

### October 2008

3-5.....Fall Skills Weekend at Massawepie (shut-down)  
All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

### May 2009

15-17...Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie  
All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

### June 2009

5-7.....Beaver Weekend at Massawepie  
ALL Alumni encouraged to attend!

6.....MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Weekend  
dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle

soon. This will replace our successful drive to add new bikes to the Mountain Bike program, which replaced the very successful drive to start a kayak program at camp. If you know a Massawepie staff alumni or friend of Massawepie who's not a member please encourage them to join or renew. Membership forms are available in the "About Us" section of [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org) – download all you need. And if they send the form in at the same time, they are eligible to pre-register for the Family Picnic/Clambake to be held Saturday September 27!

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