

FALL 2012 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

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2012 Annual Meeting and Elections

The Annual Meeting of the MSAA membership was held on June 2 during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie in the Dining Hall, led by Gary Hicks. The slate of Executive Committee officers and members-at-large, as presented in the spring issue of Beaver Tales, was unanimously approved by those in attendance. In addition, Joe Varga volunteered to be the Secretary and Sean Glenney volunteered to fill an open Member at Large slot. These were also unanimously approved, as were the proposed changes to our Rules of Operation. Gary reported on the work of the committee throughout the year. Peter Collinge provided financial and membership reports. The MSAA Donor Option fundraising for a shooting shelter at the Shotgun Range did well but will be short of our goal. Erin Burruto reported continued growth in Eagle Flight. MSAA members worked on many Beaver Weekend projects: feeding the volunteers all weekend, water-front set up, campsite set up, construction of two more pit latrines, trail work, cabin reroofing, construction of more tabin frames in the staff site, and many others - big and small. Upgrading of the Shotgun building (mostly done prior to the weekend) was completed and the shooting shelter was built. See the photos here and inside.

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Well, another year is almost gone. 2012 included helping at successful Skills Weekends and Beaver Weekend, helping to provide a great camping program for the Scouts and leaders, holding a couple of fun social events, etc. We also saw the end of a great run by the longest serving Camp Director in Massawepie history. We still have a 60th anniversary celebration weekend at camp coming up on the last weekend of the year. Ahead we look forward to another year of serving our great camp, plus the introduction of the next in a long legacy of Massawepie Camp Directors. Our Winter Gathering in March will honor Steve's service to Massawepie. See y'all at camp!

New members joining since May, 2012:

Dennis Duggan
Michael Duggan
Patrick Duggan
Shannon Hicks
Eric Rule
Ian Smith

Welcome to all!

In other member news, David Lippitt

has been chosen as the anticipated next president of Seneca Waterways Council beginning in May, 2013. Peter Collinge's term as VP of Camping for the council has ended; Dan Bickel has replaced him. Ken Lombart has moved from Massachusetts to Kentucky. Chuck Levengood was Attendance Chair for the council Eagle Scout Centennial Celebration in October. Jeremy Whitmore, Scout Executive of the Pushmataha Council in Columbus, MS, also attended that event during a visit to Rochester.

MSC Equipment Donor Option for 2013 *by George*

The Camp Equipment/Project Donor Option for 2013 was chosen at the November 6 Executive Committee Meeting. New at Massawepie in 2013 will be a BMX bike program. A course will be built; bikes and safety equipment will be needed. We decided to support this program by raising money to purchase bikes. Five or six will be needed to get started; quality bikes will cost about \$500 each. Our goal is to raise \$1500 from members and donate \$500 from our treasury – enough for four bikes. Your help, as always, will be appreciated.

Treasurer's Report *by Peter*

Balance on 12/31/11	\$2,887.49	
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Dues.....	\$1,035.00.....	\$0.00
Administrative (mailing, website, etc.).....	\$0.00.....	\$56.70
Camp Project, Donor Option (shooting shelter at Shotgun)	\$1,030.00.....	\$1,530.00
Square Foot Endowment, Donor Option	\$1,705.00.....	\$1,705.00
Social Event (winter gathering, picnic/clambake)	\$295.00.....	\$153.00
Memorabilia (patches, tee shirts).....	\$45.00.....	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$4,110.00.....	\$3,444.70
Balance as of 10/31/12	\$3,552.79	

We are having a good year financially. Dues income is up, because of the dues increase, *and* because more members are now paying for two years to take advantage of the discount. We've donated \$1530 for the Shotgun Shooting Shelter: \$1030 from member donations, and \$500 from the treasury. Members have donated \$1705 for the Square Foot Endowment Fund, and we'll soon be donating \$700 more from our treasury to remember Dave Anderson and Bill Keymel with memorial Square Yards. Our fall event had a \$142 profit. All of our surplus goes to keeping Massawepie a premier Scout camp. The Executive Committee has already decided to donate \$500 beyond our member donations for the 2013 Donor Option (see article).

Square Foot Endowment Growth Continues *by Peter*

Nice work Alumni! Again in 2011, most of the donations to the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment Fund came through the MSAA! The money in this fund is invested, and the proceeds are used for equipment and maintenance at Massawepie.

Donations to this fund are always welcome. Checks should be made payable to Seneca Waterways Council, with a note attached saying, "For the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment Fund." (If you send your donation via Don DeClerck at Camp Cutler, the Alumni Association can include it in our totals for the year.) Some members have made donations as tributes or memorials. You may also wish to include a bequest in your will to Seneca Waterways Council, Boy Scouts of America, as some Alumni members have done to help keep Massawepie available for youth forever. Specify that it is "For the 397 Seneca Waterways Council Trust Fund, Tax I.D. #16-6122899." Your legal counsel can help with the language in your will to make it appropriate for your circumstances. For further options or assistance, contact Steve McEwan, SWC Director of Finance at 585-241-8556 or smcewan@bsamail.org .

Thanks to all who have helped to build this fund. Let's see how quickly we can grow it to \$100,000!

Balance 12/31/2010	\$52,603
Distributed for Camp	- 2,050
New Donations	+ 2,185
<u>Investment Gains</u>	+ 1,932
Balance 12/31/2011.....	\$54,670

MSC 2012

by George

In his 11th year as Camp Director, Steve Weisenreder led another very successful summer at Pioneer! Attendance was up, with over 1860 boy weeks and almost 600 leader weeks. Week Five set a record, with just over 600 campers along with about 70 staff and CITs in camp!

New programs were popular and 60th Anniversary activities drew heavy participation.

Goodbye Steve

Steve's historic tenure as Camp Director ended with a great 2012 season. He had been on staff for several before his 11 years as Director and was a camper as a Scout. Steve recently left Scouting to explore other career options. We will honor him for his years of service at our Winter Gathering – see Page 5.

Ed Theetge, Director at Camp Babcock-Hovey in recent years, was named as the new Massawepie Camp Director. We welcome Ed to Massawepie and wish him success.

2012 Fall Family Picnic & Clams

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by George, including photos

A beautiful fall day in Powder Mills Park was the setting for our almost annual event. 16 adults and 2 kids attended. Most were "regulars," but we welcomed a few who were new to the event. George displayed a selection of 2012 souvenirs from the Pioneer Trading Post. Mike brought memorabilia to share and camaraderie was rampant. Don (with an assist from son Donny) steamed the clams, the highlight of the meal. Gary cooked salt potatoes as his dish-to-pass. An abundance of snacks, appetizers, salads and sides were brought by others. A few cooked chicken or hots to go along with their clams. As a bonus, the event was very successful financially (see Finance Report on Page 2).



MSAA Executive Committee Minutes – November 6, 2012

Held at 474 East Avenue, Rochester

Before the meeting was called to order: George handed out a proposed "about MSAA/membership application" brochure for review; Peter handed out copies of the Finance Summary & updated Rules of Operation

Meeting Called to Order by Gary at 6:42 pm.

In attendance were Gary, Mike, George, Peter, Don, Dave, Erin & Joe.

Excused were Sean, Mark & Stephanie. Absent were Rob & Matt.

Minutes from the annual meeting at Beaver Weekend were not taken, so were not reviewed.

Old Business: New Executive Committee members: Joe Varga, Sean Glenney

New Business:

- Reviewed Financial Statement. Discussed amounts for endowments and use of other funds. Decided on \$500 for Project Fund, \$500 for Endowment Fund from this year and \$500 for last year for \$1000 total, including memorial Square Yards of \$350 each for Dave Anderson and Bill Keymel; remainder for general funds.

- Peter mentioned a potential conflict in the Rules of Operation update. It was suggested at the Annual Meeting that the change in Section 4 should be adjusted show dues covering through June 30 instead of May 31 (and beginning on July 1), to prevent lapses for those who renew at Beaver Weekend or later in June. All agreed and this was added to the changes. Proposed changes were approved at that meeting (and recently by the Council). Peter since discovered that the Membership Year is specified in Section 3 as June 1 to May 31. We voted tonight to go by the Section 4 change for now. The change to Section 3 will be presented next May, voted upon at the 2013 annual meeting and made retroactive at that point.

- 2013 MSC Equipment/Project Donor Option: A tabin near the Trek Center was suggested, but turned down as tabins were the target in a recent year. It was decided that we would go with the BMX bikes which have already been advertised for the 2013 season. The goal will be \$1500 from members and \$500 from the treasury for a total of \$2000, which would get 4 bikes.

- 60th Anniversary social event: will be at Massawepie (Gannett) December 28-30. Don will verify that the date is available. [Details are on Page 5.]

- Steve Weisenreder will no longer be Camp Director after 11 great years. Our Annual Winter Gathering will honor Steve. Erin will contact him about this and get back to us. [Find more info on Page 5.]

- Newsletter discussion took about 15 minutes. George delegated some content responsibility to others and briefly covered remaining content and layout, promising to deliver a proof copy to Committee members on or about 11/20.

Meeting closed at 8 pm.

Submitted by Joe Varga

Beaver Weekend 2012

Photos by G. Varga



Massawepie 60th Anniversary Celebration: A Massawepie Staff Alumni Association Social Event

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**Friday December 28 – Sunday December 30, 2012
At Gannett Lodge – Massawepie Scout Camp**



Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime “between the Holidays” event! If you’ve never been to Massawepie in the winter, this is your chance. Space is limited to 24 men and 24 women – capacity of the bunk rooms – so get your paid reservations in early. On Friday, eat on the way (at the Thirsty Moose nee Dumas, maybe?) or bring your supper. We’ll have a cracker barrel Friday evening. There will be three meals on Saturday plus an evening cracker barrel, and breakfast on Sunday. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available all weekend. Any other beverages are your responsibility. This is an adult event! Bring memorabilia and photos from your time at camp. Stories shared promise to be a highlight, along with seeing old friends and making new ones. The cost for members and spouses/significant others is \$40 each, to cover food and the lodge. Friends and current/former staffers who are not members will pay \$60, unless they join. Fill out and return the form below, along with your check, BY Saturday December 15.

MSAA Massawepie 60th Anniversary Celebration at Gannett RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ Paid Member? Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER/S: _____

Number Attending: _____	Member & Spouse/Significant Other @ \$40 = _____	Make check payable to:
_____	Non-Members @ \$60 = _____	“Seneca Waterways Council,
_____	Non-Members who are joining @ \$55 = _____	BSA” and note “MSAA
_____	<-----TOTALS----->\$_____	event” on the memo line

Send form and check **BY DECEMBER 15** to: Don DeClerck, MSAA, Camp Cutler, 7131 Gulick Rd., Naples, NY 14512

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday evening March 2, 2013! MSAA Annual Winter Gathering – Honoring Steve Weisenreder for His Service to Massawepie!



The event will be held in Olmsted Lodge in the Monroe County Parks Department building. It is located at 171 Reservoir Avenue, off South Avenue in Rochester. The site is in Highland Park opposite the Lambertson Conservatory. Pass the word to everyone! Details will appear in the Winter 2013 issue of Beaver Tales, due out in early February.



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TO:

Membership Renewal

If you received a renewal form with this newsletter, your membership has *expired*. Renew NOW to keep receiving this newsletter, and to continue supporting the future of Massawepie!

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Another Way to Serve: Join the Eagle Flight Staff

The highly successful Eagle Flight program at Massawepie needs adult staff members. Program leaders are seeking scoutmasters, merit badge counselors and other assistance. For more information, contact Erin Burruto: eburruto@gmail.com.

Go GREEN!

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2012-13 EVENTS

December 28-30...60th Anniversary Celebration at Massawepie (see article)

March 2...Winter Gathering, Olmstead Lodge in Highland Park, honoring Steve W. (see article)

May 17-19...Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie - ALL Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

May 28-30...Pre-Beaver Days – come early – help prepare for the weekend projects!

May 31 - June 2...Beaver Weekend at Massawepie - ALL Alumni are encouraged to attend!

June 1.....MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Weekend dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle!