

SPRING 2009 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

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Notice of MSAA Annual Meeting: June 6, 2009

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2009 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 6, following the evening meal. We'll meet in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle unless the weather keeps us in the Pioneer Dining Hall.

Under our Rules of Operation, elections will be held for officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee. (See the page 2 article about nominations.) Reports of 2008-09 activities will also be shared. Alumni T-shirts and patches will also be available to buy! BarkEater induction ceremonies will be held after the meeting for those eligible. The closing activity will be the traditional group photo shoot! (But socializing may continue somewhere in greater Childwold.)

Part of the discussion will be future role of the Alumni Association at camp, and for the 100th anniversary of the BSA in 2010 (also the 10th anniversary of MSSA). Come share your ideas and hear from others, as part of the fun and service of Beaver Weekend!

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Join Us for Work Weekends *by Mark*

Giving back to Massawepie with some sweat-equity and sharing great times with old and new friends – the work weekend tradition! There are two opportunities to continue the tradition coming up. Spring Skills Weekend is May 14th-17th. **Beaver Weekend is June 5th-7th.** We can impact the success of the 2009 camp season by attending one or both.

We know gas prices will make it a challenge for many of you to make this trip. Car-pooling and sharing the cost of gas is the solution! Invite a few friends and share expenses. If you need a ride or have space for riders, let us know. We'll try to hook people up.

Some of us will staff the kitchen from Friday morning through Sunday morning. MSAA focus projects will be: reseating/replacing some benches and rechipping in the fire circle, and repair of sailboats. The Properties Committee is setting up other projects from a very long list.

It would be great to have at least half our 96 members at Beaver Weekend, especially with the Annual Meeting being held. Also, you can see the new 5th-year BarkEater ceremony. If you work *both* weekends and are a 4th-year Bark-Eater, you can be in the first group to earn the 5th-year token (teeth)! 1st-, through 4th-year BarkEater can also be earned.

E-mail me at mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or call 585-645-5421 to reserve your spot, today.

Chair's



Corner

After a long winter it is now time to start planning for the upcoming camping season at Massawepie. Work over the winter has been done to rehab the wooden parts for the sailboat fleet so that the sailboats will be the best they have been in years. Donations with your dues will let the Alumni Association help the camp purchase some new sailboats which have been very popular but not always available due to the limited number of boats. I hope many of you can find the time to get up to Beaver Weekend, see the refurbished boats and help with many of the projects that will benefit so many scouts this summer. See you at camp!

Mike

Nominees for the MSAA Executive Committee

The Alumni Association Rules of Operation provide that nominations for officers and at large Executive Committee members should be made 20 days in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has nominated the following:

- Stephanie VonBacho, Chair
 - Gary Hicks, Vice Chair
 - Peter Collinge, Treasurer
 - _____, Secretary
- for Member at Large:
- Matt Arlauckas
 - David Lippitt

- George Varga
- John Zaffino

(Mike Knittel will serve as Past Chair)

At the Annual Meeting we will ask for volunteers to be Secretary and to fill the at Large opening. Additional nominations must be submitted in advance of the meeting to Secretary Stephanie VonBacho (contact info on page 1).

We will need new Executive Committee members by next year. So please contact one of the officers if you are interested in joining the Executive Committee or know of a good candidate.



Clambake 2008

Over 30 people of all ages enjoyed a great afternoon of food, fun and memories at Shady Rest Pavilion in Powder Mills Park on September 27. Steamed clams were the stars of the meal, supported by chicken and hots, and a wide variety of snacks and dishes supplied by those in attendance. Save September 26 for the 2009 event!

Treasurer's Report *by Peter*

The 2008 Treasurer's Report is shown below. The Alumni Association ended up with a surplus of \$540.13 overall in 2008. (The 2008 surplus would have been larger, but the cost of the 55th anniversary patches from the December 2007 dinner was billed in 2008.) We raised \$2650 for the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment, and \$2060 to replace mountain bikes for that popular program at camp. Overall, 2008 was a very successful year for the MSAA financially!

Category	2008 Income	2008 Expense	2007 Income	2007 Expense
Dues	\$890.00		\$830.00	
Administrative Expenses (mailing, website, etc.)		\$214.14		\$118.45
Camp Project Donations ('08 Bikes, '07 Kayaks)	\$2,060.00		\$855.00	
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Square Foot Endowment Donations	\$2,650.00		\$855.00	
Square Foot Endowment to Council		\$2,650.00		\$855.00
Social Event Income ('08 Clambake, '07 55th)	\$445.00		\$1,890.00	
Social Event Costs		\$386.14		\$1,875.00
Memorabilia Sales Income (patches, shirts, etc.)	\$369.00		\$51.00	
Memorabilia Costs (55th patches)		\$563.59		
Totals	\$6,414.00	\$5,873.87	\$4,481.00	\$3,703.45
12/31/08 Paid Membership: 96				
12/31/07 Balance	\$2,303.33			
2008 Income	\$6,414.00			
2008 Expense	-\$5,873.87			
12/31/08 Balance	\$2,843.46			



BarkEater 2009 *by Brad*

Fourth year BarkEaters will have the opportunity to achieve the fifth and final BarkEater level, called Ha-de-ron-dah (BarkEater), at camp this summer. They will earn their "teeth." The fifth year theme is appreciation and protection of Massawepie, the Adirondacks and wilderness areas in general. One of its requirements is to visit at least five ponds and the bog on the reservation. The fifth year ceremony will be held at its own ceremony site and will occur on a different night from the other ceremonies.

Additionally, after reviewing the overall program, the BarkEater committee has changed some of the requirements for the other four years. For instance, the Massawepie Experience for fourth year BarkEaters is now participation in the fourth year leadership experience, something we are introducing at camp this summer. To view complete updated program requirements, go to Otetiana.org.

Eagle Flight Week... New at Massawepie *by Mike*

Eagle Flight will take place August 16 – 22 (Week Seven). It is an event for Scouts serious about obtaining their Eagle Merit Badges while also experiencing Massawepie as part of a provisional troop and patrol setting. The MSAA has been asked to seek support from former staff members. This is a great way to show your support for the Council while enjoying camp and reminiscing about the great times you had as a Staff Member – with free room and board! The committee is looking for individuals that can teach a variety of badges, not *just* those required for Eagle. You must be a registered Merit Badge Counselor (or become one). They are also seeking volunteers to fill other positions such as Assistant Scoutmasters and "office" workers. If you are interested, contact Eagle Flight Chairman, Bob Cooper, at robbyiec3@mindspring.com or 585-385-1474 ASAP.

MSC '09 *by George*

We are proud and delighted to report that Steve Weisenreder will be back as Camp Director for his eighth year of leading the best Boy Scout Camp in the Adirondacks, and probably the country.

While a few veterans have retired, many key experienced staffers will be back in the same or new roles.

There are two new programs this summer. Week Six will feature an emphasis on Venturing. All Crews have been invited to spend the week. The new Eagle Flight program (see adjacent article) will be held during Week Seven.

Signups are going well, with most weeks full or nearly so for the Dining Hall. There are openings some weeks for Patrol Cooking. As always there will be troops from around the country at Massawepie, some for the first time.



MANAGER—Elgin J. Deering, general manager at Massawepie, is shown in familiar summer time setting, leaving the Roy Warren Memorial, central office of the camps.

Massawepie Central Office today (above) and 1959 (right).

Membership Renewal and Sailboats

For 2009, the MSAA Executive Committee has decided to encourage donations to help replace aging sailboats at Massawepie. You can receive a "free" one-year membership extension by returning the enclosed membership form with a donation of \$50 or more (total) to the Massawepie sailboat program and/or to the "Square Foot" Endowment (which will support Massawepie equipment and maintenance in perpetuity). The cost of one new sailboat suitable for camp use is about \$2500, and we hope to raise enough for at least one sailboat.

Please also check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it says "Expired May 2009" (or earlier). If so, please renew NOW – we don't want to lose a valuable member!

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Upcoming Events

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 are encouraged to attend!

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

September 2009

26 (tentative) MSAA Clambake – details next issue

October 2009

2-4 Fall Skills Weekend at Massawepie
All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

(And you probably don't want repeated reminders to renew.) Just send \$10 (or \$20 for 2 years or a \$50 donation which will include a free membership) to the return address shown on the form. Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter.

All members, whether renewing or not this year, are encouraged to return the form if you need to make any updates of your address, phone number, e-mail or other information. And speaking of membership, please ask a friend to join the MSAA!

TO: