

SPRING 2010 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

Celebrating 10 Years of *Spirit, Service and Support!*



Notice of MSAA Annual Meeting: June 5, 2010

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2010 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 5, 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 2009-10 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.)

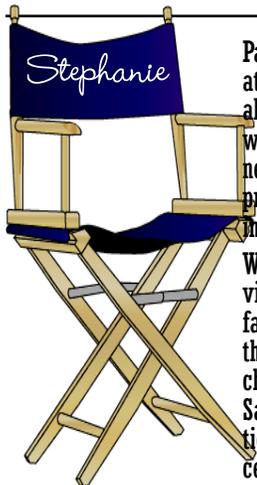
Part of the discussion will be the future role of the Alumni Association at camp, ideas for the 10th anniversary of MSAA, and for ways to grow our organization. Come share your ideas and hear from others, as part of the fun and service of Beaver Weekend!

Work Weekends *by Mark & George*

Experiencing the Adirondacks, giving back to Massawepie with some sweat equity, and sharing great times with old & new friends makes life great!

There are two opportunities to continue the tradition this year. Skills Weekend is May 14th-16th and Beaver Weekend is June 4th-6th. We have made a difference in the past and can again by attending one or both. We are all excited about the 100th Anniversary of BSA *and* the 10th Anniversary of MSAA! For Beaver Weekend our Culinary Infusion Services Team will staff the kitchen all day Friday through Sunday morning. Our feature project will be the Campfire Circle where some bench logs need resetting and some need replacing. Old chips must be removed and new chips need spreading. Partly burned logs need to be cleared/burned and the fire altars cleaned up. The Circle was our original project. After 10 years of use, extra work is needed for 2010. You can also help at the waterfront, the TP is getting a new roof, and cabins need work. Campsites need to be set up. The Properties Committee is planning other projects, something for all.

We need YOUR help! Bring a friend, or better, a group of friends. Let us know if you'll attend, how many are in your group, and if you would like to work on a particular project or will work where needed. Contact Mark Pulvino: mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or 585-645-5421.



Participation in the February mall show was a great opportunity to have a presence at the Seneca Waterways kick off celebration marking 100 years of Scouting. Many alumni members came out over the two days to talk about what we do, connect with old friends and make new ones. By highlighting the association we gained two new members and heightened awareness among areas Scouters about service projects and the purpose of the MSAA. Thanks to everyone who assisted with creating such an eye-catching display and staffing the table. (See photos on Page 3.)

With spring here and summer around the corner, the next event as part of our service mission is participation in Beaver Weekend at Massawepie. Members and their family and friends are all invited to assist with projects to prepare the camp for the busy summer season. If you have not been to camp in a while, here's your chance to come, meet other members and join us for the annual meeting held on Saturday evening. The meeting will officially mark the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association. And as Alumni, we will be sure to celebrate the beauty and history of this great camp.

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Nominees for the MSAA 2010-2011 Executive Committee

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

Stephanie VonBacho, Chair	for Member at Large:
Gary Hicks, Vice Chair	Matt Arlauckas
Peter Collinge, Treasurer	David Lippitt
Rob Cunningham, Secretary	Mark Pulvino
	George Varga

(Mike Knittel will continue to serve as Past Chair)

Additional nominations must be submitted in advance of the meeting to Secretary Rob Cunningham (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.

2009 Year-End Treasurer's Report *by Peter*

The Alumni Association had another good financial year in 2009. (See details below.) Along with routine revenue and expenses, Association members donated \$1730 toward Massawepie sailboats, and \$495 toward the Square Foot Endowment. Thanks, all! The Executive Committee also decided to donate \$1000 of our funds to the Square Foot Endowment, which provides funding for Massawepie equipment and maintenance forever. We ended 2009 with a balance of \$2449.13 in our account.

CATEGORY	2008 Income	2008 Expense	2009 Income	2009 Expense
Dues	\$890.00		\$570.00	
Administrative Expenses (mailing, website, etc.)		\$214.14		\$105.22
Camp Project Donations ('08 Bikes, '07 Kayaks)	\$2,060.00		\$1,730.00	
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Square Foot Endowment Donations	\$2,650.00		\$495.00	
Square Foot Endowment to Council		\$2,650.00		\$1,495.00
Social Event Income ('08 Clambake, '07 55th)	\$445.00		\$420.00	
Social Event Costs		\$386.14		\$347.11
Memorabilia Sales Income (patches, shirts, etc.)	\$369.00		\$68.00	
Memorabilia Cost (55th patches)		\$563.59		
TOTALS	\$6,414.00	\$5,873.87	\$3,283.00	\$3,677.33
	2008	2009		
Beginning Balance	\$2,303.33	\$2,843.46		
Income	\$6,414.00	\$3,283.00		
Expense	-\$5,873.87	-\$3,677.33		
Ending Balance	\$2,843.46	\$2,449.13		
12/31/08 Paid Membership: 96				
12/31/09 Paid Membership: 91				

Sunfish Donations

by Mike

Our project to help the camp last year was to repair and upgrade the Sunfish Sailboat fleet. We ended up having the most fully functional sailboats on the lake in years. We have been looking for low priced Sunfish Sailboats to expand the fleet, but we would also like your help. If you (or anyone you know) have a Sunfish that you no longer sail, consider a donation. One condition: we can only accept boats (or rudders, dagger boards or sails) that are in good condition. Call me at 585-889-4484 to donate. We have a trailer so we can pick up at any local location. Thanks!

A Big Thank You!

by Mike

Our project to repair and upgrade the Sunfish Sailboat fleet was a HUGE success. Dagger boards were rebuilt, rudders were sanded and refinished and all of the tillers and tiller extensions were replaced with units newly made of white oak. But we couldn't have gotten the boats back on Massawepie Lake without the work of a great bunch of guys from Troop 19 who went to Massawepie on a couple of different weekends and repaired the fiberglass hulls of the boats. So we say "Thank-you from the MSAA, the Waterfront Staff and all of the Scouts that used the boats," to Tom Smith, Bob Hart, Andy Scott, John Boufford, Pat Boufford, Tom Hanley, Lambert Hoch and Mark Rugaber. If you see them, tell them they really made a difference!

2010 Donor Option *by George*

As announced last issue, we have decided to direct donations toward washers & dryers for camp, benefitting both staff and campers. We hope to raise \$1500 toward purchase of three dryers and two or three washers, and cover repairs on a few machines. If you donate \$50.00 or more when you renew this year your dues are waived.



MSAA Showed Off at Mall Show *by Dave*

The Seneca Waterways Council showed off Scouting to the community on February 6 and 7, 2010 with a Centennial Scout Show at Eastview Mall in Victor, New York. The Alumni Association had a booth near the center of activities for the show. Displays at our booth included Massawepie neckerchiefs and patches from past years, photographs highlighting projects the Association has worked on and/or funded at Massawepie, and a kayak (thanks Stephanie) which drew further attention to our booth and activities. Many stopped by to ask questions and share memories of Massawepie. We also recruited a couple of new members. Thanks to the Association members who helped create and staff the booth, and shared Massawepie with the public during Scouting's 100th anniversary.



Camp 2010 Update *by George*

Reservation numbers are down from last year at this time, but that was for a seven week summer. As a percent of capacity for the summer, we are ahead of the average.

Staff hiring is nearly complete and Steve is excited about the quality of the 2010 staff. There are still openings in both CIT sessions.

EAGLE FLIGHT

The highly successful Eagle Flight program returns for a second year during Staff Week, June 27 to July 3. Sign-ups have passed 50, over 40% growth from 2009! More than half of participants are also attending camp with their troop.

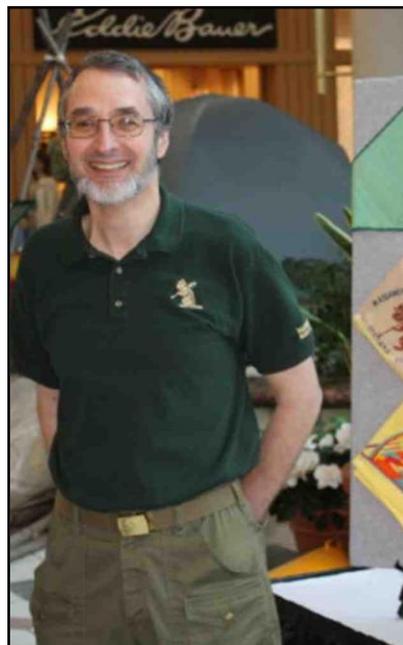
Counselors are still needed for Bird Study, Electronics, Law, Public Health, Radio, Safety and Weather and the program is flexible. They can work you in for two days to the full week. If you are interested, contact Program Administrator Bob Cooper: robbiec3@mindspring.com or 585-385-1474.

Membership Notes *by Peter*

Welcome to 3 new MSAA members: Bob Purvis, Mike Kensek, and Anthony Kerr. Bob worked 4 summers at Massawepie: Scoutcraft Director in 1969 in Camp Pioneer under John Hunt, and then Commissioner during 1970-72 in the nearly-new Camp Forester under Bob Wood and Hurd Hastings. Mike and Anthony weren't Massawepie staffers, but joined as "Friends of Alumni" at the Mall Show.

Members who aren't new: please check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it says "Expired May 2010" (or earlier). If so, please renew NOW – we don't want to lose a valuable member like you! (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 address shown on the form. Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter.

All members, renewing or not, are encouraged to return the form if you need to update your address, phone number, e-mail or other information, or if you'd like to make a donation. And speaking of membership, *please ask a friend to join the MSAA!*



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TO:

Stephen T. Hoitt Named SWC Scout Executive

By George

Stephen T. Hoitt, 40, assumed the post of Executive Director/Scout Executive of Seneca Waterways Council on April 15th. He previously held the same position at Baden-Powell Council in Binghamton, New York. That council covers Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga and Tompkins Counties in New York plus Susquehanna County in Pennsylvania.

Hoitt is a native of New Hampshire, where he was a Cub Scout and a member of the Eagle Scout Class of 1984. He became a professional Scouter in 1991, serving in Waterbury, Vermont, Springfield, Massachusetts and Milford, Connecticut prior to his leadership of Baden-Powell Council. He and his wife, Michelle, have four children, with the three oldest already involved in Scouting.

The Scout Executive Selection Committee, chaired by Ron Knight, executive vice-president of the council board, focused on six candidates from a national search and then conducted an intense interview process. "Stephen Hoitt was clearly the candidate that stood out," said Andy Meloni, president of the council board. "I strongly believe he will increase membership and will increase volunteers and will lead Scouting in a very positive direction."

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to come to Rochester to work with Seneca Waterways Council and the board to create a vision for our Scouting program for the next generation of youth in our area," Hoitt said. He introduced a jet-ski program (the first in the Northeast Region) in Baden-Powell and hopes to duplicate it at Camp Babcock-Hovey.

A welcome reception is being planned for May 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2010

14-16... Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie -
All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

21-23... Seneca Waterways Centennial Camporee at
Genesee Valley Park

JUNE 2010

4-6 Beaver Weekend at Massawepie -
ALL Alumni encouraged to attend!

5 MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Week-
end dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle

SEPTEMBER 2010

18 MSAA Annual Clambake & Family Picnic, West
Area Shelter, Powder Mills Park – details later!