

SPRING 2011 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

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Notice of MSAA Annual Meeting: June 4, 2011

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2011 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 4, 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 2010-11 activities will also be shared. Alumni T-shirts and patches will 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 60th anniversary of MSC, 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 and new friends makes life great!

There are two opportunities to continue the tradition this year. Skills Weekend is May 20th-22nd and Beaver Weekend is June 3rd-5th, with Pre-Beaver Days on the 1st and 2nd. We have made a difference in the past and can again by attending one or both weekends. Weekend meals and a place to sleep *are furnished free, and travel expenses are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.*

For Beaver Weekend, our Culinary Infusion Services Team will staff the kitchen all day Friday through Sunday morning. There are two MSAA feature projects for 2011. One will be at the Campfire Circle where more bench logs will be replaced, some re-grading will be done behind the stockade fence, and a new fence section will be added at each end. General clean up is needed too. The 2nd feature project is to supply a crew to build our donated tabin in the staff site (nail guns!).

Campsite set up (tents, cots, tarps, etc.) crews are always needed...the work is vital and no special skills are required. Two campsites are being moved. Improvements to the Staff Shower House continue. You can help set up the waterfront. Cabins need stain and paint. A new windbreak will be constructed/installed at Handicraft. Two or three new vault latrines are being constructed. Trails need clearing. Brush and tree limbs need to be cleared from power lines. The Properties Committee is planning many other projects. There will be work and fun for all, regardless of skill level or interests.

We need YOUR help! Bring a friend, or better, *bring a group of friends.* Let us know if you'll attend (and 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.



Seems like for the past few years we have gone from winter right into summer. As I write this on a 77 degree day in April, I know summer is not far off and neither is the upcoming camping season at Massawepie. I hope many of you can find the time to help out and help prepare Massawepie for the many scouts planning a trip there this summer, by participating in Skills Weekend and/or Beaver Weekend. The alumni association has some great projects planned and we can use extra hands and muscles. So plan on joining us at Beaver Weekend for a few days of service, camaraderie and outdoor time. Hope to see you there!

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2011-2012 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 at least 20 days in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has nominated the following:

Gary Hicks, Chair

_____, Vice Chair

Peter Collinge, Treasurer

Rob Cunningham, Secretary

_____, Membership

Stephanie VonBacho, Past Chair

for Member at Large:

Matt Arlauckas (Webmaster)

Mike Knittel

David Lippitt

Mark Pulvino

George Varga (B.T. Editor)

As you can see, we need new Executive Committee members NOW! Please contact Rob or one of the other officers if you are interested in joining the Executive Committee, or know of a good candidate. We especially need younger members on the committee, but welcome anyone willing to serve, including new MSAA members.

Additional nominations must be submitted in advance of the meeting to Secretary Rob Cunningham (contact info on Page 1).

Executive Committee Minutes *by Rob [edited]*

5 April 2011, Todd-Hale Servicer. Present: Matt Arlauckas, Peter Collinge, Rob Cunningham, Don DeClerck, Mike Knittel, Dave Lippitt, George Varga and Stephanie VonBacho.

- 1) Membership Report: Peter indicated that there were 89 paid members as of December 31, 2010. We need to increase membership, and new (and younger) members are needed for the Executive Committee.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: [see Page 3 for itemized report].
 - a) The possibility of giving some of the remaining balance to the council endowment was discussed. Stephanie read the applicable portion of the by-laws which indicated that a significant balance is no to be maintained. It was decided that the funds will be kept until use for the "tabin" project. If funds still remain then they can go towards the endowment.
- 3) Donor Option Project Status:
 - a) Donation Project for 2011- Tabin for staff site: the project will be the purchase and construction of one new wall tent and platform. Approximately \$1,500 will be needed. Since \$1,700 was received 2 years ago and \$1,500 was received last year, \$1,500 for this year should not be a problem. If additional funds are available, they can be used towards the purchase of an additional tent.
 - b) Washer /dryer status: project is complete. Gas dryers in the staff laundry facility will be replaced with electric dryers which have been donated to the camp.
 - c) Sail Boat parts/repairs: Mike has a sailboat rudder he will finish in time for Beaver Weekend.
- 4) Beaver Weekend: MSAA feature projects were discussed. See Page 1 article for details.
- 5) 2011 Annual Meeting/Election of Officers: all Executive Committee members are willing to remain on board, most in their current position. A Membership Chair position should be added to the committee. Names for that position and for new members-at-large were discussed. Two or more people will be approached to join the committee. [Details are above.]
- 6) Spring newsletter: the production schedule was set up.
 - a) Members will receive newsletters at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.
 - b) Eight members have requested delivery of their newsletters via e-mail. More are encouraged to do so as a way to save money for MSAA. [See article on Page 4.]
- 7) Website Status:
 - a) Matt has made progress with the new site.
 - b) Tools are being created to aid in updating the new site. Help will be needed with the updates.
- 8) Upcoming Events:
 - a) Fall Clambake: We'll change it up – clams only, combined with a dish-to-pass event, possibly on Saturday September 24th. A flyer or postcard will be mailed to regional members in advance.
 - b) 2012 will be the 60th Anniversary of Massawepie. Ideas on how to celebrate are solicited.
- 9) Joint project with the council Historical Society (historical displays at camp): Rob and Stephanie will discuss this project. Preliminary plans will be outlined at Beaver Weekend.

Membership Renewal

by Peter

Please check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it says "Expired May 2011" (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) and the form to the return address shown on the form. Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter during Massawepie's 60th Anniversary year of 2012.

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, *or if making a donation*. And speaking of membership, please ask a friend to join the MSAA!

2011 MSAA Donor Option

Continuing our tradition of supporting Massawepie, our 2011 Donor Option will directly benefit the Staff. 2-person (but generally used by one) tents and platforms in the staff site are old. The camp has been replacing these with 4-person Tabin tents and frames/platforms. Costs for one tent plus materials are about \$1,500. We are committed to donating enough for one set. Any additional funds raised will be donated toward another.

You can also donate to the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment.



Member Notes & News *by George*

Executive Committee Member at Large (and Council Commissioner) **David Lippitt**, after many years as a sole practitioner, has joined the law firm of Osborn, Reed & Burke LLP in Rochester, as Counsel.

Joe Varga has been elected by the Finger Lakes Community College student body to be their representative on the college Board. He is in the FLCC Environmental Studies program. In March, Joe led a club weekend at camp, staying at Gannett Lodge and spending a day at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake.



2010 Year-End Treasurer's Report *by Peter*

The MSAA had another good financial year in 2010. (See details below.) Along with routine revenue and expenses, Association members donated \$1500 toward Massawepie washers and dryers, and \$1405 toward the Square Foot Endowment. Thanks, all! The Executive Committee also decided to donate \$500.78 of our funds to pay off the last of the kayak expenses from several years ago. We ended 2010 with a balance of \$2288.57 in our account.

CATEGORY	2009 Income	2009 Expense	2010 Income	2010 Expense
Dues	\$570.00		\$680.00	
Administrative Expense, mailing		\$105.22		\$77.00
Camp Project Donations ('09 Sailboats, '10 Laundry)	\$1,730.00		\$1,500.00	
Camp Project Expenses		\$1,730.00		\$2,000.78*
Sq. Ft. Endowment Donations	\$495.00		\$1,405.00	
Sq. Ft. Endowment to Council		\$1,495.00		\$1,405.00
Social Event Income, Clambake	\$420.00			
Social Event Costs		\$347.11		\$99.00
Memorabilia Sales Income	\$68.00		\$123.00	
Memorabilia Costs, patches				\$286.78
TOTALS	\$3,283.00	\$3,677.33	\$3,708.00	\$3,868.56
	2009	2010		
Beginning Balance	\$2,843.46	\$2,449.13		*includes
Income	\$3,283.00	\$3,708.00		\$500.78 to pay
Expense	-\$3,677.33	-\$3,868.56		off 2008 kayak
Ending Balance	\$2,449.13	\$2,288.57		balance.
12/31/09 Paid Membership: 91	(5-25-10: 97 pd.)			
12/31/10 Paid Membership: 89				PC 3/12/10



Winter Gathering of Friends and Family

by Stephanie

On Saturday, February 26th the MSAA held a great winter event at Powder Mills Park. The gathering featured some great homemade dishes, including a number of chili varieties, paired with wine and beer varieties from all over the Finger Lakes region, including some home brew. Alumni members brought photo albums, patches and other memorabilia to share and many wore at least one item of Massawepie clothing.

While Massawepie staff alumni and family members enjoyed the great food and shared stories, a toasty fire in the stove warmed those younger participants who ventured out to play in the snow and brave the sledding hill. Several members of the executive committee managed to successfully navigate the steep sledding slope just outside of North Lodge, showing some of the younger participants just how it's done!



A limited number of MSAA 10th Anniversary patches are still available at \$5 each plus \$1 for shipping (flat fee for any quantity). Mail a check (payable to Seneca Waterways Council BSA) to Don DeClerck, MSAA, Camp Cutler, 7131 Gulick Rd., Naples, NY 14512.

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We can attach Beaver Tales to an e-mail in pdf format at no cost, saving MSAA up to \$105 a year! You could print the file if you like to read a hard copy, or read it on your monitor to save paper/ink; you could also save the file on your computer for future reference.

This is an "opt in" choice. To *opt in*, send an e-mail to gjvarga@rochester.rr.com asking to get Beaver Tales via e-mail attachment. Please include your e-mail address in the body of the e-mail. We are saving already thanks to 8 members who opted in! Please consider this option.

Massawepie to Celebrate 60 Years in 2012!

How can MSAA support the 60th Anniversary of our camp? Should we host an event at camp during the summer...in Rochester (spring or fall)? Should we issue patches &/or tee shirts? We'll begin the discussion at the annual meeting in June. If you can't be there, contact any of the Executive Committee with suggestions.

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Save the date! We're changing up our annual fall event just a bit. Instead of a full clambake, we'll do just clams. Attendees will bring their choice of a dish to pass. Full details will be mailed to regional members in late August or early September. But mark your calendars now with Saturday September 24th as the date and West Area Shelter at Powder Mills as the place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2011

20-22 ...Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie -
ALL Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

JUNE 2011

1-2..... Pre-Beaver Days – come early – help prepare for the weekend projects!

3-5..... Beaver Weekend at Massawepie -
ALL Alumni are encouraged to attend!

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

SEPTEMBER 2011

24 MSAA Clams & Dish-to-Pass – details to come!