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Newsletter of the **Massawepie Staff Alumni Association**

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Notice of MSAA Annual Meeting: June 2, 2012

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2012 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 2, 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. We'll also vote on some changes to the MSAA Rules of Operation. (See the Page 2 articles about nominations and changes.) Reports of 2011-12 activities will be shared, along with plans for the rest of 2012. Ideas for the future role of the MSAA at camp, and for how to grow our organization with staff and former staff who are younger, are solicited. Come share your ideas and hear from others, as part of the fun and service of Beaver Weekend! The closing activity will be the traditional group photo shoot! (Socializing may then continue at one or more locations in the greater Childwold/Gale area.)

Beaver Workend is June 1-3 *by Mark*

This is the most important work weekend for Massawepie! The Properties Committee now calls them workends. There are many projects to do and your help is needed to complete them. Meals and a place to sleep are furnished. Let us know when you'll be there (you can come a day or two early - Pre-Beaver Days) and how many will be in your group. Contact me: e-mail mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or call 585-645-5421. I'll send the info to workend coordinator Mark Arlauckas.

Here are the MSAA focuses: campsite set up (most attendees will be asked to devote some time to this critical task - no special skills needed); prepare the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle for summer use; build our Donor Option project (covered platform) and finish repair and refurbishing of the building, at the Shotgun Range; Culinary Infusion Services Team (kitchen crew); and of course, focus on other focuses of the Property Committee. Join us in this 60th Anniversary year! It's a super opportunity to give back to Massawepie, meet new friends and see some old ones. I look forward to seeing YOU!



It is almost that special time of year...Boy Scout summer camp. We, as the Staff Alumni Association, are key members of the crews who make things ready at Massawepie. Opportunities abound for carpenters, plumbers, roofers, cleaners, and other hard workers, at Spring Skills and Beaver Weekends at Massawepie. We all look forward to getting the jobs done for the Scouts and Scouters of Seneca Waterways Council and beyond. Please step up, and bring a friend...join in the work, fellowship and fun. And we'd love to have you join us as a key member of the Association, on the Executive Committee. Our main meeting of the year is on Saturday night of Beaver Weekend at the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle. Attend Beaver Weekend, bring friends, join us as a member of MSAA, and help us plan our activities. Encourage friends from past camp staffs to join the MSAA too.

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2012-2013 Nominees for the MSAA Executive Committee

The Alumni Association Rules of Operation provide for advance publication of the names of candidates for officers and at large Executive Committee members nominated at least 45 days in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has nominated the following:

Gary Hicks, Chair

Erin Burruto, Vice-Chair

-----, **Secretary**

Peter Collinge, Treasurer

Stephanie VonBacho, Past Chair

for Member at Large:

Matt Arlauckas (Webmaster)

Rob Cunningham

Mike Knittel

David Lippitt

Mark Pulvino

George Varga (B.T. Editor)

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

We need new Executive Committee members! Please contact Rob or one of the other officers if you are interested in joining us, or know of a good candidate. We especially need younger members on the committee (and the Association in general), but welcome anyone willing to serve, including new MSAA members.

Proposed Changes to the MSAA Rules of Operation

The MSAA Executive Committee, at its meeting on April 18, recommended the following changes to the MSAA Rules of Operation. These will be voted on by the membership at the June 2 annual meeting. The full document is on our web site.

Change 1) To allow more flexibility in the dues structure, including a discounted two-year membership. (We have already adopted a discounted two-year dues fee; this resolves any question of whether that is allowed under our Rules.)

Section 4 – Dues

The Executive Committee shall establish the annual dues structure for each category of membership. Notice of the annual dues for each category of membership shall be sent to all members prior to May 31. A person meeting the membership requirements may join or renew by paying dues for one or two Membership Years. Annual Dues paid on or after March 1 for a new member shall cover membership through the end of the following Membership Year following May 31 (and an extra year if paid for two years.)

At the discretion of the Executive Committee, dues in any year may be waived for members who make a voluntary contribution at or above a minimum specified amount to a purpose or cause designated by the Executive Committee which is consistent with the Purposes of the Association.

Change 2) To raise the allowable number of at large members on the Executive Committee from five to eight. (While a huge Executive Committee might be unmanageable, this number still seems reasonable. And we hate to turn away good volunteers!)

Section 5 – Executive Committee and Officers

A. Organization

The Association shall maintain an Executive Committee, consisting of four Officers (the Chair, the Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary), the immediate Past Chair, and not fewer than two nor more than five eight at large members. Officers and members of the Executive Committee must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Officers must be active Alumni members of the Association. At large members of the Executive Committee must be active Alumni or FOA members of the Association.

Change 3) To transfer responsibility for membership records from the Secretary to the Treasurer. (The Treasurer records dues payment and can update membership records at the same time. This is actually what's been happening in recent years anyway.)

B. Officers

c. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all income and expenses of the Association, of all monies of the Association held as permanently restricted, temporarily restricted or unrestricted funds, and of all obligations for the expenditure of monies. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit to the Executive Committee for approval an annual budget (the "Budget") for the Association. The Treasurer shall periodically reconcile the Association financial records with those of the Council,
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Membership Renewal Info

by Peter

Please check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it says "Expired May 2012" (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 \$15 for one year, or \$25 for two years, or a \$60 donation (which will include a free one-year membership) to the return address shown on the form. Donations can be either to the 2012 Donor Option or to the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment Fund, or any combination of the two. Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter during Massawepie's 60th anniversary year of 2012 and beyond. All members, whether renewing this year or not, are encouraged to return the form if you need to make any updates of your address, phone number, e-mail or other information, *OR to make a donation.* And speaking of membership, please ask a friend to join the MSAA!

2012 Donor Option

by George

The 60th Anniversary Donor Option camp project is a 12' x 12' platform with an angled roof at the Shotgun Range. The structure will allow for shooting in inclement weather, increasing available time for both merit badge and open shooting. Our goal is \$2000 to cover most, if not all, of the cost of materials. Construction will be done during Beaver Weekend by MSAA and other volunteers. With \$500 already donated by the MSAA, we need only 25 members to donate \$60 each to reach our goal. More would be even better! Your help as always will be appreciated.

A Party for Dave *by Kathy Elliott*

Many memories were shared and laughter prevailed at a party to celebrate the life of David Anderson on Saturday, April 28th. Dave was very specific that he did not want any kind of service in Rochester, so a party was planned instead, hosted by Brett and me!

Photos of Dave throughout his life were on display, as well as several folders of Massawepie memorabilia. We were excited to find some old photo's of Bill "Bear" Keymel in Dave's photo albums too. I am sure the two of them are enjoying a beverage together and sharing a story or two.

Dave kept notes, letters, and signs from his years on staff, including the official Mountaineer sign out logs! Believe it or not the most popular destination was OPD! We all know that in Dave's early years at camp his full paycheck went to Dumas's - obviously Dave trained his staff well! It was great fun leafing through his Massawepie files, discovering things he had kept. Many related to some of those attending the gathering that day. Dave knew how to make each of us feel special, even if he was only here in spirit.

Most important were the roughly 35 people who celebrated with us. Travelers from Massachusetts, the Adirondacks, and Illinois were here, as well as many "locals." Old friends attended that we hadn't seen in at least 25 years.

While the reason we were gathered was very sad, the memories and laughter shared that day will stay with all of us for a long, long time. Thank you to everyone that attended and to those that were with us in spirit! Rest in peace Dave, and thank you for bringing us together...although we would much rather have you here with us!

[Ed. Note: Kathy and Brett are founding members of the MSAA. They met at camp while serving on staff, were on staff many times with Dave, and were among his closest friends. Kathy is the daughter of Loren Hakes.]



PROPOSED CHANGES, FROM PAGE 2

and report to the Executive Committee on the financial condition of the Association. The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership records for the Association.

d. Secretary: The Secretary records and maintains minutes of all Association meetings, and provides copies of such minutes to all Executive Committee members as well as the Council's Vice President of Camping. ~~The Secretary shall maintain the membership records for the Association.~~ The Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the Association's activities, to be distributed to the Association membership and the Council's Vice President of Camping.

Change 4) To allow Executive Committee nominations made at the Executive Committee meeting before the Spring newsletter to appear in the newsletter, even if not made 45 days before the election. (Some years we cannot schedule the meeting that far ahead.)

Section 6 – Meetings and Distribution of Information

The Association shall have an annual meeting of the membership, as scheduled by the Executive Committee, typically at Beaver Weekend in late May or early June. The annual meeting shall include elections of officers and at large members of the Executive Committee, a report of the prior year's activities including financial and membership reports of the Association, and a review of projects completed or under way at Massawepie supported by the Association, as well as any other business that may appropriately come before the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to all members approximately 20 days prior to the meeting through the Association newsletter or by other means, and shall contain the names of any eligible candidates for the Executive Committee nominated at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting immediately prior to the newsletter publication.

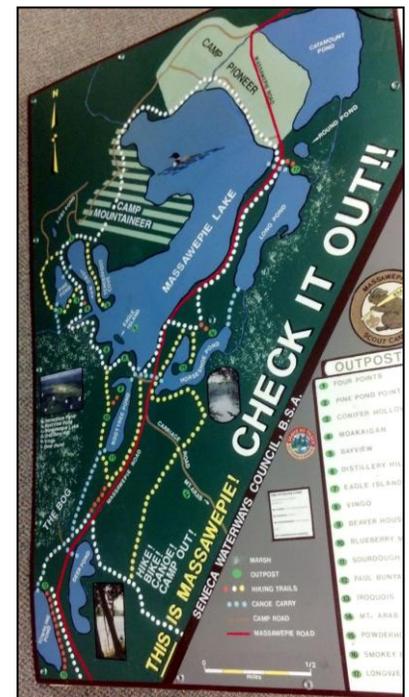
Change 5) To clarify that the MSAA only recommends use of Massawepie Square Foot Endowment Fund proceeds; final decisions are made by the council. (This reflects the reality of the council's financial structure.)

D. Endowment (Paragraph 2)

Gifts donated to the Endowment for Massawepie equipment and maintenance expenses by the Association or by members of the Association shall be held by the Council as permanently restricted funds. Each year, the Council will inform the Executive Committee of the amount of earnings available from the portion of the Endowment accumulated (including past unused investment returns) from these donations. The Executive Committee will ~~direct~~ recommend ~~these available earnings into specific equipment and maintenance projects for Massawepie to be supported by those earnings~~ (subject to acceptance by the Council's Camp Operations Committee and Executive Board).

Change 6) Amend Rules of Operation to reflect the fact that Otetiana Council is now Seneca Waterways Council. (This is a technicality.)

Wherever it appears in the Rules of Operation, ~~Otetiana~~ shall be replaced by Seneca Waterways.



Former MSAA member and long-time Massawepie staffer, Bill "Bear" Keymel passed away on March 15. At the time, he was working on another of his many gifts to Massawepie, the map seen above. His nephew finished the project and delivered it to Camp Director Steve Weisenreder, who will find an appropriate permanent location for it at camp. In recent years, Bill spent many volunteer weeks at camp doing major and minor projects. Thanks Bill!

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Camp Mugs Wanted

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The Seneca Waterways Council Scouting Historical Society is building a historical display for Massawepie's 60th Anniversary and is looking for donations of mugs. If you have any Massawepie mugs you would like to donate, please contact Rob Cunningham at tyohni@aol.com or just bring them to Massawepie on Beaver Weekend.

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: **SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual Fall Family Picnic has been set. Like
: last year, we'll do just clams. Attendees will bring their choice of a
: dish to pass. Full details will be sent to regional members in early
: September. But mark your calendars now with Saturday September
: 29th as the date and West Area Shelter at Powder Mills as the place.
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2012 EVENTS

May 18-20.....Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie -
ALL Alumni welcome - skill or no skill!

May 29-31.....Pre-Beaver Days - come early - help
prepare for the weekend projects!

June 1-3.....Beaver Weekend at Massawepie -
ALL Alumni are encouraged to attend!

June 2.....MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver
Weekend dinner, in the Loren Hakes
Campfire Circle!

September 29...Fall Family Picnic & Clams

December 28-30...Anniversary Winter Weekend at
Massawepie (tentative - watch for details)