

**FEDERATION OF HULETT'S ASSOCIATIONS (FHA)
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008**

The meeting was called to order in the new Huletts Landing firehouse at 8:05 am by FHA President, John Ripp, (also Lands End Residents Association secretary).

Attendees

John Ripp, Lands End
Helenmarie Sunkenberg, Indian Bay
Fred Sistarenik, Meadow Point
Art Borin, Fire Company President
Gene Lutz, Bluff Head
Tom Cordier, Lands End
Bob Bernard, Pickerel Bay
Joyce Bernard, Pickerel Bay
Ginny Markle, Pickerel Bay
Daniel Morin, O-We-No-Co

Minutes Approved

The minutes of the last meeting held August 25, 2007, which had been previously distributed by Helenmarie, were approved.

FHA Service Recognition

Two Huletts Landing citizens were recognized for their service to the community this year. Helenmarie Sunkenberg was recognized for her major efforts in successfully petitioning and working to bring Verizon DSL high speed internet service to the Landing. Also, Helenmarie was recognized for her service to the FHA as secretary for the last 7 years.

Art Borin was recognized for his amazing work in managing the construction of the new firehouse. His tireless efforts have resulted in a beautiful new structure which will serve Huletts for many years to come.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alex Manuele was not present. Helenmarie indicated that the FHA balance of approximately \$670 had remained essentially unchanged from the last meeting. Helenmarie was then voted in as FHA vice-treasurer.

General Business

John Ripp had agreed to serve as president beyond his term which ended last August in anticipation of a new president this year. Anne Berry from Indian Bay has indicated an interest and it was generally agreed to try to schedule the August meeting so that she could attend. Indian Bay has not had a president serve recently.

It was agreed that all associations would forward e-mail lists of their members to Fred (fsistarenik@yahoo.com) so that news, tentatively approved minutes and notice of upcoming FHA meetings could be distributed directly. Since Fred's term as secretary ends this year, the August meeting will also hopefully result in a new secretary.

John Ripp distributed a limited number (50) of the **Hulett's Landing Boating Rules, Safety Information and Common Courtesies** laminated information sheets which will be distributed particularly to those who rent their camps. The FHA cost per sheet is \$2.50 which will be the charge to those who receive them. The sheets were generally approved, with discussion of using the blank reverse side for additional information.

Art Borin reported on the new Firehouse. He reminded us that the dedication of the new Firehouse will take place on August 17, 2008 at 1:30. State Senator Betty Little, Roy McDonald and the Dresden Town Board members have been invited. The firehouse has been basically completed below budget with no additional capital needed. However, the regular August letter soliciting donations for operations will be sent. Although the volunteers perform routine service on the fire trucks, the plan includes having one truck extensively serviced by Fire Truck Services each year. The new Firestation amenities include a full service kitchen and handicap accessible restrooms.

On August 20, 2008 at 3:00, there will be an Edy's Ice Cream Festival for kids at the firehouse.

The Firehouse meeting room is available for meetings. Contact John Sunkenberg or Art Borin if you need it for a meeting.

It is anticipated that lessons on the use of the defibrillator will be scheduled in the future.

Art Borin reported that Brian Brooks has appealed a lower court decision which declared that his Bluff Head "boat shed" turned residence is illegal. Each association will be asked to contribute \$600 toward attorney fees to fight the appeal. There was also a discussion regarding the Town not following proper procedures when approving permits. It appears the town supervisor has approved permits independently without board members approval and review.

Tom Cordier reported on Lake George water quality. A new Darrin Water Quality Report is due out soon. Dresden has been a problem area regarding water quality. The

sewer systems in Huletts have not addressed all of the problems. Cook's Bay, which does not have sewers, has had some issues and everyone should be attentive to potential sources of pollution. It was noted that the Lake George Park Commission will take reports of potential or actual pollution problems without requiring the names of those who bring problems to their attention. Laminated information sheets were distributed regarding septic system care and use guidelines. Everyone should be sure that guests and renters are aware of these guidelines. Lake George is drinking water!

O-We-No-Co reported concerns (dust and pedestrian safety) regarding the need to slow down the traffic to the marina. The use of speed bumps was mentioned. There was also mention of careless pumping of gas at the marina resulting in some spillage into the lake. The DEC may be contacted regarding gas spills.

Pickerel Bay reported on the growing problems with geese.

Bluff Head had reports of rattlesnakes which were removed.

It was noted that the Casino beach improvements are nearing completion. The results have been significant and the pavilion being completed by Spruce Mountain Builders (Tom Conrad) is a great asset.

Huletts reported on the dredging of the Foster Brook delta to commence late this year. The Lake George Association is doing this because Foster Brook has silted the bay. Meadow Point has become concerned regarding an oversized and completely out-of-scale boathouse which the Lake George Park Commission has allowed to be constructed in a tiny bay.

Fred Sistarenik reported that the Town of Dresden never had an independent vote regarding joining the Whitehall School District in May, 1958. He received the information from the New York State archives regarding the consolidation issue and how it occurred in May of 1958. In fact there was a 1958 petition in Dresden opposing the consolidated district. We need attorneys to review these records and be sure that State statutes were followed. The Town of Dresden residents pay many times more per student than Whitehall residents for education in the consolidated district. Contact Fred to review these archive copies.

Helenmarie noted the importance of having as many Huletts Landing registered voters as we can get. If you reside in Huletts Landing for at least 30 days/year, you can legally register to vote here.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, 8:00am, August 23, 2008 at the new firehouse.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15am.