

President's Message

April, 2009

Greetings to all Members!

Many of our members enjoyed winter stays on our lakes. The new Frost Festival winter carnival and Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on the Family Weekend in February were a huge success. Snowmobilers, skiers, snowshoers and ice fishermen all enjoyed our beautiful winter and its many other special events. We also had the Jamaican Dogsled Team staying at a cottage on the lake for a month.

Spring is back and “muddy road season” is over. We are looking forward to another great summer. Once again Dave LaFerle has our summer events organized. Thank you to all our members who have volunteered to organize or assist in these activities. Plan to attend at least one of these events with your friends and family. If you'd like to volunteer, just call the event coordinator. We can always use help.

Our first event this year is the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 5 at 10 a.m., upstairs at the Haliburton Curling Club. There will be a meeting at 9 a.m. for all Area Directors. Come early and enjoy coffee and muffins. We ask you to bring your own mugs as we try to reduce our environmental impact. If there is a new property owner near you, please invite them to join us. We will have many updates and presentations relevant to our lakes. Presently, the official name for the Association is Drag Lake Property Owners Association. We would like to discuss changing this to be more inclusive – such as Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association. We will discuss and vote on this at the AGM. There are also some changes to the Constitution to be made, which will bring it up to date with current practices. At the AGM, we'll also be discussing issues to be addressed by our Lake Plan. Len Pizzey is chairing this committee and we'll be looking for input and guidance from all members in the future and at the meeting.

We are making progress in obtaining access to High Speed Internet for our lakes. Recent changes at Bell Aliant have slowed the process down temporarily but we should have an implementation plan for the area some time in April. We will continue to press for complete coverage of all our areas and keep you informed on our website.

We welcome Aimee Fink to our executive in the position of 2nd Vice President. We will be having elections at the AGM for other positions. Please see our current officers list for this information. If you are interested in finding out about these positions, please call me, or any member of the executive.

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Wishing you a wonderful and safe summer on our waterways. Please don't hesitate to call if I can be of any help.

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