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"Bell" Tones

Larry's answer to "Cole's" Notes

I want to thank all of you for affording me the opportunity to lead the OCA. I can only promise you hard work and desire; however, I know that the quality of the people on your Board of Directors will make the tasks we face achievable. Much of the credit for developing an air of dedication and cooperation must go to Ted Cole who will be missed as he leaves the Board as Past President and to Liz Greenway our Immediate Past President. Liz has been an outstanding role model for the Board during these past two years. Her quiet determined approach often behind the scenes motivated us and I believe that the accomplishments of her term have been

significant. Moreover, Liz did all of this at a time when our office was in a "state of flux". It cost her more time and effort than most of her predecessors.

Shortly, the outgoing and incoming Boards will be meeting to begin to shape these next two years. At the last Advisory Board meeting, we polled the Committee Chairs to let us know what each sees as their committee's objectives. Over the past two years we have monitored the comments of our Board and our members and now we have the results of a random "Needs Assessment" of our membership. With all of this ammunition our deliberating

should allow us to respond effectively to all of these perceived needs. You know, however, that to be effective we will need your commitment and possibly more time, effort and even financial support than in the past. We will report to you in the near future.

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate Barb Gilbert who was awarded the Dorothy Walter Award at our Annual General Meeting and who headed a highly competent Conference Committee. OUR FUTURE * OUR HERITAGE was an impressive event.

Larry

Welcome New Board (Portfolios in parentheses)

President: Larry Bell

Vice President: John Jorgenson (Regional Representatives, International, KUMBAYAH, Conference)

Past President:
Liz Greenway
(PRFO)

Treasurer: Adam Kronick
(Fundraising)

Directors:

Jim Blake (Current Issues/task forces)

Marjorie Booth (Outreach - Pubic Awareness)

Brian Edey (Outreach - Membership)

Barb Gilbert (Training Events)

Patti Thom (Human Resources/Standards)

Conference '93

What a wonderful three days we had - beginning with the humour and insightful keynote by David Hartry and ending with the spectacular and moving banquet program. In between, we celebrated our birthday, met old friends and made new ones, learned from session leaders and each other, spent Benefit Bucks and had a great time.

Thanks - delegates for your enthusiastic participation, conference committee for all your work and Seneca students for your able assistance.

Planning for the 1995 Conference is underway. If you have suggestions for the steering committee or would like to help, please call the OCA office.

And next year...KUMBAYAH 1994!

Barb Gilbert
Conference Chair

Risk Management Video - Version Two

We are very pleased to announce that our grant submission to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation (\$16,000) for an expanded Risk Management Video and Manual has been successful! Our aim is to expand and improve the vignettes in the previous version, but more importantly to create a 20-30 minute video and narrative aimed at directors and owners of camps, describing various risks of operation which should be considered every summer. These will include the physical plant (roofs, fencing, signs, heavy equipment etc.), transportation, out-tripping, emergency procedures and more! A much expanded manual, complete with a full bibliography will be written,

again with a more specific look at managing risk from the director's perspective. We are aiming quite high this time, and hope to provide a valuable document which can be distributed through the OCA and CCA on an international basis. Our goal is to have the product ready for the International Congress in 1994. If you have suggestions and feedback from the last version, please drop us a line through the OCA office.

Jack Goodman
(New Moon)

Following are excerpts from a letter written by the Girl Guides of Canada on our Risk Mangement video:

"Our Camping Committee used the Risk Management Video at two conferences. The introduction to risk management at the beginning of the video was extremely helpful to explain the concept to everyone. The various vignettes were of use to begin the various discussions of where our properties and services could be improved upon. This video used in combination with the Risk Managmeent Manual...makes for a very worthwhile session at any camp conference. Thank you for your efforts to improve the health and safety of our campers."

Cathy Traicus
Camping Committee

April 13-18, 1993 Ontario Camping Awareness Week

The Public Awareness Committee, with the approval of the Board, has adopted a plan to inform the public about the camping movement in general, and the OCA in particular by means of a concentrated promotion over a specific period of time. Although late in some camps' registration periods, April 13-18 has been selected as a pilot period. If a reasonable and recognizable response is detected, then the program may be repeated twice annually in November and April next year.

The current plan is to prepare the following elements for the program:

- * Prepare and distribute 10 and 30 second radio public service announcements to various radio stations
- * Prepare a poster (8.5x11) for wide distribution
- * Distribute press releases and camping articles to newspapers
- * Contact and encourage local support from media in Toronto and Regions
- * Prepare Cable TV Community Bulletin Board Promos
- * Prepare a flyer for distribution in public information areas and camp fairs
- * Distribute the directory upon request with a newsletter of information developed for use by parents.

The above elements of this single program have been developed with the following 'message' in mind:

- * Camping is great for children
- * The OCA is a 'sign' of a good camp - ensuring consistently high standards of safety and quality
- * The OCA produces a directory of its member camps
- * It is available for the asking (give number).

You, as an OCA member, form a key part of this program. The director of every camp in every community throughout the province can make contacts that link our message with the people to whom we must talk. We all see the necessity of signing campers into our own camps. If, however, we all help to fill each other's camps as well, then we suddenly become a collective recruiting and promotion staff of 200!

Contact the OCA office with ideas, contacts and offers of help. Watch for more detail in the next issue of *The OCAsional News*.

Camp Medicals and Doctors' Fees

In the article published in the January issue of *The OCAsional News* on OCA Standards, Camp Medicals and Third Party Billings, we promised to pass on the OMA

recommended fees for camp medicals when they became available to us. Here they are:

In its December issue of *The Medical Times* the Ontario Medical Association published the OMA Fee Schedule for Third Party Services. These are guidelines to help doctors set fees; they are not maximum or required fees. Camp Health examinations and completion of a Camp Physical form are specifically mentioned.

We hope this information will be helpful when discussing Camp Medicals with parents. (Please see the January issue of *The OCAsional News* for information on OCA standards and Camp Medicals.)

Ontario Medical Association Suggested Fees:

Consultations and Visits
Annual Health Examination
(required by a third party)
\$41.45

Uninsured Report Forms
Completing a Camp Physical
Form \$15

Hourly Rates
A doctor may also choose to charge for services at an hourly rate as set by the doctor

Annual Fee
A doctor may choose to charge his/her an annual fee which would cover a number

of uninsured services (this could include camp medicals and forms).

A pamphlet produced by the Ministry of Health on third party requests for services has been distributed to OCA camps.

For further information on suggested fees contact 1-800-268-7215.

Conference Mailbag

From the University of Toronto:

I would like to thank each and every person who was involved in the planning and running of the 1993 Conference for a very informative, well-organized and highly enjoyable three days. At the time, I was not an OCA member but attended the Conference in order to learn more about how to set up, plan and run a camp. I am so glad I had this opportunity to learn so much in so short a time and to meet so many good people and to have fun while at it, too! It has become clear to me, as a Camp coordinator, how important it is to be an OCA member, not only for resources, advice and information, but to be able to network as well."

*Yours sincerely,
Lynda Chantson
First-time delegate*

From White Bear:

Please convey (our) thanks for the invitation to the Conference Banquet. It was a truly great event and obviously the Association is in good hands as the atmosphere and the involvement by members was very noticable. The slide show and the comments by people over the decades was especially interesting and caused both of us to have fond memories.

*Sincerely,
Ron & Mickey Johnstone
Honourary Life Members*

From HAA
Specialty Advertising:

"I wish to express my deep appreciation for the hospitality and support extended to me as a new Commercial member and exhibitor at the recent OCA Conference at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. I am now looking forward to taking part in the International Camping Congress in 1994."

*Yours truly,
Hutton Alexander
New Commercial Member*

From Dale Intermediaries:

Congratulations to Ted Cole of Camp Walden who won two Toronto Maple Leaf tickets at the OCA Conference courtesy of Dale Intermediaries Ltd.

*Yours sincerely,
Andrew Vernon-Betts
Commercial Member*

OCA Photo Contest Winners

Northern Reflections:

First prize: Gary Gray, John Island Camp; Second prize: Gary Gray, John Island Camp, Holly Heibein, Camp Oureau; Third Prize: Walter Davison, Camp Ponacka, Michael Bain, Kilcoo Camp.

Summer Sizzlers:

First prize: David Leuer, Camp Kandalore; Second prize: David Latimer, Kilcoo Camp; Third prize: Jacob Benbihy, Camp Robin Hood.

Sunshine Smiles:

First, second and third prize: Jacob Benbihy, Camp Robin Hood.

Summer Smarties:

First prize: Mardi Tindal, Camp Big Canoe; Second prize: Drew Szantner, Kilcoo Camp; Third prize: David Leuer, Camp Kandalore.

Magic Moments:

First prize: Bryan Smith, Camp Huron; Second prize: Jason Brown, Camp Big Cove; Third prize: David Leuer, Camp Kandalore.

Welcome New Commercial Member

CANOES PLUS, P.O. Box 595
Havelock, Ont. K0L 1Z0 (705)
749-7425 Fax: (705) 778-
7686. Canoes Plus offers a
lease program where camps,
lodges, or rental outfitters can
lease their fleet of canoes,
kayaks and equipment.

Results from Human Resources Survey

Thank you to all those camps
who responded to our survey!
Over 90 per cent of our
respondents indicated that a
Fall date is preferable. Also,
75 per cent indicated that the
event be facilitated, regionally
accessible and a moderate fee
be included. (We will be
contacting Regional
Representatives.)

The committee has decided to
organize a workshop day,
which will be available to
those who work in other jobs
from Monday to Friday, for
this coming Fall. As soon as
we receive more surveys, we
will make further plans.

If you have not yet sent in
your Human Resources
survey, please do.

Thank you for all your input.

**Cathy Hitchcock and Patti
Thom for the Human
Resources Committee**

Third International Camping Congress Needs Your Help!

KUMBAYAH The International
Camping Congress in March
1994 will be hosted in
Toronto. Delegates from
around the world will be
visiting our city. The
Hospitality Committee is
searching for people who
would be interested in
offering their homes (for free)
as a bed and breakfast
facility, for three to four days
prior to the Conference. It
will not be your responsibility
to entertain or provide
information about Toronto,
for this will be looked after by
our committee.

Another opportunity of
welcoming fellow delegates
would be an intimate
entertainment in your home
on Monday, February 28,
1994. What an appropriate
way to make people feel
welcome!

If interested in either or both
options please contact Elaine
Cole, Camp Walden, 3845
Bathurst St. Suite 401,
Downsview, Ont. M3H 3N2.
(416) 635-0049.

1994 Registration

Have you sent in your Early
Bird Registration yet? Robert
Wise of Klub Kidz is glad he
did! He won the draw for free
registration for KUMBAYAH
1994 held at the 1993 OCA
Conference for Directors and
Senior Staff. You have until

May 15, 1993 to pre-register
with a \$50 deposit to
guarantee the lowest price
possible. Use the coupon
included in the January
edition of the OCA'sial
News. Watch this space for
KUMBAYAH updates!

Calendar of Events

Counsellors Conference
Health Care Workshop
Directors' Day
May 29, 1993

Skills Weekends
May 7-9, 1993
June 11-13, 1993

Ontario Camp Leadership
Workshop at Bark Lake
June 3-6, 1993

KUMBAYAH
Third International Camping
Congress
March 2-5, 1994
Toronto, Ontario

Classified Ads

Some of you can't wait for
summer! I'm not waiting that
long. I'm going to the
Counsellor Conference
Saturday, May 29, 1993 at
Lawrence Park Collegiate.
Fun, the way it was intended
to be. Come along with me.
Be our guest.

Thanks to Shelley and Don at Fraser Lake Camp for finding Brian Posovad's missing hockey stick (recently purchased!) at the 1993 conference. The stick was safely returned to Brian at the Burlington Y. Good team work!

Wanted: Senior level camp employment. Contact Jen Hunter (902) 429-3554. Jen has five years experience at Onondaga, including Section Head and CIT Director.

Wanted: A children's summer co-ed camp in B.C. is seeking Head of Tripping, Sailing, Drama and Arts and Craft Specialists. Contact Beverly Pinsky, Administrator, Camp Hatikvah, 16-5763 Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2V7. (604) 263-1200.

Full time Director Position Available at Camp McGovern, 451 Ottawa St. S. Kitchener, Ont. N2M 3P6. Also, McGovern needs to relocate to a new home and seeks long term lease, rental or shared site. Call (519) 579-5150.



Be Boatwise!

"Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children 5 to 14 years of age, exceeded only by auto accidents. Unfortunately, many of these deaths involve one of Canada's greatest recreational activities - boating."

With the above knowledge in mind, Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, an organization with more than 50 years of experience in training recreational boaters, has developed boatwise.

The Boatwise Program Leader's Resource Kit is designed to provide the essential information to help make young people safer in a boating environment. The Kit is based on current information about the learning process. The ideas presented are intended to assist in the delivery of a full range of learning opportunities for all participants.

The instruction of safety elements will go a long way to reduce needless accidents and deaths. As these young people advance through life and become more involved in boating, or in the use of "boating thrillcraft" it is hoped that this knowledge will assist them in approaching the activity in a more responsible manner.

Boatwise is designed not only to provide 8 to 12 years olds with knowledge and skills, but also to develop positive attitudes that will enable them to participate in safe and pleasurable boating experiences.

It is hoped that organizations will consider using the Resource Kit to instruct young people. The Program Leader's Resource Kit, or additional information, is available from Canadian Power and Sail Squadron Headquarters: 26 Golden Gate Court, Scarborough, Ont. M1P 3A5 or call 1-800-268-3579.

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OCA Directors and Committee Chairpersons — March 1, 1993 to February 28, 1994

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