



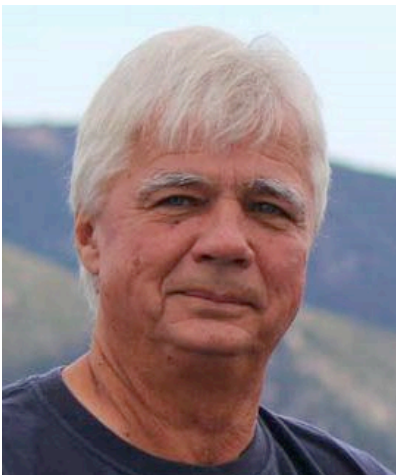
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**Jim Quinn, President BSLPOA**

## Message From The President

It's hard to believe that another summer season has passed so quickly. It seems just like yesterday that the water levels were too high to put docks in and launch boats.

It has been a relatively quiet summer as far as the association is concerned. There have been no notices by The City of Kenora regarding sub-divisions, new lots or any other items that would concern the association.

To keep everyone up to date, I met with Mayor Canfield on September 22nd to discuss open items that have been ongoing since the June AGM.

The first item we discussed was the Water Quality Testing. The Mayor confirmed that the funds are set aside and in the budget for 2015. He could not recall the \$ amount and will get back to me with this amount. During the summer I contacted Ryan Haines who was part of the 2007 Lake Study and asked him if we would be better served to complete "smaller" studies each of the next 5 years rather than one large study every 5 years. He was in total support of this and explained all the reasons why we should complete studies each year. I asked Mayor Canfield if we could do this with the funds that have been set aside. He was in support and suggested that Ryan Haines put forth a presentation to The City Council and he will push to have it passed. Depending on the cost of smaller studies and the city's budget, we may have to adjust the number of smaller annual studies or consider having the association pay the shortfall.

The next item we discussed was Thatcher Road. At the AGM it was suggested by The Mayor that we hold off on spending money to repair the road. He feels that the MNR is responsible for the maintenance and he will follow them to have it completed. The mayor and I have had conversations over the summer on this issue with little progress as far as the MNR is concerned. The Mayor has our best interests at heart, but I'm sure this is not a priority. It was recently suggested by members that we do the repairs this fall and again in the spring if needed. I think for the most part that the majority of people using Thatcher Road to pull their boats out, have done so already. Your Executive feels that it would be better to do the repairs in the spring and I will follow up with The Mayor and MNR over the winter.

If you have other suggestions on this, please let me know.

The final item we discussed was the repair of Peterson Road. Over the summer it deteriorated to the point that an accident was going to happen sooner rather than later. The repairs were completed during this same week.

In closing, I would like to wish all members the best for the upcoming seasons and we will see you in the spring.

# Third Annual Black Sturgeon Lake Sailing Lessons



This past July, the third annual Black Sturgeon Lake sailing school arrived on the lake hosted at the Burns' cottage on Worona Rd. The two day school saw 30 participants learn the basics of sailing. In order to host the school the Burns relied on many volunteers who helped haul the sailboats from Black Sturgeon Lake Camps to the Burns cottage and back again at the end of the weekend. Folks like Jim and Lynda Michaluk, Ted Evans, Peter Provis and family, the Parents, Brauns and Browns, Mazurs, Walkers, Metcalfs and Marshalls, all

were instrumental in helping out this year. Thanks also to Karl Snow for letting us use his beach again this year. Also, big thanks to everyone who came to the BBQ on Saturday night and especially to those who brought desserts and salads.

The school has been quite popular over the three years with over 90



participants coming out to learn the basics of sailing. A number of the kids and adults have expressed a keen interest in being more involved and perhaps next year a few fun races will be organized. Since the lessons began 6 new sailboats have arrived on the north end of the lake, so the sport is gaining quite a bit of interest. You should expect to see an announcement for registration in the Spring issue of the Newsletter for the 2015 Sailing School. It will likely be held the third weekend of July.





Anita Shrier  
Membership

# Membership Report

The BSLPOA presently has 124 members with only 14 of those still UNPAID. We thank all of our members for their continued support and welcome our new members. Please note that memberships expire at the end of MAY every year. The annual membership fee of \$20 can be mailed to BSLPOA, c/o Anita Shrier, 370 Bruckenberg Rd, Kenora, ON, P9N 0E3. If you are unsure you can contact Anita at 807-548-4047 or send an email to us at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com)

The BSLPOA is only as good as the people involved. We are fortunate to have a great group of volunteers, who like you, have personal commitments and busy schedules. But despite that, they still find a little time to devote to the association and its members. We sincerely thank them. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please consider volunteering in some capacity with a few hours of your time, to help in whatever way you can.

## Area Reps Needed

As our membership grows we are relying on Area Reps for some assistance. An Area Rep is responsible for a small number of residents in their own home area. They are the eyes and ears for their area and someone the residents can go to with their concerns. Area reps will be also be contacted for assistance early in the season for their assistance with collection of membership fees from their area. Following are the Area Reps we have currently and the vacancies that exist. If you are interested in getting to know your neighbors a little more, and have a few hours to spare, we could use your help! Please email us at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com) or call Anita at 807-548-4047. Your efforts would be very much appreciated.

Scurfield Area (Williams Rd etc) VACANT  
James Road Area - VACANT

The Black Sturgeon Lakes area is large, and though we try to reach all the residents in whatever way we can, we rely heavily on our email list. If you know of any neighbours or residents in your area that might be unaware of our association and its efforts, please consider giving them a copy of our newsletter and tell them about us. We would be pleased to welcome them to our membership.

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## Obituary

Linda Lois Young passed away in Bastion Place, Salmon Arm, BC on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the age of 73 years. Linda was born in Brandon, MB on July 4, 1940 and had resided in the Shuswap area for the past four years after many years in Kenora and Winnipeg. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Ken Rosenberger; daughter, Jacqui (Ken) Starr of Kenora; son, Jeff (Danielle) Young of Ottawa and grandchildren Nik and Sam Starr and Thomas and Jasmine Young. Also surviving is her brother, Charles Bird and sister, Maida Nielson. Linda was predeceased by her first husband, Jack Young. A celebration of her life was held at the Knox United Church in Kenora, ON on Sunday, August. Linda and her first husband Jack were one of the original owners at Black Sturgeon Estates when the area was first developed in the early 1980's.



LINDA YOUNG

# Volunteers Needed

## Peterson Road

Last year was the first year where some of the long standing Peterson Road events were not held. It is recognized that times change and people are busy, but we need volunteers for the coming year.

The Season Opener in 2014 was held at the Hink's on Sunrise Trail. Once again this was well attended by members and friends and a great success. We need a Host Family for 2015. This is normally held on the Sunday of the May long weekend. A garage is a nice addition if we have inclement weather, but it is not necessary. The Association has a tent that has been used in the past and can be used again this year.

The Horseshoe Tournament. This event was not held in 2014. In the past years it has been organized and run by the Fosters and the Lenaghans. I'm sure they would be happy to offer assistance in organizing this event for anyone interested in taking on the challenge.

Garage Sale. This event was not held in 2014. This was an event that was held every other year at The Glen. It was previously organized and run by Pat Gibson. Again, I'm sure Pat would offer assistance to anyone interested in taking this event on in 2015.

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## Merganser Family Leaves the Nest

On July 4, 2014 we had the privilege of watching a mother Red-Breasted Merganser call to her ducklings that it was time to leave the nest. She flew out of our Wood Duck Box where she had nested, and began swimming around, quacking to the babies. One by one, they jumped/semi-flew out of the box and joined her in the water. Until the last one, who was either too frightened to leave, overwhelmed by the height of the jump (it's about 12 feet off the ground) or just couldn't get enough momentum to get out the hole. He finally succeeded and the family of nine ducklings with Mom paddled along the shore. What a pleasure to watch nature unfold!



# Mission Statement

Dear members,

The following is the Association's proposed Mission Statement.

As members of the Association, we encourage you to give us feedback on what you believe your Association should be focusing on, or not focusing on. Please email us your input at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com). The Association will continue to work on this Mission Statement through the winter so it will be ready for the AGM next June.

## **Proposed Association Mission Statement**

The Black Sturgeon Lake Property Owners Association is made up of property owners on Black Sturgeon Lake. The elected Board represents the membership and acts on behalf of the membership when dealing with issues on the lake. These issues may require discussions with various levels of government or other groups. Currently, it is believed, the main issues of concern are (in no particular order);

- \* General road maintenance throughout the lake area including public access points; such as boat launches
  - \* Quality and Lake Health
  - \* Shoreline development and building compliance issues
  - \* Taxation
  - \* Communication of events and timely distribution of news pertinent to property owners via our website and through email.
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# Municipal Elections 2014

Municipal elections are held in Ontario every four years and the next election will take place on Monday October 27, 2014. Casting a ballot or submitting nomination papers are ways for citizens to become more involved and make a difference in their community.

## **Voters**

Are you on the voter's list? The Voters List will be available at City Hall in the Clerks department or online from September 8, until Election Day, October 27th. The Municipal Elections Act does not allow the Voters List to be posted in a public place. In order to protect personal information, viewing of the Voters List will be supervised.

## **Need to Change/Add Your Information to the Voters List?**

Application to remove, add or amend an elector's information can be made by completing the Application to Amend Voters' List (Form EL15). In order to make changes you will be asked to provide ID from the list of Acceptable Documents for Voter Identification.

Mail-in: Complete the pdf application form and sign and mail along with a photo or scanned copy of your identification to the City of Kenora Clerks department. Mailed forms must be received in the



Clerks Department no later than Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014.

### **In-Person:**

Complete an application in person at the Clerks department, main floor during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm. Please remember to bring acceptable identification.

### **Voting Day Oct. 27:**

If on voting day you are an eligible elector but you are not on the list, or your information is not correct, you can still complete an EL15 form at City Hall and vote. Please take one piece of identification showing your name and qualifying address.

To see if your name is on the Voter's List, go to:

<http://www.kenora.ca/election-internet-voter-lookup.aspx>

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## *A Message from the Publisher . . .*

One of the most frustrating jobs of publishing our Black Sturgeon Newsletter is to convert all the copy that is sent in by email to a usable format. The pages are put together on an iMac computer using the desktop publishing program "QuarkXPress". The typestyle used for the main text is 12 point Palatino and most of the headlines are in 30 point Palatino Bold.



**Frank Hink**  
**Newsletter Publisher**

When copy is sent it has to be converted to a usable format which means that the line lengths are different, the type style is different, and the program which was used to type the original copy is different. Copy is usually sent in as an attachment where the original was typed using Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, or any other word processing program. These attachments first have to be downloaded and then imported into the QuarkXPress program and changed to the standard type styles to make up the pages. After the stories are imported into QuarkXPress all the returns for the line endings have to be taken out except for the end of the paragraphs. Then once the text is in the right spot it will reflow and the program will make the lengths exactly as long as the space that is provided for that particular story.

### **How to Prepare Copy for the Newsletter**

1. Open your favorite word processing program
2. Start typing your story but **do not hit the return key until the end of each paragraph.** The computer will end each line and return automatically to the next line.
3. At the end of each paragraph, hit the return key twice.

### **How to Email Copy**

1. Highlight and copy the whole story
2. Go to your email and paste the story into your email message and send it

Now this might seem quite complicated to some people but it is really very simple. The important thing is not to use any returns except at the end of paragraphs and then copy and paste it in your email message.