

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - WCOA FALL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

Wow!! It's good to be here. What a fantastic job the local and visiting firefighters did to save our resort from the fierce fires that surrounded us. The local residents who supported their efforts in various ways need to be thanked too. Without everyone's cooperation, our wonderful haven would not have come through unscathed. We have erected the sign that was procured with the funds the WCOA collected at our recent Ramsey Bay Weekend celebrations. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who so generously donated to this Appreciation Sign. I hope you've all had a chance to view it near the entrance to our subdivision.

The WCOA have had a very successful year and we owe that success to everyone that has assisted and supported us along the way. We are blessed in this community with so many wonderful and talented individuals. This year, on two separate occasions, we had over twenty people come out with their tools, equipment and positive attitudes to cut and cleanup brush along the roadways and on the hall grounds that included the horseshoe pits, paths and Memorial Site areas. We were treated to a wonderful meal prepared by some great local cooks on one of those cleanup days. Other individuals worked to convert our propane BBQs to natural gas and manufacture accessories we needed for cooking. An excellent welder and his helpers did a great job of straightening and welding the metal brackets and refurbishing our picnic tables. Others did an amazing job of building and erecting an impressive structure at our Memorial Site. Many others contributed by organizing and working at our events which include our monthly Wellness Clinic and making pierogis and cabbage rolls to aid in our fund-raising efforts. We also enjoy the best meal of the month when we get together for our monthly potluck supper social prepared by our fabulous cooks. Others contribute to regularly maintaining our infrastructure and equipment and removing deadfall within the subdivision and on the trails we use for quading, skiing, and sledding. It is heartening to have so many worthy people working together to make this such a great community. On behalf of the WCOA and community members in general I would like to thank each and every one of you for your efforts. Without you we would not be moving forward and making this an even better community to be part of.

We have asked for an update of your contact information for our records and would also like to update the subdivision map with the names of new property owners and an updated phone list to have our Block Captains distribute next spring. I will be sending out an email about this and if any of you have any concerns about providing this information to other cottage owners, please contact us either through our website (WCOA.ca) or our email address ([WLCOA1@gmail.com](mailto:WLCOA1@gmail.com)).

The WCOA fundraiser for 2015 is a calendar featuring the photographic talents of Chantal Tuttroen. We hope to have this calendar available for purchase in time for Christmas gift giving.

Our fundraiser for 2016 will be another Cookbook. One was compiled a few years ago and was such a success that we decided we should do a "Second Helping". I have emailed a form that can be used to submit your recipe(s) and remind you they need to be in by October 31, 2015. Those forms are also available here today.

As indicated at previous meetings and in correspondence, your executive have attempted to determine a solution to the division that has been created through the existence of two cottage owners associations in our resort. We continue to investigate our options which include lobbying for changes to legislation, pro-rated funding and restructuring to a municipal entity with elected representatives. We will attempt to have specific information at our May, 2016 AGM on the advantages and disadvantages of restructuring and other possible options so an informed discussion can be held in the spring. Various government officials will be invited to participate.

Thank you for your ongoing support and input.

Carol Rowan, President

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