



MOUNTAIN L · A · K · E

June, 1988

Dear Member:

This is the 10th anniversary of our Cottage Owners' Association.

It began on the front porch of the Daniels' cottage at the south end of the lake in an informal manner. The purpose for which it was created is very much the same now as it was then.

Many of the issues and concerns prevalent 10 years ago are still with us and will probably be with us for many years to come (acid rain, fair taxation, water quality, etc.). We are unified through our property owners' association, and our association is part of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations. As a combined voice, we are having a political impact on the various levels of government when it comes to setting policy and procedures on various items. Copies of letters received by FOCA relating to the municipal election process and taxation of cottage property are enclosed and we urge you to write to government as suggested in the attached letters.

Our annual meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 1988 at the White Water clubhouse. A location map is attached. We would ask you all to plan on attending.

At the annual meeting Bernie Neary (See Minutes of 1988 Annual Meeting) will provide further interesting information on the biology of Mountain Lake and, in addition to usual business, we expect to address the issues of water levels, cottage taxation, and the effort FOCA is making to persuade the provincial government to give greater fairness in this cottage taxation issue. The Executive is hoping to have a map of the lake completed showing access roads and a numbering system for emergency property identification purposes. We also expect that the incorporation of our association, with your approval, will be able to go forward. Neighbourhood Watch, a community supported surveillance and protection campaign, will be addressed.

We have been able to maintain a strong association since its inception 10 years ago. In addition to the 10 year anniversary cake and coffee which we will all share at our annual meeting, we require an injection of "new blood" for your Executive Committees in order to maintain a strong association. When completing the membership registration form, we would ask that you consider volunteering some of your time. By having a larger number of members assist, no individual will be required to devote an inordinate amount of time. Mountain Lake is precious, and with a strong cottage owners association, we can help keep it that way.

See you at the annual meeting.

Acting President

Michael D. Mahoney