

Hello there to all our Matinenda Friends and Neighbours:-

I thought, this time last year, that someone else would be writing these letters. But like a bad penny, here I am again. Actually I'm doing the letter to help out our President Rolly. He and our Secretary Doreen are up to their necks in work for the Association this winter. Rolly, Dick and Doreen will be handling all the correspondence and supervision for our additional docks project that we have in the mill for this spring.

Maybe I'm a bit ahead of myself here. I should first explain what the Association has, in the past, and is now accomplishing to the benefit of all who make use of and enjoy Matinenda. And also I must tell what the Association would like from each and every one of us in return, we need all the help we can get.

The Association was very instrumental in getting ~~our~~ <sup>OUR</sup> first set of Docks in 1978. Without our organization there would simply ~~have~~ <sup>HAVE</sup> been no project. I am sure everyone will agree the docks have been a big help; we wonder how we got by previously without them. Now after many phone calls and letters and applications we have been successful in getting Government grants of \$10000.00 for materials and \$10000.00 for labor to provide four, and possibly five, more sixteen foot floats and the accompanying ramp and walkway. These are to be placed alongside the existing docks. They will give us room for another ten 16' boats. We may have to dig into our association funds to round out this project. This time around all the materials are to be purchased by us and the invoices will be paid by the Government, up to the amount of the grant. We are required to provide the book keeping and the supervision. I can assure you this is no small job.

We have been successful in getting the concrete slab at the launch ramp replaced with a much larger one; we hope this will make it easier to get our boats in and out of the water. At the same time the landing right back to the highway has been regraded and the ditch down the left side has been cleaned out. The PUBLIC WORKS people are prepared to carry out what repairs are needed on the present docks. This has been promised for first thing in the spring. For the past two or three years we have been slowly building a small fund towards installing and maintaining two flood lights for the parking lot. This would provide a little safer parking for our vehicles. But it will require annual funds to pay for the hydro used.

For the past ten years we have been providing a cottage owners service to handle the garbage from the landing to the disposal area. This has been a very ambitious undertaking, but everyone agrees that by making it easier to get rid of our garbage, there has been a marked improvement in the cleanliness of lake. This is a benefit to all whether they take there garbage to town or not. Anyone who has any new and feasible ideas on this problem, please let us hear from you. There is still a long ways to go before this job is properly cared for. Contrary to the opinions expressed by the local offices of the M.N.R., we believe we are entitled to government assistance in this area.

Personally I feel this is a pretty impressive set of programs for a completely volunteer group to undertake. For this reason we feel justified in asking for help from as many cottage owners as we can get. Following the 1982 financial report are a few statistics from the past records. This is an appeal from your executive, to those who have not contributed in the past to come join with us this year and help the game along. The Association has proven everyone benefits from its efforts.

YOUR LITTLE CHEQUE (\$15.00) NOW CAN MEAN SO MUCH TO A REALLY GOOD DEAL

