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MATINENDA COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

1996 was a very active and progressive year for the association.

Once again, Nellie Otteson and all the ladies contributing to a successful quilt raffle must be applauded. The co-operation and support of the Matinenda cottage owners is also appreciated in supporting this worthwhile endeavour.

Thank you also to the Rock Bass Tournament support staff (Shirley Orr, Michael Fairbairn) and all those who make this enjoyable for "children" of all ages on the lake.

The decalling (season pass/day user)) venture proved to be a success for its initial year and is something that will provide ongoing revenue to the association. It also is a good vehicle to liase with the Ministry since they did provide the staffing (Lori and Andrew) to make this a viable venture. It was very noteworthy to have a clean dock ramping facility and a friendly face to provide assistance in docking, loading and unloading as well as a friendly presence at the dock area.

A financial statement to date (abbreviated) as well as the minutes of the July '96 annual meeting are enclosed for your information.

(This year, a proxy for persons unable to attend the annual meeting (third sunday in July at 11:00 a.m.) will be made available at the commercial outlets on the lake and at the dock for the convenience of all cottagers.

An additional dock portion (40') will be installed this season. It is with this in mind, as well as our ongoing very necessary commitment to the essential garbage collection/disposal and hydro commitment, that we again ask for your generous support.

Hopefully, we can improve on the 64% participation in the association with everyone's cooperation. It was indeed gratifying in 1996 to have approximately 50% of those sending association dues and contributions to see fit to write the \$100.00 cheque that was suggested. THANK YOU.

Those wishing to pay association dues for 1997 will be required to pay \$50.00 instead of the \$35.00 of previous years. This was voted on and accepted as the standard at the annual meeting, July 1996.

However, if ongoing progress and improved facilities are to be provided, your support with contributions above and beyond the \$50.00 are very much needed. The association directors feel that the \$100.00 guideline certainly allows for this and is not too great a hardship for members agreeing with these worthwhile endeavours.

It is with sadness that we relay the passing of three members and friends of Matinenda since our last communication of July 1996. The Rev. Wright, Mrs. Bagshaw and Mrs. Sellers have passed away and will be greatly missed by loved ones and friends. On a brighter note we would like to announce the arrival of Jayson James who is our newest Matinenda Sailor.

