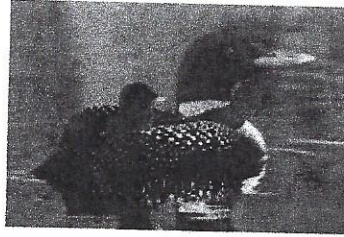


THE LOON



SPRING 2016

Spring is here once again...after another cold winter for most of us. As always, it is good to be thinking of Sebec Lake, ice out, opening camp and another summer of lake memories.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DON RUSH

Hello Everyone:

It's a sure sign of spring when we put together another edition of 'The Loon' and begin to think about opening up our camps for another season. This winter hasn't been as severe as last year, so hopefully the spring melt and ensuing mud season won't be too bad.

ROAD WORK UPDATE

During May and June of 2015, approximately 60 loads of gravel were trucked in and spread on our roads. Up until Memorial Day weekend the dirt part of Sebec Shores Rd. was almost impassible due to frost coming out of the road and lots of mud! The Town of Guilford is responsible for that area, so we are limited as to any improvements that are made. After all loads of gravel were spread, the roads were graded (beginning on unpaved section of Sebec Shores Rd.) Prior Construction did the grading with their brand new machine, and we were very pleased with the results. They did a very thorough job, and returned to do a second grading in September. Several culverts were replaced in various areas both in the spring and fall. Some emergency road work was done after we had a major storm in late September that brought 7+ inches of rain! Ditching was done in

areas needed on South Cove Rd. this fall, and tree trimming was completed by Engstrom & Tumosa on Tim's Cove Rd. in November.

The plan for road work in 2016 is as follows:

~Multiple loads of gravel trucked in and spread in late spring ~Roads graded in the spring and again in the fall

~Culverts replaced as needed

~Tree trimming on South Cove Road this fall

~Ditching on Tim's Cove Road this fall

TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC:

The Town of Willimantic voted to allocate \$3000.00 to go towards our road work in 2016. As always, we greatly appreciate this.

SALE OF T-SHIRTS & CAPS

After several years without having Tim's Cove apparel, TCPOA Board Members decided to have a batch of merchandise made at Berg Enterprises in Corinna. Our order was ready in time for the 2015 Annual Meeting on July 4th and items sold quickly that day! All remaining items were sold by October and we have placed a new order for this year. Don Rush and Cheryl Fairbrother met and selected golf shirts, totes and sweatshirts to be sold at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Logos will include both South Cove and Tim's Cove.

TIM'S COVE WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, please log on to timescove.com. We hope to add much more to our website this year.

TCPOA ANNUAL MEETING

I'd like to say thank you to Don Page and his family for hosting the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The location and hospitality were fabulous, as well as all the delicious refreshments! Our 2016 meeting will be held on Monday, July 4 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be announced, but we are putting in a request to have it at the Page Camp again this year!

charging to remove load coils from the telephone poles. This additional cost kept many TC camp owners from signing up.

For those who are interested, it is highly encouraged and requested by NCB, that you contact Stacy at Premium Choice/North Country Broadband directly by email:

sthompson@pcb-me.com. You may also call 207-735-2611. This will provide clarify regarding the demand for service and afford a means for you to be informed of any updated. This is not meant to construe either encouragement or discouragement, but to pave a way to get what we want and deserve. "Together we stand, divided we fall."

Don Rush

LATER BROADBAND UPDATE FROM DONNA SIMPSON

I contacted Stacy and here is her reply: "Donna, thanks for your call today. If you want seasonal DSL service the installation fee is only \$99.95. Our Basic package is \$44.95 per month. The Express package is \$59.95, and the Premium package is \$89.95. You can suspend your service for up to six months of the year. When the service is suspended the monthly charge is \$19.95. All of our DSL packages include unlimited data. The difference is speed, the basic plan is 1.5 Mbps, the Express is 3Mbps, and the Premium is 8.

As discussed I am the point person at this office for the load coil issue at Tim's Cove. Please feel free to share my email with your friends and neighbors. You can certainly put my contact information in your road association newsletter. It will help me keep the issue front and center. It sounds like there are many families who want our service. Please blow up my in box and I will keep working to get this issue resolved."

So, I think things are looking up, and we will definitely order service at these more reasonable rates. Please keep Don Rush or me informed if you hear differently or have any additional questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing you very soon for a summer filled with sunshine, warm breezes and the call of the loons on the lake!

Don Rush

President, TCPOA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you, everyone, for making my job easier! We had 99% complete dues paid in 2015, and I can assure you, we spent it all on the road. Only 10% of our dues go to administration costs, such as the website, the PO Box fee, insurance, the Loon newsletter production, and the Dues Invoice mailing. I look forward to depositing your checks for 2016 as soon as possible before the first "grooming of the trail". First we will wait for the frost to depart. We didn't have much snow over the winter, but it was well below freezing long enough for the frost to go deep into the ground. If we limit our travel down to camp until well after the 15th of May it will help prevent serious rut development.

Thank you, Julia Flanders

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The terms of Cheryl Fairbrother and Julia Flanders will expire in July 2016 and these two seats (one Tim's Cove and one South Cove) will be up for election. If interested in being on the ballot, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Ben Dever at 207-564-8691 or ben_dever@yahoo.com.

BROADBAND UPDATE

We know that many of you who were hopeful to have high speed internet at your camp last summer were discouraged to learn of the spat going on between Fair Point Communications and North Country Broadband over the exorbitant fee Fair Point was