

# **KDCA SPRING MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009**

## **IN ATTENDANCE (51)**

HARALD LOHN  
GORD BASTABLE  
MAL TYGESSON  
GARRY BEARDSLEY  
JERRY FISHER  
MARILYN BILSBARROW  
GERRY CARIOU  
JACQUI HAUKENESS  
JIM BUHLMAN  
PETER BURNS  
BRAD BULBUCK  
VANESA NOWE  
BOB PALUCH  
JUDY HENRICKSON  
JOHN CHRISTISON  
JOHN FAHLGREN  
WAYNE CLARK  
KARLA CLARK  
MIKE LOEWEN  
DON MACDONALD  
GALE EXTENCE  
WANDA HALLEY  
GENE HALLEY  
KIM LEGROS  
BRUCE LEGROS  
SHANNON MCKEE  
BRIAN MILES  
VAL ARTIMOWICH  
DAN DENZLER  
MIKE WILLIAMS  
BONNY SKENE  
JEFFREY  
FRANK BASTONE  
JIM GRAYSTON  
KELLY JOHNSTON  
CHRIS LAVOIE  
NATHAN HARTLE  
DEBBIE BELVIN  
PAUL MOSSIP  
JIM ANTLER  
BRUCE MCGREGOR  
ROBERT PALUCH  
MATTHEW BENSON  
DOUG PRICE  
DANTE ZERBINATI  
DALE WEIBE/TOM BILLOS/DAVE GEORGE  
GREG RICKFORD  
LORNA WOODS  
JUDY ALEXANDER

KABEELO LODGE  
VERMILION BAY LODGE  
EVERGREEN LODGE  
LAC SEUL EVERGREEN LODGE  
MORSON OUTFITTERS/VP NWOTA  
BILSBARROW & ASSOCIATES  
SUNSET COUNTRY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION  
RUGBY LAKE LODGE  
EAGLE LAKE SPORTMEN'S LODGE  
McAULEY & PARTNERS  
RBC ROYAL BANK, DRYDEN  
RBC ROYAL BANK, KENORA  
TEMPLE BAY LODGE  
UCHI LAKE LODGE  
BIG EAGLE LODGE  
SYDNEY LAKE LODGE  
CLARK'S RESORTS  
CLARK'S RESORTS  
PATRICIA REGIONAL TOURIST COUNCIL  
EVERGREEN LODGE LAC SEUL  
RAINBOW POINT LODGE  
HALLEY'S CAMPS  
HALLEY'S CAMPS  
FIN & FEATHER RESORT  
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PATRICIA AREA COMMUNITY ENDEAVOURS  
PATRICIA AREA COMMUNITY ENDEAVOURS  
DRYDEN DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FISHERMANS COVE  
SILVER WATER WHEEL LODGE  
DOMTAR  
NORTHERN LIGHTS RESORT  
MNDM  
ONTARIO TOURISM MARKETING PARTNERSHIP  
ONTARIO TOURISM MARKETING PARTNERSHIP  
PINE ACRES CAMP  
BIG HOOK WILDERNESS CAMPS  
WOMAN RIVER CAMP  
WOMAN RIVER CAMP  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
NORTHWEST AQUA LTD.  
TEMPLE BAY LODGE  
MNR DRYDEN  
MNR DRYDEN  
OPP  
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT  
MP  
GREG RICKFORD'S OFFICE  
NORTHWEST DESIGN + COMMUNICATIONS

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 1, 2009 by Harald Lohn as President. He said we are all sad at the passing of Patty Tygesson and thanked Mal and crew for working so hard at getting the Spring dinner and social organized. It's a lot of work and we all appreciate it.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Self introductions were made around the room.

Harald reminded everyone that elections will take place at the fall meeting in October. He said traditionally the past President coordinates these elections so please put names forward to Dan Denzler. Harald mentioned that Chris Lavoie did an exchange rate survey and that he will be added to the agenda to speak about the survey results.

**3. MINUTES OF FALL MEETING:** Minutes from the 2008 Fall KDCA meeting were previously circulated. Gary Beardsley moved to accept the minutes as presented. John Falgren seconded. Carried.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Steve Hartle was absent from the meeting so Mal Tygesson briefly reported on his behalf. He said that KDCA lost a little money in investments since the last meeting but that things were beginning to turn around. A summarized financial report of income, expenses, investments and bank balances was passed out to the membership for review. John Fahlgren motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Jerry Fisher. Carried.

**5. PRESIDENT'S OBSERVATIONS/DISCUSSION: Harald Lohn**

Harald said that he and a few other members were in Kenora yesterday for a meeting put on by the Ministry of Tourism-the Sorbara Report On The Future Of Tourism. He said there would be 16 to 18 meetings/sessions across the province ending around the end of May. The report suggests 11 regions across the province be defined with each region having a Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO). It is proposed that we will be part of Region 11 which would run from Sudbury to the Manitoba border. The report also recommends that each new tourism region adopt Destination Marketing Fees (levied on accommodations). These DMF proceeds would become an annual source of support for the DMMO's with money flowing directly to the industry. The deadline for establishing these regions is 2010. Harald said that we don't have a lot of political clout in Northwestern Ontario so we have to scream loud. We have the support of Chambers, NWOTA and Sunset Country on the following resolutions:

**Resolution #1-** Support the establishment of a Region 12 with geographical boundaries that are consistent with those of Sunset Country.

**Resolution #2-** Support establishment of the Sunset Country Travel Association (SSCTA) as the Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO) for the newly established Region 12.

**Resolution#3-** Support the planning, coordination, organization, and conduct of a Regional Marketing Forum in the Fall 2009 through the allocation of \$2500.00 of KDCA funds towards this effort. (This Forum will be structured to address three major issues for tourism NW Ontario: Discussion and development of a regional marketing strategy for NW Ontario; discussion of experiences and recommendations of a destination marketing fee; and, discuss and integrate the recommendations evolving from the Sorbara Report "*Discovering Ontario - A Report On The Future Of Tourism*").

**Resolution#4-** Adopt the recommendation of the White-tail Deer Committee that states: "The Province of Ontario must take steps to manage the number of uncontrolled non-residents hunting without guides in the zones north of the Rainy River District. This should be accomplished by legislating that only licensed Ontario based Tourism businesses are allowed to offer non-resident deer hunts in Ontario."

Judy Hendrickson asked if we go in agreement does that mean we will all have to charge a Destination Marketing Fee. Harald asked Jim Antler if he would comment on this. Jim explained that the report written by Greg Sorbara was presented to the government in February. The Provincial budget came in late March where the \$40 million was committed to the regions (still to be determined). This money will come into place in July 2010 and comes from taxes when they change to HST.

**PROPOSED MARKETING FORUM FALL 2009:** Harald said that they are trying to pull together a marketing forum in September. he said they have identified some speakers/experts in Tourism Marketing. Other topics will be Destination Marketing Fees. Harald said that as a result of this forum they will develop a Marketing Plan. At the NWOTA meeting they committed to donating \$2500.00 to the forum. Harald suggested that KDCA match this donation. A vote will take place this afternoon.

**6.PRESENTATION: ONTARIO TOURISM MARKETING PARTNERSHIP:** Jim Garrison Jim said they did two Sports Shows in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta this year promoting Northern Ontario. Crowds seemed very interested but concerned about travel distance to Ontario. They will be running television segments this year on hunting and fishing as well as domestic and O.S. radio. He encouraged camps to call Julie at 705-945-6578 to get on GoFish web site ([www.ontariotravel.net/gofish](http://www.ontariotravel.net/gofish) or [www.ontariotravel.net/hunting](http://www.ontariotravel.net/hunting)). They did Sport Shows at Pheasant Run, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Harrisburg this past winter. He said the "Dryden Buck" has drawn a lot of attention to NWOntario. The did interviews on the "Mike Mac Show", did an aggressive internet campaign as well as graphic wraps outside and inside on subway trains in Minneapolis and billboards in Chicago. The web site [www.escapetoontario.com](http://www.escapetoontario.com) targets Winnipeggers to visit Ontario and ads were run on the weather network and google ads. He said booking are starting to come from this campaign. The also did 3 double page ad spreads in 3 issues of Chill Magazine (Brewer's Retail magazine) with a circulation of 210,000. The also ran a contest on Chill Television- had 50,000 enter the contest.

Harald asked what the continuing commitment to Chicago was going to be. Jim said that this year would be the third year for the Chicago marketing campaign and that this will be the second year out of a three year commitment to Minneapolis. He said he didn't know what will happen once these three year commitments are up especially with the Sorbara report and the designation of the regions. Jim introduced Kelly Johnston who is the OTMP coordinator from Sault Ste. Marie to the Manitoba border. She is based at the head office in Toronto. Harald asked if OTMP will continue to get money and operate. Jim said yes but, their name will probably change. He said they would have to wait and see over the next 4-5 months and hoped that nothing will change with OTMP. Harald said that OTMP have been dependable messengers for Northwestern Ontario. Jim said that in their Northern Committee 30% are from Northwestern Ontario. Jerry Fisher said that Jim also showed Kelly the Fort Frances Travel Centre when they attended the NWOTA meeting. Jim said he wanted Kelly to see that you can't see the Travel Info Centre when driving in to Canada- he said they are trying to help that situation and that the Minister of Tourism has also seen it.

**7.PRESENTATION: BOATING REGULATIONS/MARINE SAFETY: Dante Zerbanati**  
**Dryden Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police**

Dante said that there have not been any changes in boating regulations. He said that all the camps he has visited have been compliant and their guests have been respectful. He said he was pleased that resort guests have been advised by owners and are aware of regulations. He reminded everyone that there is zero tolerance for alcohol. Harald asked if there was zero tolerance for personal floatation as well. Dante said that you don't have to wear them but they have to be in the boat. Dante said that alcohol or liquor are only allowed in personal residences i.e. tents, cabins and some boats equipped with washrooms. There is zero tolerance for alcohol on a shore lunch. Harald asked if they could lay charges. Dante said that they can also enforce the Fish & Game Act but that they usually team up together with the MNR. Paul asked if the boat was from the O.S. what safety equipment do they

require. Dante said that if it is the Americans own boat they are required to meet the safety regulations from their own state. He also reminded people about Boat Operator Licenses- the legislation comes into effect September 15, 2009. Karla asked what about our guests renting one of our boats. Dante said they don't require an operators license if they are from out of Canada. He explained the new drinking and driving offenses.

Boaters Safety Check List can be found at:

[www.tc.gc.ca/marine\\_safety/debs/obs/resources/regulations/rental/menu/htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/marine_safety/debs/obs/resources/regulations/rental/menu/htm)

10:50 A.M. **COFFEE BREAK:** Harald thanked the *Royal Bank* as being the *Coffee Break Sponsor*.

11:10 A.M.- MEETING RESUMED

**8.PRESENTATION: SUNSET COUNTRY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION:** Gerry Cariou, Executive Director

Gerry opened with comments about the Competitive Study and the proposed merging of Sunset Country with the Superior North Region #11. He said that our tourist guests are associated with Sunset Country's brand and wouldn't associate us with the new region "Superior North". He said the new regions are not set in stone yet but said that whatever is decided in the end Sunset Country will continue to operate as a not-for-profit association. Gerry said that members contribute 75% of their budget and said this support must continue.

**9.MNR:FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS/MODERNIZATION OF LUP'S/FARABOUT PENINSULA UPDATE:** Matthew Benson and Doug Price

Matthew began by saying that Dryden has a new acting Manager until June-Matt Myers and Kenora has a new Manager- Andrew Apple John.

**Land Use Permits:** Doug said that the Land Use Permits are in place for 10 years at which time they will move to a Crown Lease. He said as an organization it would be better to put an application in together-better price. Harald said that there are a lot of technical issues to go through to get things done with Outpost Camps. Doug said that after 10 years outposts have to be converted over to Crown Lease Permits but said that you can apply for a survey anytime. In doing surveys the MNR also use GPS.

**Forest Management Plans:** Matt said that Forest Management Planning uses 3/4's of their staff plan. The Trout/Whiskey Jack Plan 2012-still in planning process. Starting in 2011 will be the Dryden Forest (to define sustainability), the Lac Seul Forest and the Kenora Forest. Mal said that Domtar just started a 10 week shutdown. Matthew said that the Dryden Forest is mostly small operators. The Ministry has asked for submissions from entrepreneurs for different products using wood waste (i.e. pellets). Mal said with all the downturn maybe the MNR should review cut plans and start protecting the forest for tourism. Matt said the challenge is forecasting the future for change in species and products. He said the try to plan so that if there is a demand the wood would be there.

**Farabout Peninsula Update:** The MNR received a letter signed by 150 people and agreed that no cutting be started and nothing will be done in the next 10 years.

**Fisheries:** There are far fewer zones now. He said there will be twenty people starting this month to monitor, net and identify species as well as water chemistry. He said that early in the fall an advisory committee will be formed to review the data collected from the spring and summer and a management plan will come out of that. One hundred thousand dollars will be spent over the next two years for studies on Eagle Lake such as trout movement from hole to hole.

**Deer:** Matthew said that three districts met twice over the past year with reps from groups who expressed their concerns over the increase in non-resident hunters. At the first meeting the group

talked about a service outfitter provision in which a non-resident hunters would have to go through a licensed outfitter. Gary Beardsley said the increasing deer numbers are affecting the moose population. He said in order to keep the deer population under control we need to bring in someone to kill them.

**12:10 P.M. LUNCH- *Sponsored by Consumer Frosted Foods, Sysco, J.Webb & Sons.***

Harald thanked Mal and crew for organizing and preparing the lunch.

**1:10 P.M.** Meeting resumed.

**10. PRESENTATION: NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT: Dale Wiebe**

Dale said they have 14 offices in 13 communities. The NWHU services a population of 85,000 (19 municipalities and 39 First Nation communities). As of Dec.1, 2008 the Safe Water Legislation changed-handouts were circulated with information on regulations,operator training, sampling and testing,, treatment options as well as forms for Small Drinking Water System Identification/Testing Drinking Water and Notice of Adverse Test Results and Issue Resolution forms.

**Small Drinking Water Program:** There are over 1,200 systems requiring inspection and there are nine (9) NWHU Inspectors in three regional offices who will be inspecting these systems. The majority of the systems are seasonally operated which reduces the inspection speed. The role of the NWHU will be to:

1. Identify and maintain Small Drinking Water Systems (SDWS) inventory.
2. Inform and educate SDWS operators.
3. Conduct on-site risk assessment and compliance inspections.

Bruce McGregor asked about training. Dale said training would be on a risk assessment basis-some informal and some formal (such as courses).

**SDWS Operator Requirements:**

- 1.Notify NWHU in writing before change in operation status (initial, start-up, shut-down).
2. Designate a responsible operator and ensure adequate training.
3. Comply with all requirements of the SDWS Regulations and NWHU Directives (i.e. how often you have to collect samples)

Mal said that start-up is a sticky issue, we feel our start-up should be based on first guest. Dale agreed and said that once you start-up and you have a week with no guests you are still in start-up. Gary asked about sending samples in a timely fashion without being contaminated. Dale said you have 48 hours. You can Purolator to Thunder Bay same day. He said they are looking at helping with transportation.Dale went on to explain more on Site Specific Risk Assessments where operators would be notified in advance of risk assessment to schedule and make the following preparations: well records, historical water sampling results, information and manuals for treatment equipment, system maintenance and operational records and any other reports related to the system. He said the frequency of inspection will be determined on risk (i.e. high risk-once every 2 years otherwise once every 4 years. Sampling frequency for high risk is once a week (100 buildings being served) and low risk every 3 months. Mal asked what was the first thing they have to do-fill out a form? Dale said that once they receive the form you would be assigned a number and be contacted by the NWHU. Mal asked if we have to wait for the inspector to come or do we take action. Dale said the primary thing to do is sampling and said if you have food service you are going to be inspected. Kelsey asked if they are allowed to do a boil water advisory at their outpost camps and supply bottled water. Dale said if you are under a boil water advisory you don't have to do anything. You can haul water from the City of Drained as it is environmentally inspected and safe.

## **11.GREG RICKFORD, M.P.**

Greg introduced his assistant Lorna Woods and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak to the membership. Greg said that it is his understanding that the lion's share of the issues the camp operators face are within the jurisdiction of the province. He said the Conservative Government has a commitment to tourism and said their contribution to tourism is greater than forestry or farming. He said that he is the chair of their new tourism caucus and said that some of his colleagues are in the outdoor caucus. He said to contact the local offices for inquiries in regards to available funding and deadlines. The white-tail deer hunt is in the provinces jurisdiction. He said he had written the Minister Cansfield responsible for the Ministry of Natural Resources about the white-tail deer situation and that it is now on their radar screen in a big way. On the border issue he is at the point where he's met and discussed these issues with the Ministry of Transportation and pondered whether a private members bill is required to stop some of the discrimination/questions being asked at the border. In regards to the gun registry he said he seconded a motion to the dismantling of it and said that this bill will be very problematic for other parties to accept. Harald gave him some background information on the issues that NWOTA and KDCA have been working on. Jerry told Greg that KDCA-NWOTA presented a position document to the Ontario Caucus as well as all the statistics. Greg said it will be his intention to host a forum in Kenora with round tables and said the Tourism Caucus and the Outdoor Caucus should sit together to discuss the border issues. He offered to take a package regarding border issues to the O.S. Parliamentary Association meeting that he will be attending. Bob Paluch said that they have all been dealing with this DUI for 10 years and it is imperative that the border situation is corrected. He said we get inconsistent answers from border personnel and it's going to take generations to get over this. Greg said he gets it and he's already had lawyers working on it- he said they've made it clear that there is inconsistency. Lorna said they have the rehabilitation application forms at the constituency offices. Once completed they have to be mailed to Thunder Bay of a decision. Karla questioned if that application came with a fee. Lorna said \$200. Gary said that the problems his guests have had at the border were people charged but not convicted. Greg said he didn't have an answer to that but he would look into this policy. Mal said he's had a few incidents too. He wondered if we could get Border Services to record the number of people turned back that had no conviction conviction. Greg said that was a very good idea and possibly we could look into this. Harald said that a lot of us spend time and effort to get our guests here and that this has been the biggest hurdle they have every faced. Greg said he was getting this from spinoff businesses as well and not just from Tourist Operators. Greg said that they are very friendly and sensitive to the issues brought up as this meeting. Since he's been in office the Conservative Party has invested in infrastructure, water treatment plants and air ports. He said that these are indirectly related to the tourism industry but they fortify our communities.

3:00 P.M. - COFFEE BREAK

3:15 P.M.- MEETING RESUMED

## **12.PRESENTATION: MINISRTY OF TOURISM : Jim Antler**

Jim is a policy advisor with MTO-Tourism Policy & Research Branch.He said that Tourism License renewals will be in the mail May 15th. Jim said that the Mining Act is a big provincial legislative issue. He said his department looks at this from a tourism angle.He has been involved in the Far North Land Use Planning and Discovering Ontario Sorbara Report.The following web site has a lot of research on the site and the Travel Intentions Study will be posted soon-[www.tourism.gov.on.ca](http://www.tourism.gov.on.ca). You have to register on the site in order to do customized reports.Harald said that since Jim is a messenger back to the Ministry, we have for you a signed document itemizing all the issues currently facing our industry. Harald said that they we all think that Northwestern Ontario is a disaster area...this part of the province is hurting. Jim asked what he meant by "a disaster area". Harald said that it's not just tourism, it's the trickle down effect on all other businesses in our region.

### **13. PATRICIA REGION TOURIST COUNCIL-Mike Loewen, Executive Director**

Mike said this past year has been a real learning curve but he's getting more comfortable in this new position. He said they again produced the 2009 Pat Map, did 3 Sport Shows, a T.V. Segment as well as continue to drive traffic to their web sites. He said they have a Director's meeting next week to develop a marketing strategy. He said that PRTC counts on memberships to keep them going- there is strength in numbers. Bob asked why on some days they get tons of e-mails from PRTC and then nothing for days. Mike said that they now moderate all inquiries before sending out to members as they are getting so much spam.

### **14. KDCA/NWOTA UPDATE: Jerry Fisher**

Jerry said he and Harald attended a meeting in Thunder Bay and met with Mister Monique Smith. We spoke to her about the difference in growth in North Eastern Minnesota where in 1985 we had 18 times more gross and now we are at 4 times. We developed a couple of position papers and on Feb.27th,2009 we made a presentation to Greg Sorbara about developing Region 12. On April 19, 2009 we made a presentation to Sunset Country to become the DMO for the proposed Region 12 and also to take over the Destination Marketing Fund.

Jerry said he would like to make a motion to support the establishment of Region 12 (geographic region of the current Sunset Country). Seconded by Gary. Carried.

Mal wondered how the money would be divided out. Harald said this is something that will have to be worked out. We will be sitting down with all groups to sort it out. Jerry said that NWOTA voted the same way yesterday. KDCA/NWOTA has developed a package that went to all Chambers, Municipalities so that they are aware of this proposed Region 12. To date all Municipalities in the region are in support. Jerry said he has stepped down as President of NWOTA to focus on chairing KDCA/NWOTA. I would like to ask you for your support that Harald continue as Co-Chair. Judy Hendrickson said that Harald and Jerry have done a great job in getting information out. The motion was seconded by Gord that Harald be Co-Chair. Carried.

**Marketing Forum:** Jerry said that he and Harald saw the need to develop some sort of strategy and develop some sort of forum to bring anyone involved in tourism together. They have received \$5,000 from Rainy River Development Corporation. Tannis Drysdale will co-ordinate the forum. Letters went out to Pace, and Sunset Country. The dates for the Forum will be Sept.22-23,2009 with tentative speakers lined up. Harald said that they are trying to get ahead of the Sorbara "Discover Ontario" Report. He said they want to be ready and organized once the report takes affect. OTMPC has committed to help us with getting speakers. Judy Hendrickson said she still has a problem with Destination Marketing Funds...it's another tax on our guests. Jerry said that DMF's raise millions of dollars in Minnesota to market that State. They are now way ahead of us. Jerry said that DMF's are being charged all over the world. Harald made a motion that KDCA will donate \$2,500 towards the Marketing Forum Sept.22-23, 2009 at the Best Western in Dryden. Seconded by Judy Hendrickson. Dan Denzler opposed. Carried

### **15. WHITE-TAILED DEER: Gord Bastable**

Gord said that Matt Benson did a good job earlier in the meeting in covering the workshop he attended. He said the basic recommendation is that the Province needs to take control over Non Resident Deer hunts. Randy Hanson had more recent info at the NWOTA meeting and that something might happen in 2010. Dan Denzler said that this has been on the table now for 10 years-what's it going to take! Jim Antler said they were looking some sort of regulation for 2010. Dan said his concern is that we don't have enough manpower to deal with issues such as deer hunts etc.but instead we are focusing on a Marketing Forum. Jerry said KDCA-NWOTA will go to somebody to push the deer hunt issue along. Jacqui asked if anyone Provincially was involved from the MNR or is it Regional. Gord said it would be handled Regionally. Jerry made a recommendation that the following resolution be accepted that "The Province of Ontario must take

steps to manage the number of uncontrolled non-residents hunting without guides in the zones north of the Rainy River District. This should be accomplished by legislating that only licensed Ontario based Tourism businesses be allowed to offer non-resident deer hunts in Ontario.”. Seconded by Karla Clark. Carried.

**16. PRESENTATION: NOTO CONVENTION: Gord Bastable**

Gord said most of the meeting focused on Land Tenure and the Competitiveness Study. He said the MNR has changed Fisheries Management Zones. In Zone 4 Councils will be made up of community volunteers. South of Drained- Zone 5 will be organized next year. Some of the bigger lakes like Lac Seul and Eagle Lake will become their own zones in 2011. The MNR has a new program call ‘Fire Smart Program” in preparation for the future with climate change. There will be strategies for mapping potential fire hazard areas and there will be proactive burning in some areas. Information was shared on wearing life jackets such as most deaths occur in the 1 st minute you’re in the water and cold water is anything under 75 degrees. There was a guest speaker who spoke on marketing to outdoor enthusiasts with disabilities.

**19. OTHER BUSINESS :** Harald thanked everybody for attending.

**a) FALL MEETING - Oct.1 st or Oct.7th, 2009 .** Gary moved that the meeting be held on Oct. 7th. Seconded by John Fahlgren. Carried. Mal offered his lodge for the meeting at **Evergreen Lodge, Eagle Lake**  
Elections will take place.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m Seconded by Gary Beardsley. Adjourned.