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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the executive, I wish to extend to all members, a happy and productive New Year.

The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario, at its Annual Meeting in November, decided to remain. Some major decisions were reached that were significant. The constitution and by-laws were changed and they were brought in line to co-incide with the Directors of Municipal Recreation Act, of 1958. The executive has been enlarged from six members to eight members, as outlined in the act. The membership has been expanded to include people employed full time as a recreation practitioner by a municipal, county, regional, or provincial authority. The decision was made to bring about a closer relationship between your Society and other municipally oriented organizations. It is the intent of your executive to have more meaningful liaisons with such organizations as the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the various government agencies that relate to municipal recreation.

Much of the work of the Society gets done by teams of people working on committees. This is to request people to volunteer for the various committees.

For the Society to become more effective, it requires the communication of ideas. This is a two-way project. The executive cannot possibly put across their ideas unless they know what ideas are already in the minds of the membership.

In closing, I would, on behalf of the executive, wish to extend our appreciation for the many letters and verbal comments of good wishes for our term of office.

James G. Maxwell
President,
S.D.M.R.O.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all who responded so quickly to the information request for this first newsletter of 1973.

We are still receiving information - however, if your news does not appear in this issue we most probably did not receive it by print time.

If you know of any member who has not received a copy of the newsletter please drop us a line.

Please note the index for your location of information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Ross Ventrcek has notified us that Wayne Taylor has been appointed to Bud Bitton's membership committee. Bud will remain Membership Committee Chairman. Wayne's new title - "Membership Recruiting Chairman?" Best of recruiting luck Wayne -----.

GEORGE

EXECUTIVE AMPLIFIER 1972-73

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R. Lucas and J. Fraser	- Aquatics
C.M. Bitton	- Membership
D. Bass	- Historical
S.R. Armatage	- Training and Education
P.L. Cavill	- Publication
G. Coulson	- Newsletter

A joint meeting with the Executive of the O.R.S. was held on December 8, 1972 to discuss the co-operation of the two societies, common goals, problems and areas of concern. More about this meeting will be outlined in the next Executive minutes of this meeting.

Annual minutes and executive minutes of November 15, 18 and 19 have been mailed out now.

The 1972 By-laws, Constitution and Procedures Manual will be mailed early in January.

SPECIAL NEWS ITEMS from Registrar of S.D.M.R.O. - Doug Paton

- I. RECREATIONISTS REGISTER: Almost 20 members have indicated an interest in working on their 'fellowship' project. Fellowship is the highest professional level attainable by research and study in many professional associations including the S.D.M.R.O. As well as being registered with the Province of Ontario as a professional practitioner, fellowship designations have been written in several contracts reflected by increased annual wages or fees. In fact, fellowship permits the consulting and advising in recreation matters for private companies as well as individuals, municipalities and community groups. It is suggested that should a "Fellow" of the S.D.M.R.O. check over plans or drawings of recreation facilities, he may stamp said drawings with his professional seal not unlike lawyers, doctors, architects or engineers. Of course, personal and professional ethics and practises are involved and the "Fellow" should be bonded or protected by his municipality in using such official stamps. An example is offered, made by Embree Industries of Hamilton, for less than \$8.00.

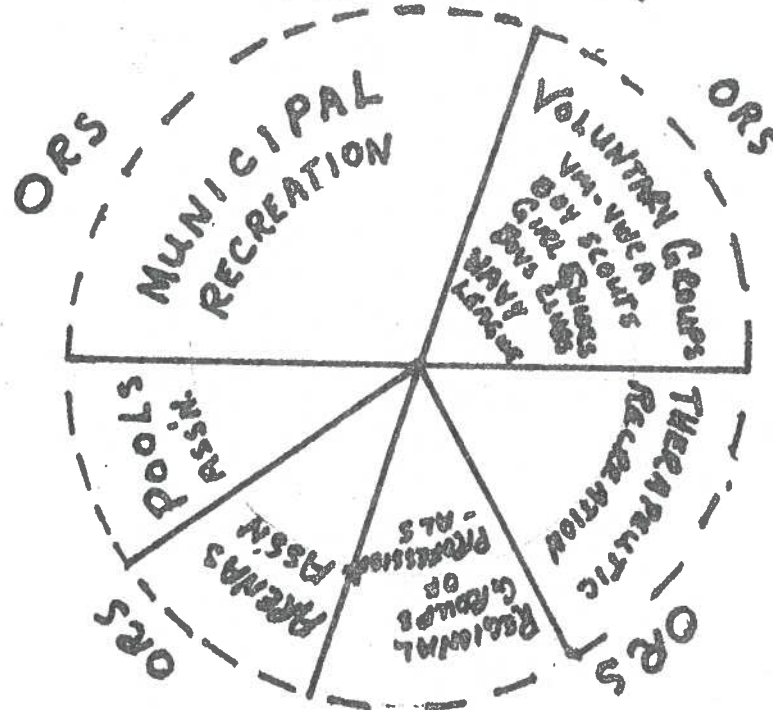


Fellowship involves the approval of a topic or subject area by the Fellowship committee. Members this year include Dr. Barle Ziegler of the University of Western Ontario; Sam Jacks, R.D.M.R. of North Bay; Ken Robinson, R.D.M.R. of Peterborough; Blayne Rennick, R.D.M.R. of Cambridge; Wes Ogden, R.D.M.R. of Welland. Outside advisors may be appointed for the first time this year. Once a topic has been approved, the research or paper is developed using one major advisor and two others on the committee. Topics range widely and the final oral examination and defense of the work is carried out before a group of one's peers. Every experienced member of the S.D.M.R.O. is urged to apply for more details about fellowship by contacting the Registrar.

- II. O.R.S. COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP REPORT: November 27th, the report was made available to Peter Cavill and Doug Paton, who represented S.D.M.R.O. at the O.R.S. workshop. Other S.D.M.R.O. members and former members present included Wendell Brewster, Gerry Gillette, Pat Artkin, Ken Burgess, Laurie Branch, June Braaten, Jim Olmstead, Ian Thompson, Jack Eilbeck, Dean McCubbin, the O.R.S. Executive and representatives from many voluntary and professional and lay groups with a recreation leaning. While it is difficult to condense a condensation without losing the meaning, several major items emerged: O.R.S. should establish an inter-agency publications committee. O.R.S. should broaden its membership to include any interested person in the field of leisure services. O.R.S.'s definition of a professional should be re-examined. Is O.R.S. a professional society, a society of professionals with exclusive and closed shop, or a hub of a wheel sharing, clearing, motivating ... but not excluding? Future workshops and sessions must include people from all voluntary agencies as well as recreation-exclusive groupings. Are qualification in O.R.S. really meeting the expressed needs of the founders? Is O.R.S. just another closed shop of the same people? Is O.R.S. a federation, an umbrella or the hub of a wheel? Is it a professional society or a society of professionals?

WHO WILL COMBINE THEM

- IF Q.R.S. DOESN'T?



- III. RESEARCH REPORTS AVAILABLE: Mohawk College, Hamilton, announces the availability of photocopy results of equipment and facility research work carried out by first and second year recreation students in the Facility Management Option. At the present time, over 50 titles are available. The projects consist of a consumer type study of one piece of recreation or sports equipment. Each student is permitted to select a topic and gather all current data about it including prices, sizes, weight, colours etc. The findings are then summarized so that a busy recreationist can merely seek out the summary to determine what type of T-shirt and brand of whistle for the dollar is available on the Canadian market. Mohawk College keeps these reports on file and hopes to up-date them every two to three years. The results may be given by telephone (at no charge) or photocopies of the final results may be sent at .10¢ per page. Below is a partial list of completed reports or projects underway:

Trampolines	Lacrosse Sticks	Footballs
Skiing equipment	Stop Watches	Cathers Masks
Golf Equipment	P.A. Systems	Spikes
Bathing Suits	Curling Brooms	English Saddles
Underwater Speakers	Paddles	Track Shoes
Arts & Crafts	Archery Arrows	Camp Stoves
Roller Skates	Outboard Motors	Sleeping Bags

S H A R E
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MISSISSAUGA, Ontario.

The following is a report on a recent recreation student conference from Janice Rempel, University of Waterloo and Debbie Summerfield, Humber College.

SHARE - This is the name that participants midway through a weekend conference decided to call their meeting. It was a meeting designed to bring students from different recreation education exposures together to promote mutual understanding and learning and as the weekend progressed 'share' indeed was a key word.

The participants were recreation students in the Recreation Leadership Program at Humber College and in the Honours Recreation Program at the University of Waterloo. They met, 23 in all, at Niagara Lodge, a winterized camp near Niagara-on-the Lake, the weekend of October 20-22.

The meeting was initiated, organized and carried out by students from the two schools with the support of the Youth and Recreation Branch, who paid the accommodation and travel costs.

The weekend was structured to the extent that problem areas were introduced with the use of role play and discussion, formal and informal, flowed from there. The problem of defining roles for the two kinds of schools emerged as something so vast that even to define the way things are now was a monumental task - something that those present decided they needed more information about. Out of this feeling emerged a proposal for a student exchange program - first, between Humber and Waterloo, as an experiment and later to spread province-wide. The idea is that 8 - 10 students from Humber could visit students at Waterloo for one week in January and attend classes with them. Waterloo students would return the visit. In this way, students could really get the feel of what the other school was offering and have first-hand knowledge of the other type of educational experience. At present, the students at both schools are working to make the necessary arrangements for the exchange to take place.

The exchange is one good thing which came out of the conference, but perhaps just as important was the change in attitudes about one another that took place. Here are some quotations from answers written to the question - Have your ideas about recreation education in colleges and universities changed as a result of this meeting?

"Yes, I was basically ignorant about the university course and those ideas which I did have were fallacies. I realize also that the university students are mere people, and not the "bad degree students" taking the jobs we would like ... "

"I was impressed with the openness of those from university. They were willing to look at both sides and could, like myself, see advantages in both areas of learning."

"Yes. Previously I felt there was a definite role for each - technicians and professionals. Now I feel that there is definitely a difference but not as technician and professional, but possibly in different levels of professionalism."

"My ideas have changed - college students are no longer the unknown to be feared ... I can now see a clearer purpose for both types (of education). There are merits in both programs - we are going to have differing skills in some areas which I can now see as complementing each other rather than detracting from either course. I'm

beginning to hope that rather than working in competition there can be co-operation to really make our 'profession' a real profession in the true sense of the word."

In conclusion, the students accomplished what they set out to do. A handful of students came together willing to accept each other and learn from each other, breaking down any real or imaginary barriers of status. It was a small beginning - but a good one.

NEW FACILITIES:

Peterborough Recreation Department - Bud Bitton

Peterborough's new twin pad arena is nearing completion. The official opening is scheduled for January 27, although it is hoped at least one surface will be operational before that time. At present, only two other artificial ice arenas, the Memorial Centre and Northcrest Arena, are operative in Peterborough. The city's 23 year old Civic Arena was closed last year due to suspected structural defects.

Township of Pickering

During the past 18 months Pickering has opened (I) 25 meter swimming pool and (II) 3,700 sq. ft. Teen Centre, two 15 acres Athletic Fields. A second ice pad, and 5,000 sq. ft. community centre are in the planning stages.

NEW SWIMMING POOL PROJECTS are underway at Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Fort Francis, Belleville, Woodstock, Cedar Springs, New Hamburg, Lindsay, Oakville and Oshawa with research being done in Etobicoke, for a major indoor Olympic Pool 50 or 65 metres long with adjoining training pool. Brantford is also planning an Olympic indoor complex. "Olympic Pools" are at least 50 metres long and 75 feet wide with 10 metre diving platform, says Doug Paton, a bit of an expert in pool design and construction we are told!!

Etobicoke Parks and Recreation reports the first project in its five year Capital Program for facilities, has just been completed. The official opening of the Centennial Park Dual Surface Arena took place last month, giving the residents of Etobicoke a year-round complex for hockey, public skating, lacrosse, roller skating, recreation classes and trade shows. In addition to the two standard size hockey rinks, the Arena has administration offices, two viewing and meeting lounges, two snack bars and eight dressing rooms.

The Centennial Park has also a new multi-purpose Recreation Centre. This two storey Chalet-type building has a beautiful lounge area on the second floor providing a panoramic view of the ski hills and park. There are two snack bars, change rooms and offices, and it is in constant use both winter and summer.

Mrs. Marg Webb

Simcoe, Ontario - Jim Parrott

With our new Recreation Complex expected to open March 3, plans for the official opening are being finalized. This new \$750,000.00 facility will have a 25 metre pool and a banquet room to seat 400. There are also kitchen facilities to prepare for a gathering of that size. Simcoe is looking forward to this great addition to our recreational facilities and program.

Mississauga Recreation & Parks Department

New for 1973-74 - Senior Citizens Centre to be included in the new municipal complex at the Town centre. And, an indoor artificial ice arena with multi-purpose rooms appended.

NEW FACILITIES (contd.)St. Catherines Parks & Recreation

We will be covering a pool at a local high school early in 1973. It will become our first indoor pool. We are moving along on an 18 hole executive type Golf course. The course is being built on an old refuse site.

Town of Ajax Recreation Department - Tom Flood

Second arena proposed for construction in 1973. Completion of major soccer pitch and ball facilities on present 25 acre site.

New Liskeard Recreation Committee - Waldo Henderson

The official opening to the new Recreation Centre was held Saturday, December 9th by the Mayor, Mr. Bolger. A host of activities were included at the opening including two days of presentations: the pipe band, figure skating club, hockey and broomball groups and a large display of Arts and Crafts in the new Auditorium were all part of the two day program.

NEWS OF PROGRAMS INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENTS:Peterborough Program - Bud Bitton

Despite the poor weather conditions over much of the 1972 summer season, overall participation and attendance in Peterborough's summer program increased over that of previous years. The upsurge in attendance can be attributed to increased emphasis on indoor, evening, and specialised programs. Some of the previously poorly attended, traditional, sports programs were successfully moved indoors, utilizing school gymnasias instead of playgrounds and operating afternoons and evenings instead of mornings and afternoons.

Indoor art and craft classes for Teens proved equally popular. The conclusions agreed upon by program staff, as a result of changes and experiments conducted during this summer are:

- (a) Traditional playground programs still appeal to young children, 5 to 10 years of age.
- (b) Due probably to their earlier maturity and exposure at an earlier age to better instruction, higher levels of organization and better facilities in the school system, teen and pre-teens are demanding more sophisticated skill activities, more competitive sports and fully equipped facilities.
- (c) Increased freedoms permit younger children to be "out" in the evenings, hence a demand for afternoon and evening programs and an aversion to "early" "morning" programs.

The Township of Pickering has a Community Use of School program in interior decorating, modern dancing, pattern making, teen badminton, upholstery, yoga, guitar, ballet, art, band, car care, ceramics, gourmet cooking, volleyball.

Etobicoke Parks & Recreation - Marg Webb

We now have six community schools in the Borough - Hilltop, James S. Bell, Bloordale, The Elms and two new additions, Elmbank and Park Lawn. With added facilities and expanding programs, our staff has grown in ten years from 12 to the existing force of 65.

Coming Events - Etobicoke Centennial Park has been selected as the site for the 1973 Pacific Conference Games. This international track event will take place on June 27th and June 28th with 220 top competitors and Olympic winners from the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Canada. The Etobicoke Parks and Recreation Services Department is looking forward to hosting this international meet. Over 21,000 people are expected to attend the two day event.

NEWS OF PROGRAMS INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)

Mississauga Recreation & Parks Department - Jerry Love

Winter Carnival - Saturday, February 10, 1973

Chatham Memorial Community Centre - P. Krystalowich

With our large auditorium we are running 9 sessions of indoor golf lessons with two local pros instructing some 108 adults. Also our adult programs have received good response from the public.

Strathroy Recreation Commission - Jim Armstrong

1. Winter community school program in its 3rd year. Programs include archery, badminton, golf, yoga, ladies fitness, elementary gymnastics, men's basketball, judo, and a fastball clinic. We are now using the local high school four nights a week AT NO COST to us.

2. The Strathroy & District Minor Hockey Association started a House League Tournament which had house league teams from Sarnia, Wallaceburg, Forest and Strathroy. This tournament was held during the Xmas holidays. Four divisions were in this tournament - Pee Wee, Bantam, Tyke and Novice. This will become an annual event. The local Minor Hockey Association also holds a minor Olympics in March.

Township of Saltfleet Recreation & Parks Department - G. Ginsberg

The Saltfleet H.G. Brewster Indoor Swimming Pool is preparing for the upcoming winter swimming lessons and the invasion by the local high schools with a well rested staff after the hectic winter partying season.

A special Christmas Program, Christmas Frolic II, was held over the recent Christmas Holiday on December 27, 28 and 29th. This program was geared to children between 7 and 14 years of age and included swimming, skating, broomball, Walt Disney movies and a special trip to the Ontario Science Centre. All this and lots of fun and noise - what better combination!!

Town of Ajax Recreation Department - Tom Flood

School Ice Carnival - February.

Minor Hockey - Novice tournament held during Christmas holiday.

Holiday happenings program during winter break (March).

New Liskeard Recreation Committee - Waldo Henderson

A special Activities Program was held December 27th thru 29th for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 19. Three separate facilities were used with a different program in each. There was no admission charged. Activities were divided into three groups. Age 9 and under met in the Community Hall and had a story hour, films, crafts and games. The intermediate group - 13 and under - met at the Recreation centre for crafts, drama and games, while the senior group used the high school gymnasium for a variety of sports activities and low key discussion groups.

Simcoe County Community Recreation Service

The Simcoe County Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Executive have just completed their first major money raising event. A lottery draw was held December 18th, 1972 by the executive, and a profit of \$1300.00 was realized. Over 30 senior citizens' groups and clubs make up the area referred to as U.S.C.O. Zone II. Several major events are planned for 1973 in co-operation with the Simcoe County Recreation Service. A Bowling Tournament for late spring, the 5th Annual Summer Picnic and a Leadership Conference & Luncheon for October.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Here are some special interest notes received from the membership re: special concerns. We shall entertain your replies in our next newsletter.

We, in Peterborough, would be interested in learning, through the medium of the Newsletter, the experiences of other communities concerning summer programs.

Bud Bitton
Peterborough

Where is recreation in new regions of Sudbury and Kitchener areas - suggested writers: Blayne Rennick and George Kormos.

Dave Bass
Pickering

How about new ideas on program - unusual ideas in facilities etc.
Also job mart or who's who in the zoo!!

Would appreciate more information on Community Development - a bit in each newsletter.

Bob Christie
St. Catherines

What are other recreation departments doing re: Public Housing projects?

Tom Flood
Ajax

TRAINING PROGRAMS:

Aquatics anyone???

POOL MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: The aquatics committee, chaired by Bob Lucas and Jim Fraser are busy planning 2 major workshops this year. Details can be obtained from Jim, Bob or Doug Paton at Mohawk College, 135 Fennell Avenue W., Hamilton. (Bob Lucas at Sports Complex, Napean Township).

AJAX Recreation Department is conducting regular part-time staff training for aquatics - summer staff and winter specialists.

JOB MART: or, as Bob Christie has suggested - Who's who in the zoo ---.

Clarence Holder is leaving St. Catherines Recreation Department to work in Niagara Falls. The department is now looking for a program supervisor!!!

The Ontario Orienteering Association is looking for an Executive Director ---. Qualifications include - an interest in outdoor education - must have own car and must be available for some week-end work. Further information from

Mr. Jack Lee
Ontario Orienteering Association
c/o Sport Ontario,
559 Jarvis Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

SPECIAL NEWS BRIEFS:

Single Canadian Craft Organization possible - On the 10 November, 1972, Statistics Canada released the first results of the recent CRAFT PLEBISCITE. As a result, the two Canadian multi-craft organizations made the following

SPECIAL NEWS BRIEFS: (contd.)

statement:

The National General Committee of the Canadian Guild of Crafts and the Council of the Canadian Craftsmen's Association, take the results of the Plebiscite, part of the 1972 Crafts Survey, as a mandate from their respective memberships and the Canadian craft community to proceed with the establishment of a single Canadian craft organization.

Preliminary discussions have been underway between the executive members of the two organizations over the past year. A joint executive meeting will soon carry forward these discussions, and will be followed, early in 1973, by a joint meeting of the elected representatives.

CHATHAM RECREATION - Peter Krystalowich

On November 24th Chatham officially opened its second ice rink. The building is constructed with wooden arches and it is hoped will help to provide much needed ice time in our area. At present it is booked from 4 to 11 each day 'til March 31.

NEW PUBLICATION ON RETIREMENT - from Ministry of Community & Social Services

Title - RETIREMENT: A Bibliography and source book prepared by Homes for the Aged - Office on Aging Branch, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, December 1972.

for those concerned with retirement

- the planners and participants of programs of preparation for retirement;
- the professional or student wishing to review the literature;
- the individual giving thought to his own future.

Included are over 200 bibliographic entries, charts and tables, sources of information, etc.

Copies may be obtained from:

Ontario Government Bookstore,
880 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario M7A 1N8.

at a cost of \$1.00 a copy.

O.M.R.A.

Community School Tour - January 29, 30, 31, 1973.

Registrations, accompanied by a ten dollar deposit, must be received by the O.M.R.A. office no later than January 12 - so hurry -- please hurry.

Further information may be obtained from O.M.R.A. office, 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto - Telephone: (416)-925-1248.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES:

Active liaison will be carried on with 9 regional groups in Ontario this year such as L.H.Z.R.D., S.W.O.R.D., R.A.W.C.O., G.P.R.R.D.A., N.O.R.D.A. South and North, E.O.R.A., and so forth.

Doug Paton
Mohawk College

This page is for your thoughts, jokes or humourous observations

OBSERVATIONS:

- Some readers may notice on page 4 of our newsletter CATHERS MASKS - I think that we can assume that we really mean "Catchers Masks"!!
- Apologies to Wes for omitting the letters after his name on the cover page.

Here's a THOUGHT or two ---

Leisured speculation is a high value and it may be that in one way or another, it always plays a part in innovation - H.G. Barnett in Innovation: "The Basis of Cultural Change" - excerpted from Retirement Bibliography and Source book December 1972.

When you feel down - look up,
When you feel up - look down,
Many a good man has been tripped up
By a poor man who was lying down.

Quote by George

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

Would the membership express their views on whether or not we should allow paid advertising to help finance the newsletter.