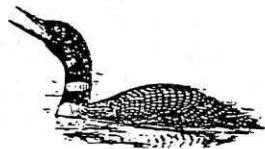


## BOARD ACTIVITIES

(This column is intended to keep WCA members up to date on the activities and decisions of their Board of Directors occurring prior to the *Nastawgan* deadline.)

A number of new and ongoing initiatives have occupied the Board since the last report in the summer issue of *Nastawgan*.

The new display system donated to us by Galileo Distribution Systems promises to be much more satisfactory for use at the Sportsmen's Show and Canoe Expo. It has prompted a general revamping of our booth equipment, and a new display table and an "industrial strength" VCR are being purchased as well as new panelling for the booth. The WCA has been requested to participate in the program of workshops and pool demonstrations at the Sportsmen's Show.



The two outings scheduled last summer which were directed specifically at new members had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Bill King or any member of the Board would be pleased to hear from any new members with suggestions for a better forum for giving newcomers a chance to get started in WCA outings, meet the "old guard," etc. The New Members Brochure has now been completed through the efforts of Richard Culpeper and Earl Silver and should soon be printed.

The Fall Meeting, organized by Herb Pohl (who is suing for \$50 million the person who started the rumor he rigged the tarp raffle) and the Wine and Cheese Evening, organized by Sharon Hackert, were both well attended and well received.

AGM '96 returns to the Mansfield Outdoor Centre on the weekend of 10 and 11 February. Mark your calendars now to attend for a *brief* business meeting and then an enjoyable weekend of nordic or alpine skiing. Preliminary planning for the Fall Meeting '96 is underway.

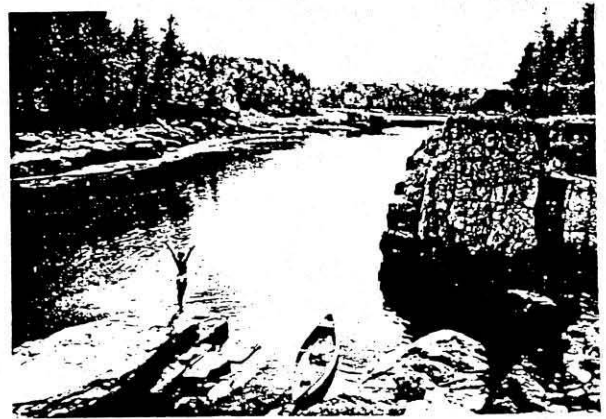
Membership in the WCA continues to grow each year. In early November the total stood at 692.

A donation on behalf of the WCA was made to the Bonnet Plume River legal Defence Fund.

Earl Silver has sent a letter to the Coast Guard and to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation outlining the WCA's position on the registration of Class 1 watercraft (including canoes) and making several safety suggestions.

A number of the extremely attractive WCA T-shirts are still available. Members interested in buying one should contact Doug Ashton at (519) 654-0336.

Lastly, don't forget our kindly, old newsletter editor who is doing his best to keep warm close to a meagre fire, while waiting for your contributions to arrive (he promises not to burn them!).



## CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is the only platform for candidates for the 1996 Board of Directors received before our publication date. Any other members who wish to run for the Board may do so by letting the Board of Directors know, or by placing their name in nomination from the floor at the AGM on 10 February 1996.

### EARL SILVER

I have had the great pleasure to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the last two years and would like to continue in this capacity for another term. Generally, what most people do as part of the re-election process is let you know what they have accomplished. I would rather focus on the fact that our results are due to the efforts of a team of people and not just one person. We have made an impact over the last few years in four significant areas. One is our undertaking to make new members feel more comfortable in joining and participating in the club. We have also supported member requests for necessary technology tools to handle production of our newsletter and membership list. In addition, we have recognized the need to invest in a new booth and associated display material in a cost-effective way. And lastly, we have been more financially pro-active in promoting worthwhile canoe-related activities in the community. In closing, I would like to publicly thank all those members who have made the "job" much easier through their generous contribution of time and energy.

### PETER JAMES TURNER 1941-1995

Tragically, Peter Turner, a longtime member of the WCA, was murdered in the course of a robbery while hiking in Mexico last August. Peter will be remembered as a keen naturalist with interests in a wide variety of outdoor pursuits. A memorial scholarship has been set up at Silverthorn Collegiate in Etobicoke; contributions are welcome.