



# **Annual General Meeting 2013**

# Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction – Sandy Currie
  - President's Report – Sandy Currie
  - Bala Falls update – Sandy Currie
  - Activity Reports
    - Water Testing – Bruno Polewski
    - Membership – Barb MacIntosh
    - Family Fun Day/Regatta – Drew Covern
    - Web Site – Drew Covern
    - Finances – Lynda Petrie
  - Boating Safety Presentation – Sandy Currie
  - Election of Directors for 2013-2014
    - Call for nominations – Bill Niess
    - Elections
  - Other Business
  - Adjournment
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# President's Report

## ➤ 2013 - Year of challenges:

- Spring flood
- Jazz Cruise power outage

## ➤ 2013 Successes:

- New food vendor at Regatta
- Boating Safety Sticker
- Survey of Muskoka boaters
- Boaters Code sign

## ➤ 2014 New Initiatives:

- Restore shoreline vegetation along HWY 169/Moon River
  - New portage route on Burgess Island
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# Boating Safety Sticker



# Boater's Code Sign



# Bala Falls Update



[savethebalafalls.com](http://savethebalafalls.com)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Premier Wynne,  
I do not support the construction of a  
hydro-electric generating station in  
Bala, Ontario.  
Please stop the proposed Bala generating  
station immediately.

Sincerely,

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I live in: \_\_\_\_\_

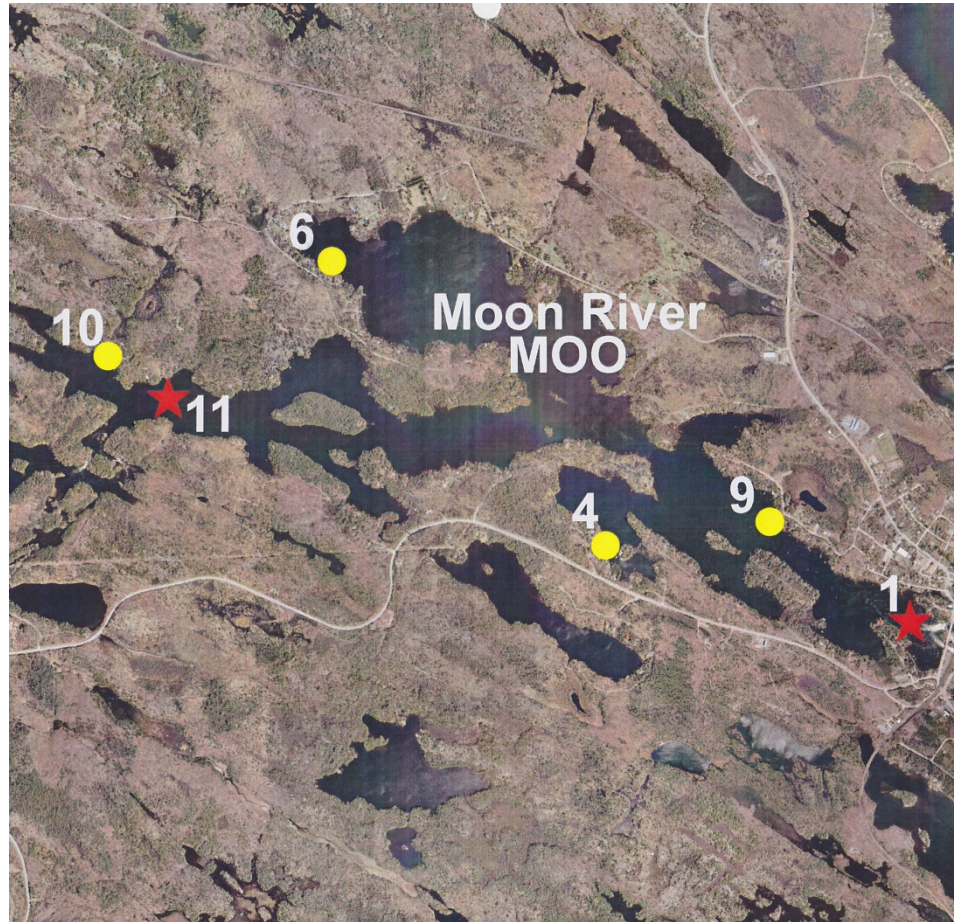
My home postal code is: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Address: Box 346, 1038 Bala Falls Road, Bala, ON P0C 1A0

Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281  
11 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A1



# Water Testing



# Family Fun Day - Regatta



- **Thank You Volunteers**
- **Raffle Raised over \$900.00**
- **Food Truck Success / Change**
- **Thank You Sponsors**





# **MRPOA.ORG - Update**

- Latest News section
- Past Meetings
- Water Testing
- Sponsors – Preferred business directory
- Photo Contest

Comments / Questions to: [Webmaster@MRPOA.ORG](mailto:Webmaster@MRPOA.ORG)



# M.R.P.O.A. FINANCIAL REPORT

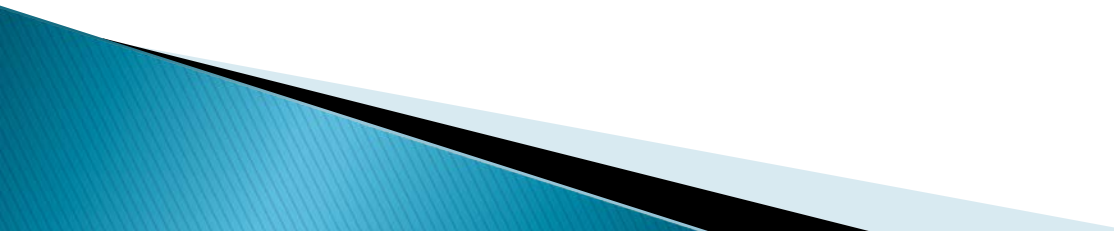
Treasurer's Report: Aug 31, 2013

	2013 Budget	YTD	2012 ACTUAL
<b>Paid Up Membership To Date</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>176</b>
Memberships/Guest Fees	7,000	5,745	6,090
Donations/Other Revenue	800	1,010	945
Canada Day	700	820	1,292
Jazz Cruise	900	1,108	1,165
River Maps	100	30	180
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>8,713</b>	<b>9,672</b>
Events: Regatta/Golf Tournament	1,700	500	1,523
Canada Day	800	1,021	794
Jazz Cruise	850	700	774
Insurance	1,506	1,506	1,507
Water Quality Testing	1,600	250	980
FOCA	435	433	424
Web Site Maintenance	500	-	
Communications	800	875	411
Meetings/Bank Charges/Volunteer	630	463	336
Chamber/Heritage/ArchConser	206	102	57
Safe & Quiet Boating	500	500	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,527</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>6,805</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-291</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,867</b>
Cash Balance: Beginning of Period		11,325	8,458
Change in Ppd. Memberships			
Change in A/P, Accr. Liab. -Ppd. Exp.			
Add - Net Surplus(Deficit)		2,363	2,867
<b>Cash Balance: End of Period</b>		<b>13,688</b>	<b>11,325</b>
Term Deposits - beginning of year		13,114	12,995
Add - Interest			119
<b>MRPOA CONTINGENCY FUND</b>		<b>13,114</b>	<b>13,114</b>


# Safe & Quiet Boating



# Key Messages

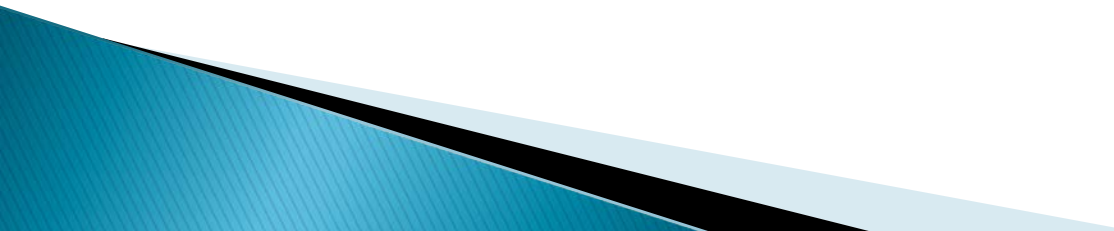
- **Safe, quiet boating makes our lake community enjoyable for all.**
  - **2. The lakes are a shared space; showing respect for diverse activities on the water and the people on the shore is part of our Muskoka culture.**
  - **3. We can all do something about the excessive speed, noise and wakes that degrade the lake environment we treasure and want to sustain for future generations.**
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# 2013 Boating Survey

- Surveyed 2291 boaters in Muskoka area
  - Moon River well represented – 81 responses = 4% of total
  - Survey identified many concerns – top items include:
    - Lack of respect by boaters for other boaters & those on docks/shore
    - Noisy boats
    - Speeding too close to shore
    - Wakeboard boats creating high waves too close to shore
    - Damage to boats, docks and shoreline from high waves
    - Abuse of alcohol
    - Police enforcement
    - PFD wear
  - Full report linked at [www.mrpoa.org](http://www.mrpoa.org)
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# **Moon River Hot Topics**

- **Immature/reckless attitude of some boaters**
  - **Lack of “common-sense” approach by boaters**
  - **Excessive noise**
  - **Speeding – off-shore boats**
  - **Wakeboard boats**
  - **Boats being operated too fast & too close to shore**
  - **PWCs doing donuts**
  - **Fireworks**
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# THE MUSKOKA BOATER'S CODE

I love and respect Muskoka – the beautiful waters and shorelines are ours to share, enjoy and protect. We are privileged to travel by boat in such a special place and knowing this, I promise to do my best to boat safely and responsibly by following **The Muskoka Boater's Code**:

1. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat on our lakes and rivers of Muskoka.
2. I will give a safety briefing and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to those who travel with me in my boat.
3. I will carry the safety equipment and gear necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
4. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my boating skills.
5. I will not consume alcohol in my boat, or operate my boat while impaired.
6. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others when leaving from or returning to a dock.
7. I will respect wake impact on shorelines, docks and structures by looking behind my boat in designated slow speed zones or when within 30 m of shore and set a speed that leaves a minimum wake.
8. I will set a speed and heading that delivers safety and comfort to both my passengers and passengers in other boats.
9. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife, even if I am the "stand on" boat with right-of-way on the water.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise nor will I operate my boat in a manner that could intrude on the personal space and peaceful enjoyment of others.

*Inspired by safe boaters around the world, and 100 years ago*





**You're not alone on the water.**

Learn about responsible boating and  
speed impact at [safequiet.ca](http://safequiet.ca)



# **Election of Directors for 2014**

- **Nominees:**
  - ✓ **Sandy Currie**
  - ✓ **Barb MacIntosh**
  - ✓ **Lynda Petrie**
  - ✓ **Bruno Polewski**
  - ✓ **Bill Purkis**
  - ✓ **Deb Ylanko**
  - ✓ **Drew Cowern**

