

Skeleton Lake Work Trip – June 2010

COMPLETED:

Boathouse beams replaced and side wall straightened

Dock cribs removed/replaced

Dock flooring replaced – pieces will remain in place over winter also

All 3 pumps in place (and working when we were there)

All houses and guest house cleaned

Birch Lee Island

Propane replaced

1 large water under kitchen prep table

¼ roll of paper towels in holder

Approx 100 paper plates

Napkin holder filled

Phone card with about 60 minutes remaining

Jake is going to change around the aluminum dock posts, & will write up instructions when finished. He brought home the instructions he made up last year

Need

Oven thermometer to measure the temperature in the oven while cooking food

I hope the refrigerator freezer is all cleaned out (I may have left a package of veg burgers could have been left BUT I HOPE NOT!!)

Clean out the boathouse.

Lee Island

Several steps need to be replaced on path up the hill

Felled birch tree is across the path at bottom of hill – needs to be cut into sections/removed; The electric chainsaw is still operable, Jake thinks Jeff brought home the chain for re-sharpening. Jake did see a spare chain in the tool room in a small box - didn't check it for sharpness.

Little House

Lamp shade needs to be put on lamp

New microwave there

Staples on middle front porch window screen need to be re-stapled

Cracked window on porch (needs to be taped, eventually replaced)

Outhouse needs to be swept

Big House

Gap at top of back porch storm door needs to be fixed (bugs get in there); Barb thinks the reason for the gap in the storm door in the Big House is that the addition is not level. That will be a fairly big job to make it level. She suspects that the same goes for the storage building which has a gap also.

MAJOR WORK PROJECTS- Pending

Lee Island

Little House foundation/supports need to be replaced

Determine use of store room materials - Specifically, we need to decide which cupboards could be moved to the Big House or the Little House. Since Jake offered his old cupboards in his kitchen to take up, we might be able to put some of them in the Little House on the wall with the fridge and stove where the water won't affect them. When we decide about these things, we can either get rid of the metal cabinets or use them if we have a place.

Little House windows need to be replaced

In the Little House, we have talked about replacing the faucet. We might want to consider putting in one of the stainless steel sinks in the storage building since they are deeper than the one in the Little House. That is part of the reason that we have water all over the counter when the dishes are washed.

Remove asbestos from Big House

Identify other trees (dead or at risk of falling on structures) that need to come down

Birch Lee Island

Boathouse roof – old roof needs to be torn off, shingles taken to the dump. New shingles are on the island, rotten roof boards need to be removed and replaced, new roof/shingles put on

Boathouse dock - Jeff is going to make stainless steel "L" brackets & plates to install between the cribs & dock beams; he will also add facing board (wolmanized) to the outboard side of the dock, then cut off

the dock decking boards flush with the facing boards. The decking & facing boards should then be painted.

Guest house: -Jeff wants to dry wall; we will want to run additional electrical outlets & windows prior to this; need to also install the ceiling fan.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cathy/Nancy boat & Nissan motor have \$125.00 worth of gas in them (paid for by Cathy), minus what we used when up there. Sandy (Troy Cove) did say that the marine gas does not have ethanol in it; they are finding (also here) that the ethanol deteriorates the rubber gas lines. Gas was @1.20/litre at the marina, 87 to 89 in Windsor, 90 to 93 around Orillia, don't remember Bracebridge.

If any of us have to do any banking for our joint account, please be sure to have your Scotiabank card. Otherwise, if we are at another branch, that bank will courier the transaction to Bracebridge. Barb is going to try to set up an online account with them so that we can always have our account accessible.

Check to be sure your auto insurance covers Canada travel as well (have a letter from your carrier

Lee Island: Gull nest with 2 babies on the point (old diving dock area); Porcupine was on Lee Island

Clark house has been demolished and construction in progress for new house

Wilson's Lodge has been purchased by a local Skeleton Lake family; plans for the property uncertain

Bracebridge A & P now Metro (grocery store)