

**Minutes of the Spring Meeting
of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA)
held at the Seminar Room of the Haliburton Forest in the Haliburton Highlands
on Saturday May 21, 2005 at 10am**

1. President's Remarks

President Duncan McCallum welcomed the members and outlined the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

Mr. McCallum noted that, as per the KLCOA by-laws, a quorum consists of 30 KLCOA members and that 2/3 of them can vote changes to the membership fee as well as approve any other motion brought before the meeting. The motions voted upon at the September 4, 2004 Annual General Meeting are therefore legal and proper, despite rumours to the contrary, as more than 20 members voted in favour of each of them.

A quorum being present at the Spring 2005 meeting, the meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. McCallum noted that the minutes of the members' meeting held on Saturday September 4, 2004 were posted on the KLCOA website last Fall and that the minutes were also mailed to all members with the Winter 2005 newsletter. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

D McCallum reported that the process to transfer signing authority and banking access from himself to Tony Lepine, who was elected Treasurer last September, has been fraught with difficulties at CIBC and noted that Mr. Lepine will soon be able to take up his position as Treasurer. As former Treasurer, D McCallum presented the 2003/2004 financials for the members' review. The account balance was slightly above \$17,000 at the end of the 2004 fiscal year.

Ms. Stocker noted that only \$10,000 should have been allocated to the Lake Plan budget, not \$11,000. D McCallum noted that the budget will be amended to reflect this correction. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously as amended above.

4. Membership Report

Marie Bordeleau reported that there were 544 paid members in 2004 and that the membership renewals for 2005 currently total 288 plus at about 60 renewals received this morning. Membership renewals are ahead of last year's total at this date.

5. Committee Briefs

Regatta/Sailing/Fireworks: Cyndi Burley reported that the 47th annual regatta will take place on Saturday July 30th (rain date is Sunday July 31st). Ms. Burley asked for volunteers to help organize the event and make it a success. Information is available at the back of the room for review by members after the meeting, and a meeting will be held at the Marina at 10am on Saturday July 2nd to help plan the event. High school students will be awarded community service hours if they volunteer.

S Ashfield reported that the Fireworks will be held on Friday July 1st after sundown (rain date is on Saturday July 2nd) and noted that members must not call the marina to find out whether the fireworks are going ahead, as the final decision does rest with Mr. Ashfield.

S Ashfield reported that the sailing regatta has lost popularity in the last few years but that an effort will be made to organize it again this year, as long as we get at least 4 or 5 participants.

Rock Bass Tournament: Keith Rodd reported that the Rock Bass Tournament will take place on Saturday July 9th; however Mr. Rodd will not be available to manage the event this year due to a personal commitment. Fred Musinka (705-754-2757) has agreed to take up Mr. Rodd's responsibility for the Tournament. Registration will take place at the Marina at 9am on the day of the event. No license is required for that weekend.

Swimming: Lisa Howard is absent; S Ashfield reported on her behalf that the registration forms will be available at the Marina next weekend for the Red Cross program. The lessons are traditionally given the last 2 weeks of July and offer courses from water babies to level 12. Certificates are only given to the children taking both weeks' lessons.

Roads: Bruce Martin noted that he was asked to do the job but wasn't able to and recommended that the KLCOA appoint a new Roads Steward. It was noted that the town has been given better service while ours has decreased, particularly in wintertime. D McCallum reported that he has spoken to Councillor Leon Jones in Haliburton, who has indicated that a Roads Steward would help the municipality allocate resources. Gary Benson & Fred Musinka, former Road Stewards, offered to assist the new person with their experience and knowledge. Murray Whittaker agreed to represent West Shore Drive and Gail Goldenberg volunteered to represent Watts Road.

ACTION: A Committee will be formed to represent the KLCOA at the June 6th budget meeting, to be held at the municipal office.

Community Policing: Bob Kruger reported that since September 2004, two thefts were reported to the OPP and there were seven cottage break-ins. It was noted that the West Shore Drive has been targeted for many thefts, whether of lumber, generators, tools, trailers, etc., but not all these thefts have been reported to the OPP. The township still has not established a by-law saying whether ATVs are allowed to be on the roads; the OPP will check for use of helmets, insurance and proper vehicle maintenance. Any theft or suspicious activity should be reported to the OPP first and then to Mr. Kruger.

911: Gail Goldenberg reported that the 911 system is now live and that in the case of an emergency, cottagers must use the new road names and the blue number on their property. This project is now completed and Ms. Goldenberg asked cottagers who do not have their blue number yet to call the Haliburton County 911 Clerks, Rob Delaney or Cathie Howie, at 705-286-2306.

FOCA: Jason Wigmore was not available to report on FOCA.

6. KLCOA Lands

Jeff Pinkney showed a map identifying the Lands for all present. There were nine general tasks to be completed; Mr. Pinkney recognized the members of his committee for the hard work they did over the course of the winter. A report was presented to the KLCOA Executive, which has given its support. The lawyer who reviewed our ownership of the Lands was satisfied with the deeds but noted we must ensure they are not built up and that the KLCOA maintain third party liability insurance on the lands.

Bull Frog Bay (South Shore Wilderness Area) was deeded to KLCOA in 1984; those three parcels of land are to be kept by the association. Lipsy Bay (aka Soap Pond) is a municipally held portion of land for conservation purposes and the municipality is not obligated to donate these lands for KLCOA and the Committee recommends leaving this parcel of land as is, while monitoring its use and stewardship. Blueberry Islands are being held by the municipality on behalf of KLCOA, until such a time as KLCOA is ready to take ownership of them. However, there will be land transfer taxes, GST may apply and there will be a cost to the purchase if the KLCOA decides to take the lands over; it was proposed that we lease the islands for a nominal fee for a few years until we can determine whether it is appropriate for the KLCOA to own and manage them.

Community Policing, proper insurance and the perpetuation of our tax-exempt status must be researched with regard to the above recommendations. A land use policy has been outlined by the Committee and will be posted on each of the parcels of land listed above. Signs have been prepared to inform users of the rules and regulations; some are a matter of law, some a matter of conservancy and others a simple question of respect for our neighbours.

Mr. Pinkney asked for a volunteer to take over the Island Clean-up Day to relieve the current volunteers who are already spread very thin with all their other responsibilities.

Mr. Pinkney presented a budget for the Committee's activities; one-time expenses to implement these recommendations add up to \$3500 in legal fees and such, while annual expenses are expected to range from \$500 to \$1200 for signs and maintenance, as well as volunteer recognition items.

Ms. Bordeleau reminded members that they have indicated on their renewal form whether they wish to receive information from KLCOA by regular mail or by email and said that Mr. Pinkney's full report will be posted on the website shortly. Members will receive an email message inviting them to review it on the website of the have asked for electronic communications, while the report will be mailed to the other members. Ms. Bordeleau encouraged members to use email rather than direct mail in order to save money on printing and mailing.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA membership accept and implement the recommendations and nine-task action plan as presented by the KLCOA Lands Committee.
Proposed: Jeff Pinkney
Seconded: Ron Butcher
Carried: Unanimous

7. Lake Steward's Report

Cameron Douglas noted that the KLCOA continues to monitor applications for variances and protection of portages on the Lake. We do not have zebra mussels in the lake, but we do have spiny water flea, an invasive species that feeds on plankton that would feed our fishstock. A fuller report will be made in September when more information is known. Peter Schleifenbaum asked all boaters to clean their hulls when going from one lake to another. Mr. Douglas noted that a number of topics that he would normally discuss are being addressed by the KLCOA Lands Committee and the Lake Planning Committee.

8. Lake Planning Report

Ron Butcher noted that there has been a groundswell of support for the Lake Plan. The Plan is providing a forum for members to bring up their environmental concerns for the Lake. The Plan is seeking to build consensus for the cottagers' needs and concerns and to deal with on-going issues, such as development and conservancy. A survey has been sent out to property owners and 40% of them have been filled out and returned to the Committee. Another survey is going out to commercial property owners. The Committee has met with the municipal council and has found that there are areas of mutual concern. Mr. Butcher noted that as little of the budget is being spent on the consultant we have hired to do the Lake Plan, and the Committee is being fiscally responsible with the Association's money. Mr. Butcher introduced the Committee and each member updated the membership on their tasks.

Ms. Bordeleau noted that a cottager, impressed by the work undertaken and done so far, has donated a \$100 cheque toward supporting the Lake Plan and invited all members to consider supporting the Lake Plan if they can.

9. New Business

- Mr. McCallum noted that he has tried to transfer our insurance to ProLinks for most of the last year, but said that it has been a difficult process because of red tape at the insurance supplier. D&O liability insurance will be purchased to protect those serving on the KLCOA executive.

- Mr. McCallum indicated that he will review the by-laws and recommend some updates at the Fall meeting.
- Gary Benson reported that a fishing derby is being proposed by the municipality on our lake and requested that KLCOA ensure that such an event not interfere with KLCOA-sponsored activities.
- Mr. Benson also reported that Dysart et al has passed a by-law to approve Sunday hunting in the municipality during hunting season.
- June Pinkney asked the membership to recognize Marie Bordeleau and Duncan McCallum for all their hard work on the newsletter and membership updates.
- Ms. Pinkney also invited all members to her Crones and Geezards meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Motion: THAT members' meetings begin at 9:30am and end no later than 12nn from now on.
Proposed: Tim Tibbs
Seconded: Keith Rodd
Carried: Unanimous

10. Adjournment

There being no further business the Spring Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm. The next meeting of the membership will be held at 10am on Saturday September 3, 2005.