

KLCOA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, September 4, 2010
MINUTES

1. Agenda

- Approved (Gary Pike/Duncan McCallum)

2. Minutes from Association Meeting May 22, 2010

- Approved (Chris Riddle/Gary Pike)

3. Treasurer's Report – Tony Lepine

- report to be posted on klcoa.org website following end of fiscal year
- positive cash flow predicted for end of current year

4. Membership – Cathie Heppell, presented by Tony Lepine

- 535 current memberships (491 last year)
- 519 renewed membership (463 last year)
- 16 new membership (23 last year)
- renewal notices sent by post yield best response over email notification only
- seeking new chair for this portfolio, job description on website

New mailing address: **KLCOA, General Delivery, West Guilford ON K0M 2S0**

5. Roads – Gary Benson

- patching and resurfacing have been well done over many of our lake roads
- a member noted that there had been erosion at the first bridge (Kennisis/Little Kennisis) in early August;
- repaired but not resurfaced;
erosion occurring again; -Gary will report to the municipality

6. Sailing – Jim Prince

- 15 boats/30 sailors participated on August 1, 2010
- a proposal to bring in the Ontario Sailing Association next summer to encourage interest and train young sailors (ages 7 – teens) was tabled
- a coordinator for the proposed sailing programme is needed, contact Jim

7. Regatta – Gary Pike

- kudos to Stephanie Clark for superb organization of this terrific event
- rationale for establishing a refreshment tent was tabled
- gross profit of \$1100 from the tent was noted in the treasurer's report
- next year's menu will include fries and corn, no wings
- for 2011, the tent will again operate from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- a proposal was tabled to purchase tents (at least 2@10'x20', more preferred) from profits. Gloria Carnohan has offered to help defray the costs by donating \$300.

9. Lake Levels – Chris Riddle

- levels are currently 1' higher than average for this time of year, 3' below high water mark
- forecasts for changes in water level are accessible weekly via www.cewf.ca; as soon as the Kennisis Lake water level gauge is fixed by TSW, lake level forecasts for Kennisis Lake will also be available at the kennisis.ca website
- positive responses from new superintendent of Trent-Severn Waterway to the letter sent by KLCOA in May have been noted
- Doug Lenart is working with Chris Riddle to help profile the navigation channel at the Little Kennisis and Paddy's Bay bridges in order to provide TSW with a factual basis for understanding the impact of fluctuating water levels on Kennisis Lake in terms of navigation and water access.

10. Lake Steward – Graham Beach

- new tree planting programme continues for next year
- place your tree order at klcoa.org by February 1, 2011
- 6 different species of native trees are available
- stewardship manual for property owners will be available next year through CHA

11. Fish Stocks – Gary Benson

- MNR, in conjunction with Trent University, will be surveying fish spawning this fall to learn more about genetic links to original stocks
- fish (particularly trout) are the true markers of the health of our lake, representing lake quality and its organic environment
- current examination finds a solid variety of fish and an abundance of freshwater shrimp

12. Haliburton Forest – Peter Schleifenbaum

- a caution to not take the forest, and its various programmes, for granted
- appealing to us to care about, and support, local businesses
- is concerned about current government hostility toward businesses and a lack of clear vision from local council

- encouraging all to listen/read/think, then vote
- 13. Marina – Doug Mahood, presented by Bill Wiggins**
- kudos to Doug for the use of his property for our regatta and fireworks displays
 - liability issues are driving some changes seen at both events
- 14. CHPOA / WRAFT / CAPTR / FOCA updates – Duncan McCallum**
- meetings throughout the year with various groups learning from, and supporting, each other
- 15. Fishing/Rock Bass Derby – Keith Rodd**
- a successful derby with 176 lbs. of rock bass removed from the lake by 12 teams
 - noted that freshwater shrimp are abundant, minnows are gone
- 16. Lake Plan – Jim Prince**
- update on the various components of the plan
 - look at guiding principles for Norah’s Island, Blueberry Islands and Island ‘C’ as a group
 - in accepting ownership of the Blueberry Islands support Treasurer's view that covenants should be placed on the lands to allow us to try to minimize property taxes through a request to MPAC
- 17. Lands Management – Jeff Pinkney**
- Norah’s Island donors’ plaque will be finalized for production by Thanksgiving, 2010
 - this island has been well used by many cottagers this summer
 - unidentified docks in Bullfrog Bay will be tagged for removal this fall
- 18. Newsletter – Tina Fagg**
- fall edition will be published late October/early November
 - Classified section will be added
 - still looking for a name for the newsletter, submit to Tina through website
- 19. Council Update – Janis Parker**
- applauds the Lake Plan
 - encouraged all to vote this fall
 - YES, you can vote wherever you own property

20. Lake History – Gord MacKinnon

- noted that Gloria Carnochan continues to gather stories of the lake
- a passionate appeal to the membership to learn the history of the lake
- dates and political actions of the last half of the 19th century provided a better understanding of how this area came to be settled
- virgin white pine was removed, floated down the chain of lakes and rivers to ships heading back to England
- post-WWII, yellow birch removal drove the need for a road into the area
- the cottage industry has established the current value of the land
- the history is posted on the klcoa.org website

21. New Business

- Member Murray Whittaker informed the association of the work done by the Clear Lake Trails Association (Jim Redner, president) to reinstate 9 kilometres of XC ski and snowshoe trail adjacent to the lake
- MNR had completely closed the trail but is slowly releasing a few kilometres at a time
- part of the Haliburton Hiking Trails
- seeking support from KLCOA to persuade MNR to reopen the entire trail and permit a grooming machine to be used
- Jim Prince agreed to take on leadership in developing a connection to the Lake Plan

22. Committee Reports

- Approved (Duncan McCallum/Chris Riddle)

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Lepine.