

**Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting
of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA)
held at the Seminar Room of the Haliburton Forest in the Haliburton Highlands
on Saturday September 5, 2009 at 9:30 am**

1. Welcome (9:30 a.m.)

President Duncan McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the 2009 Annual General Members' Meeting. Mr. McCallum reported that a quorum was met since more than thirty members were present, and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: THAT the Agenda for the 2009 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

Proposed: Ross Campbell

Seconded: Dick Hammond

Carried: Unanimous

Mr. McCallum asked that anyone wishing to pose a question or make a motion stand up, state their name, and then pose the questions or make the motion. Mr. McCallum also reminded everyone that the media was present and that the meeting was being recorded.

Mr. McCallum reminded everyone that he will be stepping down as KLCOA president at this meeting and so will act as Immediate Past President to conduct elections if there are no objections from the membership. There were no objections.

2. Approval of the 2009 Spring General Meeting Minutes (9:35 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum expressed regrets that the 2009 Spring General Meeting minutes were not distributed in due time to allow consideration by the membership for purposes of approval at this meeting. Mr. McCallum undertook to have the Spring Meeting minutes distributed with the Fall Meeting minutes for approval at the 2010 Spring Meeting.

3. Community Reports

a. Community Security (9:37 a.m.)

Mr. John Cunerty reported that there had been no major incidents requiring OPP involvement over the summer. Mr. Cunerty stated that, since his comments at the last Fall Meeting concerning noise and boating safety issues, he has been contacted by a number of cottagers asking for assistance with incidents concerning excessive noise and careless boating. Mr. Cunerty said that he intends to spearhead a plan of action to attack this issue over the winter and asked for an indication of how many members present would support him in such an undertaking. Mr. Cunerty stated that he feels without membership support he will have to decline the nomination for re-election to the KLCOA board at this meeting and act on his own behalf.

A member asked what steps Mr. Cunerty plans to take. Mr. Cunerty said that, in speaking to the OPP, it is his understanding that Dysart is not able at present to enforce its noise by-laws. Ms. Janis Parker confirmed that this is the case. Mr. Cunerty said that, with the support of the Association, he would propose to e-mail and/or mail a brief notice to all members asking them to report to him the types and frequency of incidents impacting on their quiet enjoyment of the lakes so that a list of issues and concerns can be compiled. Mr. Cunerty would then take this list to the Dysart council and make a concerted effort

to have Dysart agree to support this significant group of taxpayers in their request for enforcement of the applicable by-laws. Mr. Cunerty also said that he plans to find out more about the feasibility of bringing in a marine STOP program similar to the programs in place for snowmobiling over the winter.

Cathie Heppell said that many of these issues were identified in the Lake Plan and have been waiting for someone to take charge. Several members expressed agreement with concern about boat speeds and noise.

Mr. McCallum asked for a motion empowering Mr. Cunerty to investigate available courses of action and report to the Spring Meeting with a proposal. Dr. Riddle suggested modifying the motion so that the relevant sections of the Lake Plan are to be incorporated in any proposal.

Motion: THAT Mr. John Cunerty be given the mandate to investigate the issues impacting lake tranquility and to formulate a proposal incorporating wherever applicable the relevant sections of the Lake Plan to be placed before the membership for consideration at the 2010 Spring Meeting.

Proposed: Duncan McCallum

Seconded: Chris Riddle

Carried: Unanimous

Mr. Cunerty thanked everyone for their support and asked that anyone interested in forming a committee with him to pursue this project to contact him at j.cunerty@smpmetal.com.

b. 2010 G8 Summit (9:53 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum reminded everyone that the 2010 G8 Summit scheduled for June 25 – 27 at the Deerhurst Resort, is expected to attract a large number of official and unofficial attendees. Official delegates will be accompanied by extensive security and support personnel. Delegates will fly to and from North Bay airport and drive south on Highway 11. Duncan strongly urged all members who plan to be in or around Huntsville next June to expect major traffic delays and other possible inconveniences. Access to a section of Highway 60 near the Resort will be restricted during the period of the Summit. In addition, there will be a total marine exclusion zone as well as street parking restrictions, road closures, detours, and other planned and last-minute traffic disruptions.

Mr. McCallum referred the membership to the website <http://www.g8isu.ca/> for further information.

c. Recent Smoke Alarm Investigation (9:56 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum reported that the Dysart Fire Department had conducted a smoke alarm check on some cottages in the Kennisis area on July 27, 2009. Only 25% of those cottages checked were in compliance with the Ontario Fire Code in one area, and 62% in another.

Mr. McCallum reminded everyone that it is the owner's responsibility to maintain smoke alarms and that they can be fined \$235 if convicted or up to \$50,000 in the event of a fatality. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the Dysart Fire Department at 705-457-2126.

d. Treasurer's Report (9:57 a.m.)

Treasurer Tony Lepine reported that KLCOA received \$14,475 in membership fees from 480 members this year, plus other fees such as swimming, Battleship Golf, the Marina's contribution for the

August fireworks, and interest income, for total revenues of \$19,615. Mr. Lepine reported that total expenses to date are \$21,425, leaving a net deficit of \$1,809. The Association has cash of \$7,751 in the bank.

Mr. Lepine pointed out that the membership fees subsidized the swimming program to the extent of \$1,410 this year. Mr. Lepine said that he had print-outs showing comparative cash flows of the Association since 1998 available for inspection after the meeting.

e. Membership Report (10:05 a.m.)

Membership Director Cathie Heppell presented a graph showing annual new, renewed, non-renewed, and permanent membership by year for 2006 through 2009 as well as 2009's membership make-up by shore. This year's membership is 480, down from 523 in 2008 and 582 in 2007. Ms. Heppell said that the 2007 membership was at an all-time high likely because of the high profile of the Association when it hand-delivered a copy of the Lake Plan material to each property. Ms. Heppell thanked the real estate agents for their efforts in promoting the Association to new buyers, which had resulted in 21 memberships from new residents on the lake.

Ms. Heppell said that the lower renewal rate in 2009 could have been caused by changing to e-mail vs regular mail for purposes of mailing out renewal notices, as well as the fairly high number of cottages up for sale this year. It was concluded that such reminders will be distributed by regular mail for 2010 renewals.

Ms. Heppell said that the real issue with respect to enrolment is the need for the Association to educate potential members as to the value they will receive in return for paying the membership fee. Ms. Carnochan suggested putting together a letter outlining membership benefits for inclusion in her next promotional mailing. Ms. Heppell said that the membership form itemizes all these benefits. It was agreed that Ms. Carnochan would include a membership form in her Spring promotional mailing. The Association thanked her for her continuing support.

f. Library (10:20 a.m.)

Ms. Janis Parker reported that a 5,000 sq. ft. library, funded by non-municipal levels of government, is being built in Haliburton. Dysart's sole financial responsibility is to fund the cost of furniture, which has been budgeted at \$150,000. Ms. Parker said that any donation greater than or equal to \$500 will result on the donor's name being listed on a permanent plaque.

Jim Prince offered to reduce the amount budgeted for the 2010 Lake Plan expenses by \$500 for purposes of funding a KLCOA donation to the library.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA donate a total of \$750 to the Dysart Library Furnishing fund, to be paid for in equal parts by the Lake Plan, Lands, and General funds

Proposed: Bill Wiggins

Seconded: John Promont

Carried: Unanimous

It was pointed out to the membership that the Kennisis Lake Readers' Association had also raised \$1,000 for donation to this cause.

g. Roads (10:22 a.m.)

Mr. Gary Benson reported that the Roads Committee had surveyed the roads in July and presented a report of what they felt the priority repairs should be to Brian Nicholson at the Dysart Roads Department. Ms. Parker said that Dysart plans to complete fixing the ditches by the end of September, and that major road work will be done on Watts Rd but not until 2010.

h. Fishing (10:24 a.m.)

Mr. Benson reported that the speckled trout restocking program seems to be having positive results and that he plans to investigate the feasibility of preparing potential sites for spawning so that the lakes' speckled trout population is not dependent totally on restocking.

Mr. Keith Rodd reported that the 16 teams which participated in the Rock Bass Derby this summer had caught approximately 180 lbs of rock bass. This represents a decrease from prior years, but still a good showing. Mr. Rodd said that although he is not standing for re-election to the KLCOA board this year, he is prepared to continue organizing this event in future.

4. Elections (10:26 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum explained that, since one of the nominees to the board was obligated to leave the meeting early, the Committee Reports would be adjourned, and the Agenda Item for Elections would be moved up to be held now instead of at the end of the Committee Reports.

Mr. McCallum explained that all 16 board positions are up for re-election at this time. Mr. McCallum explained that that, under the new By-Laws nominations can not be made prior to an AGM; however candidates can be encouraged to come to the AGM and stand for election through the process which is provided as a non incorporated association and reflected in our Bylaws.

Mr. McCallum reported that the 16 members elected to the Board of Directors, will in turn elect the Executive Committee and appoint officers and committee chairs. Mr. McCallum presented a list of nominations to the Board and asked for any additional or alternate nominations from the floor. No alternate or additional nominations were made. Mr. McCallum explained that any position in the proposed slate can be contested by nominating another member to run. No position on the proposed slate was contested.

There was some concern about Mr. Jeff Pinkney's nomination, since Mr. Pinkney was not in attendance at the meeting to accept the nomination in person, not having been aware that this was a requirement under the new By-Laws. It was agreed by all members that the Board will investigate every possible way to obtain Mr. Pinkney a seat on the board, but that his status in the meantime will in no way exclude him from continuing to play the same active role as Chair of the Lands committee.

Motion: that the following proposed slate of nominees for the KLCOA Board of Directors be elected to serve according to the bylaws of the Association

Graham Beach	Doug Mahood
Gary Benson	Amber Meirik
Stephanie Clarke	John Meirik
John Cunerty	Gary Pike
May Cunerty	Jim Prince
Cathie Heppell	Chris Riddle
Tony Lepine	Jon Sims
Duncan McCallum	Bill Wiggins

Proposed: Tim Tibbs
Seconded: Shelley Beach
Carried: Unanimous

Mr. McCallum explained that he believes this elected Board plans to make the following appointments at its first meeting:

Bill Wiggins:	Director, President, and designated KLCOA representative to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)
Duncan McCallum:	Director, Immediate Past President, and designated KLCOA representative to the Coalition of Haliburton Associations (CHA)
Tony Lepine:	Director and Treasurer
May Cunerty:	Director and Secretary
Graham Beach:	Director and Lake Steward
Gary Benson:	Director and Chair of Roads and Fishing Committees
Stephanie Clark:	Director and Co-Chair of Regatta Committee
John Cunerty:	Director and Chair of Community Security Committee
Cathie Heppell:	Director and Chair of Membership Committee
Jim Prince:	Director and Chair of Lake Plan Committee
Chris Riddle:	Director, Chair of Lake Levels Committee, and designated KLCOA representative to the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEFW)
Steve Ashfield:	Chair, Fireworks Committee
Marie Bordeleau:	Chair, Newsletter Committee and Co-Chair, Regatta Committee
Keith Rodd:	Chair, Rock Bass Derby Committee
Jeff Pinkney:	Chair, Land Management and Annual Clean-up
Lawrence Petrow:	Website

Committee Reports (Cont'd)

i. Regatta (10:44 a.m.)

Stephanie Clark reported that the regatta was a great success, which could only have taken place with the support of the 50 volunteers that participated. Ms. Clark asked for anyone interested in volunteering for next year's regatta to contact her at sekclark@gmail.com in the near future to avoid the need for a last-minute recruiting next summer.

Cathie Heppell pointed out that Stephanie and Marie Bordeleau had taken over planning the regatta only two weeks before it was to be held and thanked them for doing a wonderful job.

j. Swimming (10:45 a.m.)

Stephanie Clark reported that 53 children had registered for the swimming program this past summer, and said that more participation is required to make the program cost effective and to provide the instructors with the hours they need to complete their programs. Ms. Clark also indicated that the program will need a second instructor next summer and asked anyone who knows of anyone interested, to contact her at sekclark@gmail.com.

k. Lake Levels/CEWF (10:46 a.m.)

Water levels & CEWF Report to KLCLA AGM September 5, 2009
By Chris Riddle

Most of the information I am going to provide is available on the web - either at the Kennisis Lake Plan website www.kennisis.ca or at the website of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) www.cewf.ca . Both sites contain a link to the TSW site with data for water levels throughout the TSW system.

Kennisis Lake Levels:

The wet spring and early summer has allowed the Trent-Severn Waterway to keep Kennisis Lake at above-average levels throughout the season to date. However the annual draw-down has begun in earnest - the lake has dropped 20" since mid-August.

As of today the lake is down 45" from the top of the dam and is projected to drop another 8" by September 14th. If your dock is in shallow water today, you may want to take it out sooner rather than later. Forecasts of the lake levels two-weeks out are provided to us weekly by the TSW and posted on the lake plan and cewf websites.

CEWF:

As the KLCOA's designated representative to CEWF, I can report that the Coalition continues to press for changes to the Water Management model use by the TSW. We have also continues to urge the federal government to respond to the Report of the Panel on the Future of the TSW and to implement its key recommendation for an Independent Water Management Agency.

To that end:

- " We have met with the TSW engineer and Management
- " This past week we met again with MP Barry Devolin
- " Haliburton Country has passed a resolution urging the federal government to take action
- " The Haliburton County OP contains an amendment in support of the Panel's Report.

While there has been a modest one-time investment of stimulus funds to the TSW which will allow some enhancements, such as new logs, to be purchased for the Haliburton dams, the TSW has yet to embrace the notion of watershed management as promoted by the Panel on the Future of the TSW.

As more information becomes available it will be posted on the CEWF website - the link is provided on the CEWF bookmarks being handed out at this meeting.

One final comment, effective September first Martin Rist from Drag Lake and I are now the CEWF co-chairs. Bonnie Fleischaker, the founding chair having stepped down as she is moving out of the County.

I. Lake Plan Report (10:56 a.m.)

Mr. Jim Prince reminded everyone that the focus of the Lake Plan has been and continues to be on education to increase awareness about the need for stewardship to safeguard the environmental and social quality of our lakes. Mr. Prince said that to date progress has been made on the following issues:

- Shore line assessments continue to be completed, and efforts are being made to obtain funding for a Demonstration Restoration Project.
- Lake residents have been recruited to participate in the Lake Partner program to monitor the water quality of our lakes
- A guide for cottage owners and renters, including a sample rental contract, has been completed and posted on the website
- Distribution of maps of the lake to all KCLOA members has been completed, and a copy of the map is available for download on the website
- The Association has been represented at municipal by-law consultations held this summer
- An Island C workshop was held to develop rules for use of this property
- The KLCOA Lands Committee has met to discuss the Association's options with regard to future ownership of other properties

Mr. Prince said that on-going initiatives involve completion of the history of the lakes and stabilization of the fish populations.

Mr. Prince reported that the Committee is greatly encouraged by the results to date of the Municipal By-Law Public Consultations scheduled for 2009 through 2011, and that the Committee will continue to be involved with the county and the municipality as they move from the Operating Plan to By-law stage.

Mr. Jeff Gardner reported that three traditional rights of way and portage trails severed by development have been reopened, and asked for help in clearing and marking others that have not yet been rehabilitated.

Jim Prince presented the land use rules for Island C, which incorporate the eight Land Use Principles posted on the website. Mr. Prince said the issue of arriving at a plan to meet the goal of retaining public lands for public use at minimal cost of KLCOA members is ongoing, and asked for anyone interested in helping to contact him.

m. Sailing (11:31 a.m.)

Jim Prince reported that 14 craft participated in this year's Sailing Regatta.

n. KLCOA Lands (10:32 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum, on behalf of Mr. Pinkney:

- Bullfrog Bay - as per last newsletter - notes have been placed on docks in Bullfrog Bay - removal efforts next summer - we can remove others at same time - Board can discuss the abandoned docks at Little K bridge and other locations before then.
- Norah's Island Report - No changes since Spring Report - Note: The NIMC is still working on the draft plaque and will hopefully have it for display and comment for the Spring Meeting. Island in great shape and clean. Please invite all to walk on the island - best time to hike the perimeter is in the late summer and fall when the water is down.
- Board will be meeting re options for Island C
- Anyone interested in taking on the Island Clean Up day can contact Jeff Pinkney

A member asked what he should do with a dock that has drifted onto his property. All members were advised to contact Jeff Pinkney about any abandoned docks.

o. Lake Steward Report (11:37)

Mr. Graham Beach introduced himself as a long time lake resident who has always had an interest in taking on the position of Lake Steward..

Mr. McCallum, on behalf of the entire Association, thanked Mr. Douglas for his excellent work and dedication to this position over the previous years. Mr. McCallum explained that Mr. Douglas and his family have taken up residence in the village of Mpungu, Namibia, one of the poorest regions of the African country, to live for a year as international development workers. Those interested can follow their adventures by visiting the Douglas family blog cykjnamibia.wordpress.com.

p. Fireworks (11:40 a.m.)

Mr. Steve Ashfield reported on the two successful events held this past summer, and gave July 1 as the tentative date for next summer's KLCOA-sponsored event. Mr. McCallum thanked Mr. Ashfield and Mark Burley for their continued services and stressed the need to find a trained assistant who could take over the job if one or both of them were to move or want to retire from the position.

Motion: THAT the Committee Reports presented to the 2009 Fall General Meeting be approved as presented.

Proposed: Chris Riddle

Seconded: Terry O'Connor

Carried: Unanimous

5. Kennis Lake Marina (11:43 a.m.)

Mr. Mahood reported that the old boat barn has now been cleaned away and that the Marina has no intention of rebuilding down by the waterfront. The new boat storage will be constructed at the top of the hill.

Mr. Mahood said that the August fireworks had been a great success and that the Marina will be happy to finance them again for next August. Mr. Mahood explained that, now that ramp fees have paid for the building of the boat ramp, any ramp fee revenue will be put towards an annual fireworks display to be held on the August long weekend.

Duncan thanked Doug for their ongoing support and for the use of the Marina property for the events such as the Regatta and Fireworks.

6. Haliburton Forest (11:45 a.m.)

Peter Schleifenbaum reported that Forest Festival had been a great success that summer, despite the weather. Mr. Schleifenbaum asked everyone to keep clear of the saw mill operation due the dangers presented by the machinery on the site and said that mill tours and possible retailing of wood products are being planned for next summer. In the meantime, members were advised to see Larry Everitt if they are interested in obtaining wood chips or shavings.

Mr. Schleifenbaum praised the Association's work in reclaiming traditional rights of way and portage trails, but warned the Board to be careful of liability issues.

Mr. Schleifenbaum was asked if a wolf had escaped from the Wolf Centre. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that one animal had managed to get over the first fence but was then trapped between it and the second fence and that remedial measures have now been taken to reduce the chances of this happening again.

Duncan thanked Peter for his valued input and for the ongoing use of the seminar room free of charge.

7. New Business (11:49 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum informed everyone that CUME will hold a rally at Queen's Park on Sunday Sept 27 between 2 and 4 p.m., and directed members interested in the uranium mining issue to the website www.stopuranium.ca.

Mr. McCallum reminded everyone to buy local, fresh food. The last Haliburton Farmer's market of the season is scheduled for Friday Sept 11 between 3 and 7 p.m, held at Robert's Marina across from the Independent grocery store in Haliburton.

Mr. Jim Prince asked Duncan to introduce Shal Gewurtz, President of the Redstone Cottage Association and member of the Coalition of Haliburton Associations. Mr. McCallum explained that CHA is a resource group that all associations registered in the Haliburton area are invited to join for an annual membership fee of \$50. CHA's mandate is to provide support to all associations by permitting a pooling of resources, knowledge, and skill. A member asked whether, by joining CHA, KCLOA would be obligated to provide the services of its own volunteers to another association on request. Mr. McCallum said that such would not be the case; rather sharing of existing work like articles, members drive tactics along with more opportunities for networking would be the goal. Volunteers need only do what they have previously agreed to do.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA become a member of the Coalition for Haliburton Associations at a cost of \$50 per annum.

Proposed: Janis Parker

Seconded: Leslie Lepine

Carried: Unanimous

8. Adjournment (11:58 a.m.)

Motion: THAT the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the KLCOA be terminated.

Proposed: Chris Riddle

Seconded: Bill Wiggins

Carried: Unanimous

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am. Mr. McCallum thanked everyone for attending, and wished them a safe and fun winter.