

KENNISIS LAKE COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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SPRING MEETING

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Welcome - Bill Wiggins

- Norms for meeting published
- Quorum established

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, September 2010

- Motion to accept: Gary Pike
- Second: Graham Beach
- All in favour

Treasurer's Report - Tony Lepine

- 2010 Cash Flow Report presented at meeting and will be posted on website
- Positive cash flow of \$1,380
- 2011 Budget presented, positive cash flow forecasted

Membership - Cathie Heppell

- Deborah Wratschko will be taking over from Cathie Heppell, transition period in place.
- Refer to website for membership update
- West Guilford General Store handles our mail under General Delivery
- Renewals and memberships are on the rise, compared to last year
- Census takers were on site asking that every cottage owner complete the census form for both seasonal and permanent residents. Please fill in and return.

Roads - Gary Benson

- Winter was hard on the roads, report being sent to President of KLCOA and to municipality of Dysart et al

Sailing - Jim Prince

- Boom Sailing Program (Rick Good, chair) - will break even in this inaugural year
- Last week in July 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 16 spots for kids age 8 - 14
- Laser class, 2 per boat

- Jim Prince is billeting instructors
- Sold out in 3 weeks, posted only as an email, 1 spot has come available
- Sailing lessons at cost
- Windermere offered their beach for launching - Thanks!
- Adult evening classes, 2.5 hours for 4 nights in a row during that week

Sailing Regatta - Sunday, July 31 @ 1:00 p.m. Bullfrog Bay

- Registration at Regatta on Saturday, July 30, Redstone Lake cottagers are most welcome

Regatta - Stephanie Clarke

- Saturday, July 30 (rain date Sunday, July 31)
- Looking for **volunteers** for this fun, social event
- Regatta beer tent looking for **volunteers**, 30% bigger than last year

Swimming - Stephanie Clarke

- All Red Cross levels and possibly Life-Saving levels
- Suitable for our teens in preparation for employment as life guard
- email Stephanie for more information (see KLCOA website)
- Looking for **adult volunteers** to assist with registration/organization issues, as much time as there is to be given
- No public washrooms available

Lake Levels - Jim Prince presenting for Chris Riddle

- Highest levels since 1980's, highest ever, dock damage evident
- Chart of levels and contact information for Chris is always available on website
- CEWF is preparing feedback to Trent-Severn regarding impact on depth of draw on boats
- Seasonal variation is 6' currently, preferred variation is 4', recommendations being considered for number of logs at start and end of season
- Chris will present proposal at September AGM
- Currently higher now than the recommended level in his report

KLCOA Lands - Jeff Pinkney

- Six docks in Bullfrog are marked as abandoned, will be removed
- Several docks have shown up in odd places around the lake, please take time to find yours
- Norah's Island - cash donations continue to flow in to Haliburton Highlands Land Trust to care for this beautiful site; \$57 000 to date
- Plaque is ready to be made to recognize donors
- One large and one small red pine cut down on NI, not known how that happened or by whom; reported as vandalism by County Voice

- Thanks to person who set out new bench on island

Lake Steward - Graham Beach

- Tree and Shrub planting program continuing; slightly larger trees at \$2.00 each; 50 participants have ordered 2,000 trees and shrubs, native species only
- Water quality data collected by Ulinks student at Trent University; a very healthy lake
- Kayak and Canoe lessons through Boatwerks in Haliburton 2nd and 3rd weekends in July; watch for email blast from Graham
- Snowmobile signage improved over the past winter, looking for more in the next season; fundraiser undertaken to improve the trails around the area
- “Fridays in July” - Boat Safety, Waterski and Wakeboard Safety through “Ski-mazing Watersports” in Haliburton (access through Google); boats/boards/skis will be brought in by the company; watch for email blast from Graham
- CHA meeting next weekend (Lake Stewards from various locations); check out Lake Plan and KLCOA websites for more information
- Invasive Species - currently only Spiny Water Flea; deadly to smaller fish; looking for proper signage on boat launches around the lake as boats are moved around from lake to lake; same for float planes

Bridge Improvements - Gary Pike

- Verbal and written approval to dredge and rebuild both bridges on the lake from MNR and Oceans and Fisheries ; however, no money available to get the job done
- Can hire the municipality to do the construction, but approval still comes from agencies noted above
- Gary will pursue this

Fishing/Rock Bass Derby - Gary Pike

- Yes, it's on!

Fireworks - Graham Beach

- Friday, July 1st 9:45 ish; rain date is Saturday, July 2nd
- August long weekend, same day as regatta
- Steve Ashfield, Mark Burley and Graham handle the explosives
- A request was made for Graham to investigate subsidy from the government

Haliburton Forest - Peter Schleifenbaum

- Thank you, Peter, for graciously providing a meeting space for KLCOA
- Forest Festival - new line up August 17 - 21, 2011
- Note: Rock bass (“exotics”) have decimated minnow species in MacDonald Lake;

- “native” plants (not “local”) can carry fungi that could destroy hardwoods; buy firewood locally, not from southern Ontario; buy plants locally
- Haliburton Forest - strong relationship with University of Toronto re: ecology (e.g. earthworms are not native and can drastically change the landscape - don’t dump leftover fishing worms on your property)
- Retail products: Wood Shop still thriving; “The Forest Store” opened in Haliburton
- Apiary re-opened for “forest honey”; different flavours and colours will come in as different flowers bloom
- Mushroom production - shitakes on a log available for home use, will continue for up to 8 years
- Maple syrup available at office and store
- Great news from the Wolf Centre: 4 new wolf pups, 2 of each gender
- Tennis court will be opened next week and used by Redstone Tennis Club
- Zipline for next year - 2 km long!!!!
- Generation Project at the mill - provincial government is waffling

Lake Plan - Jim Prince, chair

- Review of priorities: 9 of 12 have been well covered
- Lake Plan will be reviewed next year
- **Fisheries**
 - **Gary Benson:** lake and speckled trout are the canary of this lake; LTs spawn deeply and at night, STs during the day but cannot be seen in the spawning beds, yet seen on depth finder and at the end of fishing rods
 - Netting survey done last fall: 9 species netted, rock bass by far the greatest number, minnows are still here, yellow perch only in Paddy’s Bay, no speckles caught in nets
 - Healthy trout population, speckles being caught by line
 - Otolith taken from fish of 21 years predates the stocking programme, good news
 - Proposed meeting of Fisheries Monitoring week of July 11 -16, watch for email from Jim
- Haliburton and Dysart Official Plan Review
- **Looking for someone** to take over next stages of Natural Shorelines, following Shoreline Inventory Project, completed in April 2011 by Trent University
- **Volunteers needed** to look at managing Land Holdings
- **kennisis.ca has all of the information about the Lake Plan - please visit!!**

Marina - Mike (Mick) Chonko

- Hosting the regatta again - Thanks!
- Ministry of Health has approved “scoop” ice cream
- Store has been revamped
- No public washrooms
- Dock hardware is available

- Fuel - yes, it's expensive as costs to the marina are very high; will try to keep it as low as possible; does contain ethanol
- Technicians and metal shop on site

Newsletter - Tina Fagg

- Thank you to all who suggested names for the newsletter
- "Dot-mocracy" to select a name for the newsletter undertaken at beginning of this meeting
- Template for Classifieds section of newsletter is available on website

Questions/Concerns - Open

- Questions about internet service? Contact Duncan McCallum
- Present slides in a more visible format

Acceptance of Reports and Adjournment of Meeting

- Motion: Duncan McCallum
- Second: Tony Lepine
- All in favour

Meeting Adjourned - 11:45 a.m.

Annual General Meeting - Saturday, September 3 @ 9:30 a.m. (Coffee at 9:00)