

**Minutes of the 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 4, 2004 at 10am**

1. President's Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10am. Interim President Steve Ashfield welcomed the members and outlined the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. Ashfield noted that the minutes of the members' meeting held on Saturday May 22, 2004 have been posted on the KLCOA website since early June, as well as being posted around the room this morning. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Lake Steward's Report

Cameron Douglas reported that a Steering Committee has been struck to oversee the Lake Plan process agreed upon at the May meeting. Virtual and face-to-face meetings have taken place and Mr. Douglas introduced the members of the Steering Committee. Ron Butcher, Committee Chair, noted that the Lake Plan is intended to address such concerns as property value, water quality, environmental quality, the impact of development, recreation, conflicting interests, quality of life and retirement at the lake. The Committee will try to define what the preferred future is for Lake Kennisis in the long term based on the current conditions and future needs; the Plan will try to fill in the gap between the two. A six-step process, as outlined by Mr. Randy French at the May meeting, will be implemented, based on regular consultation with the membership and an agreement among members as to what is most important to all of us. Stewardship guidelines will be established based on all these discussions. Once we have consensus among the membership we can ask Dysart et al to adopt the Plan as a set of by-laws. Implementation of the Plan and/or by-laws will be based on the work of the Steering Committee, data collection from expert advice and focus groups. Education, monitoring, evaluation and regular adjustments will keep this a living Plan once it's implemented.

A concern was expressed that the KLCOA Executive should not unilaterally turn down all requests for water shore setback variances, and it was agreed that this issue will be studied by the Steering Committee. It is expected that the lake plan process will take three to four years to complete. The cost of completing this project will certainly have to be considered.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA proceed with the development of a Lake Plan
Proposed: Griffith Speers
Amendment: THAT the Steering Committee seek outside funding to support the Lake Plan.
Seconded: Bob Wigmore
Carried: Motion carried with 89 votes and 2 against

Mr. Ashfield reported that we currently have approximately \$18,000 in the bank and noted that \$10,000 has been set aside by the Executive as seed money to start the process. Mr. Ashfield proposed increasing the membership fee from \$20/year per member to \$30/year per member, with a view to earmarking the additional \$10/year per cottage toward the Lake Plan.

Motion: THAT the membership fee be increased to \$30/year per member.
Proposed: Lois Smith
Seconded: Murray Wigmore
Carried: Motion carried with 85 votes for and 7 against

Motion: THAT the additional \$10 be allocated to the Lake Plan over the course of the study, and that \$10,000 from the KLCOA bank account be used as seed money to start the project.
Proposed: Brenda Philips
Seconded: June Pinkney
Carried: Motion carried with 87 votes for and 5 against

Mr. Douglas asked for volunteers to assist in the process so that we may save the association's money by doing a number of tasks ourselves rather than paying Mr. French for them, and requested that interested parties sign up at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Douglas introduced Jeff Pinkney and indicated that Mr. Pinkney has agreed to take on the KLCOA Lands issue as a Director appointed by the Executive, apart from being in charge of the Island Clean-up initiative he implemented three years ago. Mr. Pinkney reported he found most islands to be in a better state than in previous years at the third annual Island Clean-up and asked cottagers to keep the islands as clean as possible over the course of the summer. However, two full bags of glass shards and one bag of trash were removed from a single site on Joe's Island, and Mr. Pinkney announced that the OPP will be invited to patrol it to discourage overnight camping. Mr. Pinkney noted that only two people showed up to do island clean-up this year and requested more assistance for next year.

Mr. Pinkney said that he has volunteered to research the KLCOA Lands management options and recommend a course of action to the membership. The lands involved in this project are: Blueberry Island #1 and #2, Lypsy Bay along the West Shore and the South Shore Wilderness Area. The Islands and Lypsy Bay are currently being held by the municipality on behalf of KLCOA, while the South Shore Wilderness Area is currently held by KLCOA in two deeds.

The options open to KLCOA with regard to these lands are: 1) to take ownership of the lands; 2) to turn ownership over to Municipality of Dysart et al and to lease back at \$1/year for 50 years; or 3) to give lands to the Haliburton Land Trust. Mr. Pinkney will research the three options and ask for a decision from the membership at the spring meeting. Mr. Pinkney invited the members to speak to him if they have a comment or if they are interested in working with him on the KLCOA Lands management issue.

Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Pinkney for this presentation and reported that a new swing rope has been put up at Blueberry Island, which is an issue because the shoreline has now been developed, and that over 100 people are blocking the channel and soiling the water and the privately owned lots there. One cottager is extremely upset by the lack of respect from other cottagers and is considering leaving the lake because of it. Mr. Douglas noted that this is an example of what we have to deal with in the management of KLCOA Lands, and Mr. Pinkney agreed that this project will require 90% education and 10% attitude adjustment for cottagers around the lake.

4. Treasurer's Report

Duncan McCallum reported that revenue has increased a bit every year over expenditures for each of the last four years he has been Treasurer and noted that there is just over \$18,000 in the bank.

Motion: THAT the 2003 financial report be approved as presented
Proposed: Linda Sparling
Seconded: Bob Kruger
Carried: Unanimous

5. Membership Report

Membership Director Marie Bordeleau reported that membership has decreased to 542, down by 20 members over last year, and asked all members to invite new neighbours to join the association; the membership application is available on the website, or Ms. Bordeleau can mail the application to anyone interested. Ms. Bordeleau also noted that local real estate agents are also supplied with membership applications and samples of the latest newsletter to entice purchasers to join the association.

6. Committee Briefs

Rock Bass Derby: Keith Rodd reported that only 14 teams attended the Rock Bass Derby this year and 134 pounds of bass was caught.

Sailing: No sailing regatta was held this year.

Regatta: Cindy Burley reported that the attendees voted to continue with the regatta despite the poor weather and that it was a successful regatta. There were over 70 volunteers and the McLean family won the family trophy.

Swimming: Mr. Ashfield reported on behalf of Lisa Howard that over 70 children were signed up for swimming lessons this summer.

Fireworks: The Canada Day fireworks went off really well again this year and everyone enjoyed them.

Community Policing: Bob Kruger reported that one outboard and a new ATV were stolen since the May long weekend. The OPP have been on the lake over the course of the summer and the statistics will be published in the next newsletter.

911: Keith Rodd reported on behalf of Gail Goldenberg that the removal of road signs is a federal offence and that citizens cannot return the roads to their previous names despite their disapproval of 911-based renaming of roads.

7. New Business

Mr. Ashfield advised the membership that KLCOA has received a solicitor's letter dated August 20, 2004, referring to an article that appeared in our Spring 2004 newsletter. The article pertains to a South Shore cottager, and details pertaining to an upcoming trial. The letter suggests the article raises libel and slander issues; however the Executive has received legal advice and the opinion of legal counsel is that the article is neither libellous nor slanderous. The Executive has sent a brief reply to the cottager's solicitor and expects the matter to go no further. In the unlikely event that the matter does proceed, the Executive will inform the membership. Mr. Ashfield respectfully declined to answer questions on this matter.

As discussed earlier in the meeting, Mr. Ashfield said that the Executive has voted to respond to the water set-back variance requests, which Dysart et al sends to Mr. Douglas in his capacity as Lake Steward.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA Executive be given the authority to take decisions on behalf of the membership with respect to development issues such as variances, set-backs and other areas where the municipality or other government body seeks the opinion of KLCOA.

Proposed: Jeff Pinkney

Seconded: Murray Wigmore

Carried: Motion carried with 88 votes for and 3 against

Motion: THAT the members who do not have access to email be sent minutes of members' meetings by mail.

Proposed: Doreen Watts

Seconded: Sylvia Campbell

Carried: Unanimous

ACTION: The membership will be surveyed with the Fall newsletter 2004 asking members whether they would rather be contacted by email or regular mail.

8. Election of the 2004-2005 Executive & Steering Committee

The slate of candidates for the 2004-2005 KLCOA Executive Committee was presented as follows:

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| ➤ Steve Ashfield | Immediate Past President |
| ➤ Duncan McCallum | President |
| ➤ TBA | Treasurer |
| ➤ Marie Bordeleau | Secretary & Newsletter Editor |
| ➤ Shirley Weeks | Vice-President |
| ➤ TBA | Vice-President |

The slate of appointed members for the 2004-2005 KLCOA Steering Committee was presented as follows:

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| ➤ Steve Ashfield/Cindy Burley | Co-chairs, Regatta |
| ➤ Marie Bordeleau | Chair, Membership |
| ➤ Cameron Douglas | Lake Steward |
| ➤ Jeff Pinkney | Chair, KLCOA Lands |
| ➤ Bruce Martin | Chair, Roads |
| ➤ Lisa Howard | Chair, Swimming |
| ➤ Bob Kruger | Chair, Community Policing |
| ➤ Gail Goldenberg | Chair, 911 |
| ➤ Barry Wilhelm | Chair, Sailing |
| ➤ Earla Hume | Member-at-large |

Mr. Ashfield asked the floor for nominations.

Mr. Ashfield nominated Murray Wigmore and he accepted the position of Vice President. Tony Lepine volunteered to be Treasurer.

Motion: THAT the slate of candidates for the Executive and Steering Committees be approved as presented, with the addition of the nomination of Murray Wigmore and Tony Lepine.
Proposed: Bob Wigmore
Seconded: Cathy Heppell
Carried: Unanimous

8. Adjournment

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm. The next meeting of the membership will be held at 10am on Saturday May 21,2005.