

**Minutes of the Members' General Meeting of the
Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA)
Held at the Seminar Room in Haliburton Forest in the Haliburton Highlands
On Saturday May 22, 2004
Patricia Bormanis, Recording Secretary**

1. President's Remarks

Steve Ashfield called the meeting to order and announced that he would be serving as interim President of the association until a new President is elected at the Fall meeting. Mike Hartin, past President, has moved off the lake and regretfully resigned. Steve noted with regret the passing of Howard Repath, a past president of the KLCOA.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. Ashfield recommended a motion that the minutes of previous meetings should not be read, since they were available in hard copies and on the web site.

Motion: THAT the minutes of previous meetings should be posted to the web site and not read aloud at each meeting.
Proposed: Brenda Philp
Seconded: Barry Willhelm
Carried: Unanimous

3. Lake Steward's Report

Cameron Douglas reported that discussions with Murray Fearrey at the municipality have resulted in a tentative decision to turn over the KLCOA held properties to the municipality, on the condition that the KLCOA have a 50-year lease. This would solve the problem of land taxes while retaining management and control of the land. However, under such an arrangement, the KLCOA would still be legally liable. Discussion from the floor suggested that there should be some security against the municipality selling off the land, and that the lease term be 99 years instead of 50. It was also suggested that we attempt to make sure that the arrangement with the municipality falls within their lake planning guidelines.

Motion: THAT a letter should be prepared and approved by our lawyer to define the terms of such a lease for consideration by KLCOA membership at the fall meeting.
Proposed: Don Hacker
Seconded: Gary Dunson
Carried: Unanimous

Mr. Douglas reported that he was not planning to run lake stewardship workshops this year. He also noted that he will be monitoring a lake clarity water testing program. There will be three water-testing sites: one on Little Kennisis and two on big Kennisis. Mr. Douglas asked for volunteers to perform these tests. Mr. Douglas reported that the tree-planting day at the Soap Pond was successful and thanked the many volunteers who participated. He also asked for a volunteer to prepare and erect a sign to inform cottagers on the KLCOA's involvement in re-forestation of the site.

Mr. Douglas introduced Randy French, a planner and facilitator on land use planning from Bracebridge, to talk about lake planning. The substance of Mr. French's presentation was as follows:

- Purpose of lake plan is to identify and protect lake quality
- Could take several years to develop and involves setting environmental and social objectives and promote community discussion and action
- First step is to define quality of life involving social, natural, physical aspects
- Contents of a lake plan could include
 - Vision
 - Lake description
 - Natural elements of lake
 - Physical elements of lake
 - Social elements
 - Land use review
- Preparation for lake plan includes
 - Collection information
 - Confirmation of issues/strategies
 - Preparation of draft plan
 - Review of draft plan
 - Endorsement of lake plan

The cost of Mr. French's help in the process could range between \$7,000 - \$30,000 over three years; however, grants are available to help with the cost.

Motion: THAT we further investigate the possibilities and cost of developing a lake plan
Proposed: Linda Farling
Seconded: Brenda Philp
Carried: Unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Duncan McCallum presented an interim report on expenditures. We currently have around \$12,500 in cash and \$5000 in GIC's. Expenditures to date are \$4900 and our inflows stand at about \$15,900. Forecasted inflow is \$22,000. Mr. McCallum expected no significant changes to expenditures this year.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: Wendy Vermeersch reported that she had signed up 15 new members at the meeting. She indicated that there are still many members who have not paid their dues. Since Ms. Vermeersch has now moved off the lake, Marie Bordeleau will take over Membership in addition to her responsibilities Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Swimming: Lisa Howard reported that she had hired 2 swimming instructors. Cost for swimming lessons is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. She indicated that she had registration forms with her.

Sailing: Barry Willhelm reported that nobody attended last year's sailing event. If the same thing happens this year, he will end the program.

Rock Bass Derby: Keith Rodd reported that this year's Derby will be held on July 10th; registration will take place between 8am and 9am at the bridge, with check-in between 4pm and 5pm. Participants can pre-register in the afternoon the day before the event. Mr. Rodd also reported on the danger of the Asian Longhorn beetle and noted that there are information sheets on the subject available from the MNR. The spiny waterflea is already in the lake. The MNR has prepared a draft report on bears and Mr. Rodd noted that the OPP should be called for emergency situations with nuisance bears.

Regatta: Cyndi Burleigh reported that as usual, we need volunteers for the regatta which is held on the August long weekend.

Community Policing: Bob Kruger reported that break-ins are down by 70% over last year with only 5 reported all winter. He advised that cottagers should make a habit of recording equipment serial numbers in case of theft. With regard to a request for a pole light at the mailbox, Mr. Kruger noted that the municipality won't consider unless KLCOA agrees.

911: Gail Goldenberg reported that she relies on Steven Foster who is the coordinator of 911 for the municipality to find out what's happening. Ms. Goldenberg noted that addresses and names for roads will be up by the fall and that the program should be up and running by then. In the meantime, in emergencies callers should use their existing address.

Fireworks: Steve Ashfield reported that the annual KLCOA fireworks display will be held on Saturday July 2nd.

6. New Business

It was noted that there appears to be no access to the river because of the West Shore lot 1 development. However, municipality verifies that there is a right of way. This needs to be investigated. For complaints about log placement at the dam, refer to Parks Canada. There was a discussion on the fact that the planned walking trail around Head lake will cost the taxpayers.

Motion: That the KLCOA write a letter to the municipality officially objecting to tax money being spent on the Head Lake Trail

Proposed: Bill Elliott

Seconded: Maggie Smith

Motion defeated.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the Members' General Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.