



Draft - Minutes - Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 5, 2015 9:00 am

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

(To be Approved by the Membership at the Spring Meeting – May 21, 2016)

1. **Call to Order** - Tony Lepine
KLCOA's By-laws set quorum for the Annual General Meeting as a minimum of more than half of the Board Members eligible to vote. David Austin, Gary Bouwmeister, Tina Fagg, Jeff Gardner, Tony Lepine, Duncan McCallum, Terry O'Connor, Jim Prince, Chris Riddle, Tayce Wakefield and Deb Wratschko were present so quorum was confirmed.
2. **Motion to Approve Agenda for the Meeting**
M: D. McCallum
S: G. Bouwmeister
All in Favour
3. **Thank you** to Doug Mahood for use of the Marina Property for Regatta, Swimming Lessons, Fireworks, etc., to Peter Schleifenbaum for use of the Seminar Building at the Haliburton Forest for our meetings, tables and chairs for the Regatta, etc. and to Doug & Pat Lewis at Windermere Lodge for sailing lessons.
4. **Motion to Approve Minutes of Spring Meeting** (May 16, 2015) as posted on the website.
M: J. Smith
S: T. O'Connor
All in Favour
5. **Treasurer's Presentation** (See accompanying PowerPoint)
 - Anticipated revenues for year of \$25,000 from Memberships, donations and advertising - \$22,000 YTD.
 - Anticipated expenses for year of \$1700 (general), \$3000 (fireworks & regatta), \$2300 (insurance), \$2100 (membership in FOCA, CHA, CEWF)
 - Funds reserved from this year's budget to be spent in future years - \$3500 for Shoreline Assessment Project, \$1300 for Septic Improvement Project
 - Surplus of \$8000 YTD – more expenses expected to come in by year-end so we'll be close to breakeven
6. **Summary of Initiatives** (See accompanying PowerPoint)

Question on the Presentation:
 - Land Use Principles specify no overnight camping on islands – what should cottagers do if they observe someone camping? A: Property owners near islands will give users a friendly reminder to observe land use principles when required. Contact a KLCOA Board member if issue continues. Dysart by-law officer can be called, but does not attend outside of normal business hours. Suggest that there is a network of beautiful campsites available in the Algonquin Highlands Water Trails as a better alternative.



Motion to Accept the Reports in the Presentation

M: D. McCallum

S: J. Prince

All in Favour

7. **Elections to Board of Directors**

Directors retiring from the Board were recognized for their contributions: Peter Jones, Gary Bouwmeister, Jeff Gardner, Chris Riddle, Duncan McCallum, and Tony Lepine.

The President specially recognized the contribution of Gary Benson who is retiring from the Board with a certificate saying,

Thank You!

This award of recognition is presented to

GARY BENSON

Gary, in recognition of volunteering on the board of the
Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

for the last 40 years and for being the KLCOA's
ambassador, for monitoring fish health and
for being our road worthiness sleuth,
the KLCOA is immensely grateful for
the improvements that you have influenced over the years.
The cottagers of both Kennisis Lakes have all benefited from
your tenacity in pursuing improvements.

Tony Lepine
President KLCOA
September 5, 2015

Motion to nominate the following Directors who would like to stand for re-election: Cameron Douglas, Deb Wratschko, Gary Pike, Graham Beach, Janis Parker, Jim Prince, Tayce Wakefield, Tina Fagg, Terry O'Connor.

M: D. McCallum

S: J. Maissan

All in Favour

The President confirmed that Gary Pike, Graham Beach and Janis Parker had all confirmed their willingness to accept renomination in writing prior to the meeting. All other nominees above confirmed their willingness to accept renomination.

A suggestion was made that at the next general meeting, Board Members wear name tags to make them more visible.



The following nominations were received from the floor:

Motion to nominate Sheelagh Lawrence

M: D. DeMarsh

S: Tayce Wakefield

Motion to nominate John Middleton

M: R. Campbell

S: T. O'Connor

Motion to nominate John Smith

M: T. O'Connor

S: D. Parr

Motion to nominate Cathy Whittaker

M: Tayce Wakefield

S: David Austin

Motion to nominate Joan Middleton

M: D. Wratschko

S: E. Austin

Motion to renominate David Austin

M: R. Campbell

S: K. Rodd

Motion to nominate Brian Evans

M: J. Prince

S: T. O'Connor

Question from the floor about whether two Directors could serve from one property? The President noted that while it might be preferable to have broader representation, there are several examples in the past where two people from one property have served on the Board at the same time. He noted that there are more slots open on the Board than we have members willing to serve and noted that if two people from the same property are both willing to make an active contribution, there is nothing in the by-laws to bar this.

There being 16 nominees for 16 voting spaces on the Board of Directors, all nominees were acclaimed.

Tony Lepine indicated that he intended to continue to be involved as a non-voting Past President.

Board Members provide very brief statements about their backgrounds and interests in contributing to the KLCOA Board as follows:

Cam Douglas said he had been involved in stewardship issues and looked forward to working on septic issues and shoreline replanting to discourage Canada Geese.



Tina Fagg said she has been on the lake since 1980, is a retired elementary school principal and looks forward to continuing to produce the newsletter.

Terry O'Connor said that in his first term he had been involved in stewardship, liaison with the marina, Buoy Committee, is recently retired and is interested in shoreline protection & septic issues going forward.

Graham Beach – Tony Lepine noted that Graham had been active in past years as Lake Steward, had organized the tree planting program and served as liaison on snowmobile issues.

Gary Pike – Tony Lepine noted that Gary Pike has been a passionate contributor for a number of years and that he and his wife had sponsored various activities such as Art on the Dock, fireworks, etc.

Janis Parker – Tony Lepine said that Janis has valuable connections in the local community and has done much of KLCOA's printing on a pro bono basis which is much appreciated.

Jim Prince said he has served four terms in a variety of leadership and working roles. He would like to encourage more volunteers to get involved to carry some of the initiatives and intended to continue with lead on the sailing program.

Tayce Wakefield said that in addition to serving as Secretary, she had organized Art on the Dock, the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon, and the Propane and Home Heating Oil Group Buy programs.

Deb Wratschko said that she has served four terms and intends to continue as lead on Membership issues and on swimming lessons.

Sheelagh Lawrence said she has been on the lake for 24 years and recently retired from the public utilities sector, primarily in Community Affairs roles. She is a part-time consultant on public affairs issues and with not-for-profits. Her interest is in continuing to build the sense of community spirit.

John Middleton has been on the lake since 1970 and lived here permanently since 1993. He has served on the Haliburton Health Sciences board and the Fleming College board, and was a founding member of the Haliburton Ducks Unlimited Board. Now that he is at the lake full-time, he is looking forward to making a contribution to the Board.

John Smith said that he has been on the lake 2002 and since he recently retired, he now has more time to contribute building on what had been done by past Boards. He said that he believes that educational approaches are important - that most people on the lake want to do what is right but need the necessary information on what is required.

Cathy Whittaker has cottaged on the lake for over 20 years, initially on Little Kennis and on West Shore for 12 years. She was an Art on the Dock exhibitor, and assisted with Regatta registration. She has recently retired from an Office Manager role with a law firm and is now living full-time at the lake.



Joan Middleton said she has a technology background and experience with fundraising for groups such as Cottage Dreams. She wants to continue helping with Membership, with the objective of further growing membership numbers.

David Austin noted that he served as Treasurer on the last Board and assisted Gary Benson with fishing. Going forward, he would pass on the Treasurer role to someone else but would like to serve on other issues.

Brian Evans said that he has been on the lake for 12 years, is a fisherman, canoeist, and environmentalist with a Bay St. background, now doing entrepreneurial consulting.

8. **Norah's Island Report** – please see the slides on the accompanying Power Point presentation.

9. **Local Business Updates – Kennisis Lake Marina** – Doug Mahood

Doug Mahood thanked the members for a great summer. He said both sets of fireworks were well-attended. The second set (August long weekend) were privately sponsored by Bouwmeisters (\$950 contribution from Rock on the Dock), Pikes/Viper Marketing (\$900), the Marina contributes ramp fees collected through the year (\$1560) and the proceeds from the refreshment tent at the Regatta which was operated by the Marina and Gary Pike (\$1500). This year they have a surplus of \$500 which will be contributed to next year's August fireworks.

He showed a defibrillator which can help save a life if used within about five minutes of a cardiac incident. They cost about \$1500 – there is one at the marina and Bill Wiggins on Little Kennisis has one if anyone requires one.

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve – Tony Lepine said that he had met yesterday (Sept 4) with Peter Schleifenbaum regarding the cell tower issue. Mr. Schleifenbaum remains very set on an 80 m. steel lattice tower, despite the fact that Dysart Council supported a 40 m. monopine structure. Mr. Schleifenbaum wanted KLCOA to write in favour of the 80 m. steel lattice approach – Tony Lepine said that our by-laws require 35 days' notice for motions to be brought forward and no such motion had been received by the Board and in any case, an 80 m. tower would likely require the public consultation process to begin again. It was noted that Bell/Rogers are making significant improvements to the tower on Kennisis Lake Road, including moving the equipment higher up the mast and adding capacity which should extend the range and reduce the number of dropped calls. The lower frequency spectrum should also enhance service on the Kennisis Lakes. Another member noted that there is the possibility for micro-site repeaters on properties near the lake. It was acknowledged that while KLCOA supports enhanced cell coverage, all the necessary technical information is not available to assess which approach(es) are best.

10. **Questions/Discussion from the Floor**

A member asked if it would be possible to have the dump hours varied so that they could be open later on a Sunday and/or earlier on another day during the week to make it easier for members to drop off their garbage. Tony Lepine said that he had communicated with Susan Norcross on this issue who had indicated that so long as it would be cost neutral, there might be some flexibility to vary the hours. After some discussion, it was agreed that the new Board would take on this issue, possibly doing a poll to get a sense of the membership for what hours would be most convenient and bringing a proposal for changes in hours to Dysart.



A member expressed appreciation for the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon initiative, saying that it was an excellent opportunity to get to know other people on the lake and build community spirit.

11. Motion to Adjourn
M: R. Campbell
S: J. Maissan