



Draft - Minutes – 2016 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 3, 2016, 9: 00 am

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

(To be approved by the Membership at the Spring Meeting May 20, 2017)

1. **Call to Order** – Tayce Wakefield

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. All Board Members were in attendance: Tayce Wakefield, Jim Prince, Janis Parker, David Austin, Graham Beach, Cam Douglas Tina Fagg, Sheelagh Lawrance, Tony Lepine, Joan Middleton, John Middleton, Terry O'Connor, John Smith, Deb Wratschko and Cathy Whittaker.

2. **Motion to Approve Agenda for the Meeting**

M: Margaret Cox

S: Grant Demarsh

All in Favour

3. **Motion to Approve Minutes of 2016 Spring Meeting** (May 21, 2016) as posted on the website.

M: John Smith

S: Roy Campbell

All in Favour

4. **President's Remarks and Review of Key Initiatives**

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records –September 3, 2016 AGM Charts)

President Wakefield provided an extensive summary of the many programs and events undertaken by KLCOA this year.

5. **Update on Key Initiatives.**

- **Roads and Neighbourhood Networks – John Middleton**

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Mr. Middleton described the background to the Paddy's Bay bridge situation advising that a crack in one of the timbers had resulted in the emergency repair. A member asked about the rating on the temporary Bailey bridge, as propane and septic trucks were using it. John replied that he understood it to be 5 tons. Another member noted that loads of gravel were making it difficult to launch a boat and turn around in the area. John responded that while it was not an official boat launch, he would talk to Dysart about the situation.



Immediate focus is Paddy's Bay bridge – what are they going to do and when.....and Paddy's Bay boat launch. Finally, a member asked if there were plans to connect Wilkinson Drive to West Shore Road. John responded that he would make the inquiry.

Mr. Middleton continued his presentation with a summary of Kennis Watch. Eblasts have been sent out over the past summer inviting neighbours to organize their informal networks and to advise John Middleton of who their "Block Captain" is in case emergency services need to contact anyone in their area.

- **LYL Shoreline Assessment & Dam Remediation – Jim Prince**

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Mr. Prince provided a detailed report on the Love Your Lake program. He advised that 1150 properties were surveyed, of which 950 contain cottages. He noted that at least 75 % of property should be in good natural condition in order to protect the lake health. A lake summary report will be

available in the fall and individual reports will be made available to property owners next spring. Jim thanked all of the volunteers, especially those that billeted the Trent students and the boat drivers.

Past President Tony Lepine thanked Jim for all of his work in leading the program and organizing all of the detailed logistics.

- **Water Quality Testing – Cam Douglas**

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Cam reported that MOEC are continuing their water quality testing in the fall. Early indications are positive although there are continued indications that nitrate levels may be higher than normal. This could be related to septic issues. He advised that all members needed to exercise responsible septic care. He concluded his report advising that KLCOA will consider its own water quality testing program next year based on advice from MOECC.

A member asked if the levels were higher on Little Kennis Lake. Cam replied that indeed the initial testing had shown those results, but it was a more complex issue and further testing was required to confirm.

- **Dam Remediation and Lake Levels – Chris Riddle**

Chris began his presentation with a discussion on the water levels on the Trent Severn System. He noted that there were three extreme weather situations in 2016 that impacted the water levels on the lake: in March, more than a month's rain fell in two days, followed by drought, then more heavy rains in August. The end result is that the water levels are currently one foot



higher than normal on Labour Day Weekend. He advised that the TSW had been quite diligent in their management of the water levels this year.

Next, Chris discussed ice damage. He advised that the March rain had contributed to the issue, and approximately \$25K in damages had been reported.

With respect to the new dam, it is operating well, however there are two outstanding issues. The roller ramps need to be adjusted. A meeting was held with TSW and Dysart to come up with potential solutions. This should be remedied shortly. The second issue is the down stream boat ramp. This was not identified as an issue during the project, and the problem was not identified during the high water point. It is now difficult to launch a boat here and this will likely be remedied in October when lake levels are at their lowest.

- **Kennisis Lake Rd. Clean Up Day – John Smith**

Ask for help to clean up Kennisis Lake road – 4 ½ km so with both sides 9 km. sign-up sheet – Sept 17th. Equipment will be supplied.

6. **Review of Financial Results – David Austin**

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David began his presentation reporting that KLCOA is running a small deficit on an operating basis on revenues from memberships, but thanks to the efforts of Tina Fagg in securing advertising, as well as sponsorships from Parker Pad and Print and Viper Marketing, the organization will likely post a surplus in 2016. He advised that it was important to build up a reserve of approximately one years'-worth of membership fees or approximately \$18,000. The reserve fund is currently sitting at \$10,400. In summary, Mr. Austin reminded members that Association owns five properties: the Blueberry Islands, Two Loon Island, and three tracts on Bull Frog Bay.

7. **Norah's Island Review – Jeff Pickney**

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Jeff began his presentation reporting that Norah's Island gets a formal inspection every week through the "Eyes on the Island" group. He next described the partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for managing the Island. The 10th anniversary of the partnership will be marked in 2017. Jeff reminded members that ash and beech trees will both succumb to disease both on the island and throughout the Haliburton area. He concluded his presentation inviting members to attend the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Gala on October 23rd at Pinestone Resort.



President Wakefield thanked all of the presenters and noted that KLCOA provides extensive programs and benefits to its members. She thanked all the volunteers who contribute significant time and their talents for the betterment of the community. She then opened up the floor to questions.

8. **Members' Q & A**

A member asked if others had observed lots of bits of Styrofoam floating around the lake. Another member commented that it was likely from docks, especially after storms. The audience was reminded to check their docks from time to time for loose billets and wood.

Another member asked whether the possible increase in nitrates was related to fertilizer? Cam Douglas responded that it was likely related to septics. He added that it is important to pump your septics regularly, and not to use fertilizer on your plants and grass. He noted that more sampling would be done by the Ministry in the fall.

President Wakefield advised members that there were a number of abandoned docks on the lakes, particularly in Bull Frog Bay. Members were asked to dispose of unwanted docks properly.

A member commented on the increase in irresponsible boaters, especially those that circled in one location and produced a large wakes close to shore. In response, President Wakefield will include a message in an e-blast advising about responsible boating.

A member whose cottage is past the Paddy's Bay Bridge requested that a standing item on the status of Paddy's Bay bridge be included in each e-blast, even if there is no news.

Finally, Director Graham Beach noted that it was important to reach out to a broader demographic about issues on the lake – both children and grandchildren of members and encourage them to get more involved

In closing the meeting, President Wakefield advised that she will communicate to Dysart that KLCOA appreciates the work that they do on behalf of the lake.

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

M: Linda Sparling
S: Terry O'Connor