

Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association (KLCOA)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

August 31, 2013

ITEM

1 Call to Order

The Chair, Bill Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Quorum was confirmed with the membership chair.

2 Agenda review

The chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda ([attached](#)).

Motion moved by Duncan McCallum, seconded by Jeff Gardner.

The agenda as tabled was approved unanimously by the members.

3 Treasurer's Report

Tony reported that current year to date (Aug 28, 2013) cash flow is positive at \$5,176.82. Book Balances are CIBC: \$6,460; ING: \$4,385; PayPal: \$269. Current fund allocations are Lake Plan: \$2,906; Lands: \$3,258; General fund: \$4,949.

4 Council update

Sue Norcross introduced herself as the councillor for Ward 4.

Sue handed the floor over to Reeve Murray Fearrey who discussed the following:

- Dysart is in discussion with CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Associations) about septic inspections. The municipality may move to have inspections completed when severances are requested or when a property is sold.
- Shoreline preservation is active.
- Property values are highly dependent on water quality.
- A sign bylaw now prohibits signs on county road 7.
- A housing study indicates that 30% of cottage owners plan to retire here. This will present a challenge on the municipality's ability to service all residents.
- Roads: the municipality prefers a primed surface vs. a hot mix surface. A hot mix surface is 3 times the cost of a primed surface. A primed surface is easier to patch. The Municipality has a greater liability if it improves culverts that have washed out rather than replacing as was.
- The Kennisis lakes get their fair share of tax revenue.
- Dysart has a decent tax rate but some factors which lead to increases are beyond the municipality's control (e.g. OPP, MPAC, provincial debt, etc...)
- Dysart has had a long and good working relationship with the KLCOA. With regard to potential bylaw violations, the Municipality will find violations in due course. However, anytime there are issues of concern the Municipality does prefer to hear from Associations, rather than from individuals. The Association is encouraged to bring issues of concern to the attention of council or Susan Norcross.

Chris Riddle, based on feedback to the CEWF, rose to recognize and thank the municipality's rapid response to repair roads damaged as a result of major spring storms.

- The municipality spent ~\$300K to repair the damaged roads.

Gary Benson rose to thank the municipality for being willing to receive 40 years of positive feedback based on his annual inspection of the local roads.

- Council has passed a motion to deed the Blueberry Islands to the KLCOA. Legal reviews are causing delays in completing the transfer.

5 Haliburton Forest Update

Peter provided the following updates

- Spring storms adversely affected roads in the Forest. Many culverts were washed out and have been replaced with concrete abutments which may increase peak flows through to Kennisis.
- Forest pests – educate yourselves, don't wait for a tree to die. The Forest will be removing all Beech trees.
- The Forest Festival was a great success. Peter apologized to cottagers who were inconvenienced by Bone Lake concerts.
- A new male wolf named Fang was introduced to the wolf pack. He is, however, totally socialized.
- Treat Haliburton Forest as you would any neighbour.
 - No trespassing
 - Grow pot on your own property
 - Don't cut Christmas trees
- Support your local businesses.
- The Forest has stepped back from generating electricity with wind power.
- Rogers has approached the Forest seeking permission to install a 100 metre cell tower.
- Forest management can change.
- If you have a problem please approach Peter with it.
- Questions to Peter from members
 - Are any pests affecting hemlock trees? The dry summer of 2012 has stressed the hemlocks considerably.
 - Is there a treatment for Beech trees? No
 - A request to install a "Fire Hazard Level" sign was made. Peter is willing to consider it in cooperation with the KLCOA.

6 Membership update

Deb indicated that as of the meeting there were 545 paid members. She expects to reach a level similar to last year. Approximately 66% of cottagers are members, 80% are signing up on line, 90 members have no email address.

7 Roads update

Gary provided the following:

- It has been a hard year for the roads
- Miller paving came back to resurface roads upgraded last year
- Gary and his team of 4 will inspect roads in late Sept
- Questions and comments to Gary from members
 - What can be done about speeding cars? Gary will investigate getting watch for pedestrian signs.
 - Can speed bumps be installed? Gary to investigate but subsequent comment from the floor highlights the fact that snow plows would likely level the bumps.
 - Can we have the speed limit reduced? No direct response provided.
 - Walkers and cyclists also need to be educated. Walk, ride single file. Walk on the opposite side of the road. Beware of large logging trucks. They use more of the road than regular vehicles.

8 Water Levels

Chris provided the following:

- There have been 3 major storms approximately 1 month apart. April rainfall was 168% of average April rainfall.
- Lake is down 40 inches and will be dropping $\sim\frac{1}{2}$ inch per day for the next 2 weeks. Current level is ~ 2 metres above the sill plate. Decent navigation can be expected to the end of Sept.
- Many other lakes suffered severe flooding. It is good to be a headwater lake.
- CEWF (Coalition for Equitable Water Flow) update
 - Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) dropped the ball on communication during the spring storms.
 - A private members bill to separate the TSW from Parks Canada is before Parliament.
 - 20 conclusions were drawn from the CEWF's canvass of all lake associations. At the meeting. Four were shared at the meeting.
 - Dry years are equally concerning.
 - CEWF report will be tabled at their next meeting later this month.
 - MPP Barry Devolin asked for a review of the flood. CEWF has provided their input to the consulting firm hired to provide a report.
- Questions to Chris from members
 - Will the Forest's plan to divert overflow water to Kennisis affect the lake? There is not enough information to determine the impact but increased flows need to be discussed and addressed.

9 Marina update

Doug indicated that a new law prevents the marina from offering a self-service option.

All gas fill ups must now be full-service.

A member thanked Doug for extending the store hours allowing boaters to fill up after 5 p.m.

10 Lake Plan Update

Jim provided updates on:

- Shoreline protection and action cottagers can take to improve the shoreline
- Loon inventory and nesting program which is being coordinated by Marie Roy
- Island C naming contest – check the website for details
- Shoreline inventory on Little Kennisis
 - Jim asked for hosts to billet two students who will be completing the shoreline survey of Little Kennisis.
- Forest Health Workshop with Haliburton Forest
- Ash tree protection program
 - Jim has secured an agreement with Haliburton Forest to treat 50 Ash trees if cottagers are willing to treat 50 trees on their properties. U of T estimates that saving 100 trees will insure survivorship once the ash borer has moved on. Please contact Jim to express interest in participating in the program
- Navigational hazard marking – 13 hazards have been marked with more planned in future years.

11 Regatta and Swimming

Stephanie indicated that the regatta was a success with special thanks and recognition to Susan Nixon for stepping in to organize this year's regatta. Stephanie asked for regatta volunteers to step forward. The regatta can only be successful with the help of volunteers. Swimming was also a success.

12 Elections

Deb began to explain the process to be followed for the election.

However at this point in the meeting the Chair allowed an interjection by a member (R. Tomiczek) who then read a statement relating to a municipal bylaw enforcement issue on his property and the inconvenience it has caused him. A member of the Board responded by correcting some errors of fact in the statement and clarifying the Board's role with regard to Municipal liaison as it relates to shoreline protection issues and bylaw enforcement.

Deb resumed with describing the process to be followed.

Fourteen directors had stated their intent to run for re-election.

A motion from Gary Pike, seconded by Terry O'Connor to accept these 14 nominations was unanimously accepted by the members.

Members were asked if any other candidates wished to be considered as possible directors. The following list identifies the new candidates:

Candidate	Moved by	Seconded by	Verbal acceptance provided by candidate
Tayce Wakefield	John Middleton	Gail Goldenberg	Yes
Larry Harris	Roy Campbell	Joyce Sumara	Yes
Cam Douglas	Jeff Gardner	Chris Riddle	Yes
Ruddy Tomiczek	Sue Good	Mike Hughes	Yes
Peter Jones	Rob McTavish	Wendy T.	Yes
Terry O'Connor	Jim Prince	Janis Parker	Yes
David Austin	Gary Pike	Nicole Jones	Yes

A motion to close the nominations was tabled by Ted Parent and seconded by – name not captured.

Election ballots were then submitted to Deb who, with the help of two counters and one scrutineer, tabulated the results.

Results may be found in [Appendix A](#) (attached)

13 Sailing Update

Jim provided the following

- The sailing regatta was a success
- The BOOM program was fully subscribed including one adult evening student

14 Fishing update

Gary provided the following:

- Can't find the spawning beds
- Fish are the "canary" in the lake

Chris Riddle indicated that cormorants were spotted on Red Pine Lake.

A question was asked how this would impact the fish population. The answer was unknown at the present time.

15 Lake Steward Report

Graham was unable to attend the meeting, Bill provided the Lake Steward update on his behalf. See his slide presentation for details. Of note

- Ten thousand trees have been sold since Graham started the program.

16 Web Update

Jeff reviewed the new design and recognized Wolf Song Communications for the great work done in producing the new website.

17 Fireworks

Steve could not attend. The 2014 KLCOA sponsored fireworks will be held on the July long weekend.

18 Lands

Jeff provided the following:

- The shore clean up went well.
- Thank you to Duncan McCallum for organizing the event.

Norah's Island update

- The plaque listing the endowment fund donors has now been installed on the island.
- An island watch has been implemented to protect the island.

Jeff introduced Scott Durie and Janis Parker as Haliburton Highlands Land Trust directors.

- Scott outlined the purpose of the land trust.
- He encouraged members to visit their website: <http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/>
- He also encouraged folks to watch the movie made to document some history associated with Norah's Island.

A motion to accept all reports was moved by Chris Riddle and seconded by Linda Sparling. The motion was accepted unanimously.

19 Other business

Keith Rodd asked that the new board take action to work with Peter in installing a "Fire Hazard Level" sign.

20 Adjournment

A motion moved by Janis Parker, seconded by Chris Riddle was unanimously accepted by the members.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tony Lepine

KLCOA 2013 AGM Agenda

- **9:00am: Welcome to all in attendance**
- **Minutes of the last Board meeting, Fall AGM 2012 (passed at the Spring GM)**
- **9:05am: Treasurer's report - Tony Lepine**
- **9:15am: Dysart Council Updates**
- **9:30am: Board Reports.**
 - **Membership - Deb Wratschko**
 - **Roads - Gary Benson**
 - **Lake Levels & CEWF - Chris Riddle**
 - **Lake Steward - Graham Beach**
 - **Lake Plan - Jim Prince**
 - **Web Update – Jeff Gardner**
 - **Newsletter – Tina Fagg**
- **10:30am: Elections**
- **11:15am: Other Updates,**
 - **Haliburton Forest Updates - Peter Schleifenbaum**
 - **Fish Stocks - Gary Benson**
 - **Fishing Derby Update**
 - **Regatta & Swimming - Stephanie Clark**
 - **Fireworks Update - Steve Ashfield**
 - **Sailing Regatta - Jim Prince**
 - **Marina - Doug Mahood**
 - **Island C & Norah's Island – Jeff Pinkney**
- **11:45am: Adjournment.**

Appendix A

List of directors elected at the 2013 AGM
(Alphabetical order)

Beach, Graham

Benson, Gary

Bouwmeister, Gary

Douglas, Cam

Fagg, Tina

Gardner, Jeff

Lepine, Tony

McCallum, Duncan

O'Connor, Terry

Parker, Janis

Pike, Gary

Prince, Jim

Riddle, Chris

Wakefield, Tayce

Wiggins, Bill

Wratschko, Deb

Associate Directors (non-voting)

Austin, David

Jones, Peter