

**Minutes of the Spring 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 May 16, 2009 at 9:30am**

1. Welcome

President Duncan McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:30am and welcomed everyone to the Spring 2009 Members' Meeting. Mr. McCallum reported that a quorum was met since more than thirty members were present, and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: THAT the Agenda for the 2009 Spring General Meeting be approved as presented.

Proposed: Chris Riddle
Seconded: Tony Lepine
Carried: Unanimous

2. Approval of the 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Mr. McCallum asked for a motion to approve the 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Motion: THAT the 2008 Annual General Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Proposed: Chris Riddle
Seconded: Leslie Lepine
Carried: Unanimous

3. President's Remarks

Mr. McCallum pointed out that the date for the Fall Meeting published in the newsletter is incorrect. It should state that the meeting is to be held Saturday, September 5, 2009.

Mr. McCallum reported that he will be stepping down from his role as President of the Association at the end of this year and assume the role of past-president, working with FOCA on the Lake Planning project and others. Mr. McCallum said that Cameron Douglas will also be stepping down as Lake Steward and will be looking for someone to take over his role.

Mr. McCallum said that the new constitution being put forward may well affect who takes over and how the association is run going forward.

Mr. McCallum reported that he plans to send a letter of appreciation to all realtors in the area thanking them in advance for providing new cottage owners information about the Association.

4. Treasurer's Report (9:39 a.m.)

Treasurer Tony Lepine reported that KLCOA received \$21,606 and expended \$25,133 in calendar 2008. Mr. Lepine spoke to the budget for this calendar year, which is based in large part on the 2008 one, and noted that he expects an overall shortfall of \$5,970, to be covered by a surplus in the general fund. Mr. Keith Rodd asked whether an increase in membership fees should be contemplated, and Mr. Lepine replied that he does not see the need since the Association still has cash of \$9,500 on hand.

Motion: THAT the 2009 budget be approved as presented.

Proposed: Chris Riddle
Seconded: Jim Prince
Carried: Unanimous

5. Membership Report (9:48 a.m.)

Membership Director Cathie Heppell reported that, although the renewal forms were mailed later this year than last (due to Easter falling later this year), a total of 258 out of 600 renewals have already been received, compared with 200 at this time last year. Ms. Heppell mentioned that some members had apparently not received their mailings, and asked anyone to whom this had also happened to let her know. Ms. Heppell reminded everyone who had not already done so to pick up their maps following the meeting.

6. Community Security (9:51 a.m.)

John Cunerty presented an update on the number of break-ins and collisions that had occurred over the winter. Mr. Cunerty said that, since last year's Fall Meeting, he has received a number of e-mails about the noise (vs the speed) of the racing boats on the lake. Mr. Cunerty said that he is in communication with politicians on the federal and provincial level as well as the OPP and RCMP in an attempt to gather information to assist in proposing a solution to this problem at this year's Fall Meeting.

7. By-Law Update (9:54 a.m.)

Bill Wiggins reported that a draft was posted on the website over the winter, and asked for questions. There being no question, he asked for a resolution adopting the new By-Laws.

Motion: THAT the updated By-Laws as posted on the website be approved as presented.

Proposed: Tony Lepine
Seconded: Janice Parker
Carried: Unanimous

8. Committee Reports

50th Anniversary (9:56 a.m.): Gloria Carnochan reported that the coffee table book on the history of the cottage association is still a work in progress and asked that anyone who has anything to contribute contact her at (705) 754-1932. She asked specifically for information regarding the tornado of 1995, the plane crash with Tom Cochrane, and the filming of "Hostage for a Day."

Roads (10:05 a.m.): Gary Benson reported that this winter had been particularly hard on the roads. Mr. Benson said he and Messrs. Whitaker, McCallister and Musinka will drive all the lake roads in July to do an inspection.

Fishing/Rock Bass Tournament (10:08 a.m.): Mr. Keith Rodd reported that the "family fish free" weekend is Saturday July 11th and asked everyone to gather at the little Kennisis Bridge park. Mr. Rodd confirmed that you do not need a fishing license to participate.

Island Clean-up (10:11 a.m.): Mr. McCallum reported on behalf of Karen Fiorini that volunteers are need for Saturday, August 8 to clean up Norah's Island, Cabin island, Fireplace Island, the Dam parking lot, and roads and Bullfrog Bay. All volunteers are asked to meet at the Kennisis Lake Marina at 9:00 a.m. Garbage bags, gardening gloves, tongs, and plastic buckets will be provided.

Leslie Lepine said that she and Jeff Gardiner would like to address the issue of abandoned docks in Bullfrog Bay by proposing that a waterproof note be attached to all docks asking their owner to contact them by July 15. Any docks not identified by then will be removed on August 8. Leslie asked anyone who is interested in any unclaimed docks to let her know before August 8.

Fireworks/Regatta (10:20 a.m.):

Fireworks: Steve Ashfield reported that the Fireworks will take place on Saturday June 27, with a rain date of Sunday July 4th when it is dark enough (not before 9:45pm).

Regatta: Mr. Ashfield reported that the Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 1 with a rain date of Sunday August 2. Volunteers should meet Saturday August 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marina in front of the store. Mr. Ashfield said that the Regatta will not be held this year if there are no volunteers.

Sailing (10:22 a.m.): Jim Prince reported that last year's Sailing Regatta had been a huge success. This year's event will be held on Sunday August 2, with a 1:00 start, in Bullfrog Bay. Association members were asked to contact Jim at 754-1065 or check the marina for more information.

Swimming (10:23 a.m.): Mr. McCallum, in Stephanie Clarke's absence, asked Association members to contact Stephanie (phone 705-754-4542 e-mail: sekclark@gmail.com) for more information.

FOCA (10:24 a.m.): Duncan gave a brief update on the items discussed at the FOCA meeting and referred Association members to the FOCA website for more details.

WRAFT/CAPTR (10:27 a.m.): Mr. McCallum reported that property value assessments have gone up but the tax rate has gone down, which should result in no increases in the taxes billed.

KLCOA Lands (10:30 a.m.): In Mr. Pinkney's absence, Mr. McCallum reported that the purchase of Island C for nominal consideration was successfully completed, and said that a discussion concerning its use will need to be held.

Mr. Lee Battiston reported that his family has purchased 70 acres of forest land with the intention of maintaining and protecting it from development. Mr. Battiston asked anyone who has an interest in obtaining access to the land to contact him or his wife Deborah at 2040 Wilkinson Road, 759-2252, or the.battistons@sympatico.ca.

Lake Levels (10:38 a.m.): Chris Riddle reported that the lake level is higher than the average over the last twenty years for this weekend. Dr. Riddle referred Association members to the Coalition for Equitable Waterflow page on the website www.cewf.ca, which provides daily charts of water levels in the area. Dr. Riddle said that this link is also accessible from the www.kennisis.ca website.

Lake Plan Report (10:47 a.m.) Mr. Prince gave an update on progress made in connection with the activities identified in the Lake Plan.

Lake Steward (11:01 a.m.): Mr. Douglas talked about steps being taken to improve local portages and asked for a volunteer to act as Water Quality Tester for the lakes. MR. Douglas emphasized that he is stepping down from position as Lake Steward and will in fact be leaving the country on July 1, and urged volunteers to step forward for nomination to this position in his stead.

Kennisis Lake Marina (11:10 a.m.): Mr. Mahood reported on recent developments at the marina, saying that the collapsed boat barn will not be rebuilt, that the building housing the store will be taken down and the store combined with the marina building, and that he plans to build modest cottages at the shore. Mr. Mahood said he welcomes any input into these plans.

Mr. Mahood announced that the marina will sponsor a second fireworks night on Saturday, August 1.

9. Haliburton Forest (11:16 a.m.)

Duncan introduced Peter Schleifenbaum, thanking him for the Forest's continued support of the Association as evidenced by their provision of the space and other resources for the Association's meetings free of charge.

Peter Schleifenbaum welcomed everyone to the Forest. He reported that the saw mill has been operational since March and provided information on plans to develop green energy sources in the Forest.

Mr. Schleifenbaum gave a summary of events planned for the Forest this summer and invited everyone to participate.

10. New Business (11:23 a.m.)

Mr. Paul Hannon informed all members of the existence of the Elderberries, a social group interested in attracting new members.

Gloria Carnochan asked whether the Association would consider inviting Lipsey Lake to join with it, and Mr. McCallum confirmed that they would be welcome to do so.

Mr. Schleifenbaum reported that Patria is morphing into the Forest Festival, with outside performers coming in. A schedule of events will be posted at www.theforestfestival.ca. Mr. Schleifenbaum also reported that the Forest is expanding its research partnership with the University of Toronto to examine the possible overuse of logging.

11. Adjournment (11:29 a.m.)

There being no further business the Spring General Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.