

**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 17, 2008 at 9:30am**

**1. Welcome**

President Duncan McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:30am and welcomed everyone to the Spring 2008 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 Spring 2008 Meeting be approved as presented.  
Proposed: Chris Riddle  
Seconded: Tony Lepine  
Carried: Unanimous

**2. Approval of the Committee Reports Presented at the Fall 2007 Minutes**

Mr. McCallum noted that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on September 1, 2007 had not made note of who had made and who had seconded the motion to approve the Committee Reports.

Motion: THAT the Committee Reports presented at the Fall 2007 meeting be approved as presented.  
Proposed: Chris Riddle  
Seconded: Tony Lepine  
Carried: Unanimous

**3. President's Remarks**

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 reminded everyone that the new summer landfill hours will be 10:00 to 6:00 on Sundays and Holiday Mondays<sup>1</sup>, as many cottagers had expressed a preference for earlier hours rather than noon – 8 p.m..

Mc. McCallum mentioned that four long time cottagers have passed away since last year: Bob Ormsby, Mabel Stewart, Don Salivan, and Frances McDowell

**4. Constitution Update (9:40 a.m.)**

Bill Wiggins reported that a draft document, whose purpose is to bring the association's by-laws in line with the Ontario Corporations Act, is in the hands of the membership for review and approval at the next general meeting. The document will be posted on the website.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding June 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (9:41 a.m.)**

Treasurer Tony Lepine reported that KLCOA received \$19,624 in membership fees from 602 members last year. Mr. Lepine spoke to the budget for this calendar year, which is based in large part on the 2007 one, and noted that he expects an overall shortfall of \$6,100, to be covered by a surplus in the general fund. Mr. Lepine also allowed that actual revenues will be higher than forecast if total paying members exceed the 550 assumed in the forecast.

Motion: THAT the 2008 budget be approved as presented.  
Proposed: Chris Riddle  
Seconded: Jim Prince  
Carried: Unanimous

#### **5. Membership Report (9:51 a.m.)**

Membership Director Cathie Heppell reported that all membership stickers will be sent in the next mailing. Ms. Heppell said that it is too soon to report on the number of members, as the renewal forms were only mailed last week. Ms. Heppell said that 599 renewal forms were sent out.

#### **5. Community Security (9:52 a.m.)**

John Cunerty reported that there had been only one break-in reported over the winter, but that more reports may come in as cottagers return for the first time this season. Member Margaret Hewings said that she worries when the speed boats are on the lake as she cannot understand how they can see swimmers in the water when they are moving so fast. Kevin Kite said that speed boats have the same sight lines to the water as other types of boats. Mr. Cunerty said that he recognizes this is an issue carrying over from last summer, and emphasized the need for all cottagers to respect each others' rights on the water. Chris Riddle said that the OPP had provided material regarding boating rules and regulations available at the back of the room, including a navigational hazards map and code of conduct.

Mr. Cunerty mentioned that Mr. Kite is planning a major speed boating event on the weekend of July 12/13, and suggested that all cottagers post any planned organized events well in advance of the date to give other lake residents ample notice.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

Roads (10:02 a.m.): Gary Benson reported that the Committee has been successful in obtaining a significant portion of the Municipality's repair budget this year, which will be utilized to pave 3.8 k.m. around the dam and patch the large bad areas on Big Lake Road. Mr. Benson notes that there is more sand than usual on the roads this spring due to the heavy snowfall this winter, and that brushing is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Mr. Benson said he and Messrs. Whitaker and Musinka will drive all the lake roads later in the fall to do an inspection. Mr. Benson thanked Brian Nicholson and his crew for having done such a good job over the winter.

Island Clean-up (10:05 a.m.): Mr. McCallum reported on behalf of Karen Fiorini that volunteers are need for Saturday, July 26 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.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (10:06 a.m.): Gloria Carnochan reported that a celebration of the association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being organized. It will be a pot luck supper with each family being asked to bring one main dish and one dessert. Condiments will be supplied. Since it is a family function, guests are asked to leave the alcohol at home. Mrs. Carnochan said that entertainment will be provided, and asked that anyone who has any memorabilia relevant to the occasion either supply her with photos of it or bring it to her office where she will arrange to have it photographed and returned. Mrs. Carnochan said that she,

Shirlee Weeks and others are investigating the feasibility of publishing a coffee table book on the history of the cottage association, and asked that anyone who has anything to contribute contact her at (705) 754-1932

Fireworks/Regatta (10:11 a.m.): Steve Ashfield reported that the Fireworks will take place on Saturday June 28, with a rain date of Sunday June 29<sup>st</sup> when it is dark enough (not before 9:45pm). Mr. Ashfield reported that the Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 2 with a rain date of Sunday August 3. Volunteers should meet Saturday June 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marina in front of the store. Mr. Ashfield said that Regatta may be held on the back woods lot this year.

Regatta: Cindy Burley outlined the activities of the Regatta, held on the Saturday of the Civic Holiday weekend. She requested that people come forth to volunteer to organize the event, as only three members are on the committee at this time. Ms. Burley reminded cottagers that high school students can obtain volunteer hours by working at the Regatta. Ms. Burley can be reached by e-mail: burbase@rogers.com.

Sailing (10:13 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 3, with trophies and prizes available for the winners. Mr. Prince reported that he was not successful in obtaining the sailing program for 8 – 14 year olds this year, and that the Boom program will not be returning.

Fishing/Rock Bass Tournament (10:15 a.m.): Mr. Keith Rodd reported that the "family fish free" weekend is Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>, and asked everyone to gather at the little Kennisis Bridge park. Mr. Rodd confirmed that you do not need a fishing license to participate. Details of the event are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Rodd reported that Dave Flowers of the Ministry of Natural Resources (Haliburton) is interested in organizing a fishing workshop for which he need twelve participants to help track how the speckled trout are doing in the lake. Mr. Rodd asked that anyone interested in volunteering contact him at 705-754-4281.

Swimming (10:17 a.m.): Stephanie Clark announced that six weeks of lessons as well as lifesaving courses are being offered this summer. Anyone interested in obtaining a badge needs to complete two weeks of lessons. Registration forms are available on the website and in the spring mailing and at the Kennisis store.

FOCA (10:20 a.m.): Jason Wigmore reported that KLCOA was awarded the Jerry Strickland award this year by the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations ([www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)) for its work on Land Use and Lake Planning.

WRAFT/CAPTR (10:21 a.m.): Mr. McCallum reported that property value assessments this fall may potentially result in variances between -1% and +154%, saying that the most likely results will be to shift the tax burden to waterfront owners. He urged all members to view and sign on-line petitions at [www.wraft.com](http://www.wraft.com) or [www.captr.org](http://www.captr.org).

## **7. KLCOA Lands (10:23 a.m.)**

Mr. Pinkney reported that the Geographic's Name Board has made "Norah's Island" the island's official name, and said that a plaque commemorating everyone's efforts will be erected. He asked that everyone involved contact him to ensure that their names are listed correctly. Bruce and Norah Carruthers have been nominated as environmental heroes of the year due to their work on this project. Mr. Pinkney said that temporary signs listing land use rules have been posted on the island, and that \$48,726 in funds has been raised as of April 24. Members were referred to a hand-out detailing the budget. Mr. Pinkney invited everyone to the Land Trust gala to be held on May 31.

**6. Lake Levels (10:26 a.m.)**

Chris Riddle reported that the lake level is 5” below the high water mark which is equal to the average over the last twenty years for this weekend. We are hoping for an increase of 5” by June 1. Dr. Riddle said that the Trent Report received at the end of April is available on the website. The Committee was encouraged by the high level recommendation that the Trent Severn Canal needs to be managed in the context of the entire watershed, but discouraged by the lack of specific recommendations for immediate action. The Trent Severn Caucus has been formed to meet and try to resolve issues surrounding questions of federal vs provincial jurisdiction. Dr. Riddle said that the CEWF steering committee is hoping to meet with the Caucus and is canvassing the level of interest in forming a Watershed Council. Dr. Riddle said that there is a need to co-ordinate the activities of many small groups all working towards the same goal through different means.

**7. Proposed Island “C” Development (10:33 a.m.)**

Cameron Douglas reported that Shall-May holdings has applied to rezone Island “C” from “Open Space” to “Waterfront Residential” to accommodate a purchaser interested in erecting a cottage on the island. An environmental assessment has been conducted to investigate the suitability for cottage and septic development, and found few constraints. The Association met with the Dysart planner and a professional planner and presented objections and concerns at the Dysart public meeting on April 7, citing loss of natural area, loss of aesthetics, septic tank servicing/pumping, protection of known loon nesting areas, and construction damage to sensitive shoreline areas. Despite the Association’s objections, Dysart approved the rezoning application, but did stipulate that the ESR must be peer reviewed before the County will approve the OP amendment to recognize the rezoning, and did agree to hold a public meeting. The date for this meeting has not been set, and cottagers were advised to monitor the website for updates. Mr. Douglas said that the Association will continue to hold discussions with the purchaser’s representatives to try to convince him to set the application aside. It was agreed that a petition would be posted at the Marina for all cottagers to sign.

**8. Lake Plan Report (10:45 a.m.)**

Mr. Prince announced that the final version of the Lake Plan was presented and passed at an open vote at the September 1, 2007 KLCOA meeting, and that the focus since then has been on implementation of the Plan. To date the lake and boating maps have been completed, and all members were urged to pick up their map at the back on their way out. Mr. Prince said that the Association has been successful in obtaining one of only two awards for the Shoreline Advisor Program, and asked for two volunteers to organize the choosing of fifty sites for shoreland visits between June and August. Mr. Prince can be reached by telephone at 416-528-1739 (home) or 705-754-1065 (cottage) or by e-mail at jimprince@sympatico.ca.

Mr. Prince thanked Jeff Gardner for all his hard work in putting the website together.

**9. Presentation to Lake Plan Committee (11:05)**

Mr. McCallum presented awards to the following members of the Lake Plan committee as a token of appreciation for their dedicated work on behalf of all KLCOA members:

Nancy Anderson	Jim Prince
Ron Butcher	Chris Riddle
Cam Douglas	Peter Schleifenbaum
Jeff Gardner	Grif Speers
Cathie Heppell	Jan Townley
Paul Potter	Ann Vanstone

#### **10. Haliburton Forest (11:10 a.m.)**

Peter Schleifenbaum welcomed everyone to the Forest; he noted that the forest industry in Canada has been in a state of decline for some years. As a result, Haliburton Forest has had to truck logs to outside saw mills. The Forest has investigated the environmental and economical feasibility of building a new saw mill to replace the smaller one presently being used. The mill would be emission free, since the waste generated would be gassified and used as fuel to run the mill itself, and would actually generate between 10,000 and 20,000 excess kw which would be sold back into the grid. There will be a two hundred foot buffer around the complex to ensure it is not an eye sore. The mill would also result in a net reduction in traffic in and out of the Forest, since logs would no longer need to be trucked to outside saw mills for processing.

A member asked whether there will be additional noise from the new mill. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that it is doubtful due to the two hundred foot buffer zone and the fact that the mill will be located on higher ground and noise tends to rise.

Another member asked how much water the new mill will consume. Mr. Schleifenbaum said it is completely self-contained as any water used is recycled for cooling.

Another member asked whether the new mill will produce air pollution. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that the saw mill will produce none, the power plant none, and the diesel generator no more than a regular generator.

Another member asked what the anticipated truck traffic will be. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that on a daily basis one load should go out via County Road 7, and one or two truck loads will come into the Forest.

#### **11. Invasive Species (11:30 a.m.)**

Mr. McCallum said that the representative from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters schedule to make this presentation had not arrived. Mr. Schleifenbaum volunteered to give an update on this issue, and identified the pine beetle and the spiny water flea as most serious threats currently. Mr. Schleifenbaum urged everyone to avoid importing fire wood or plants from outside the immediate area, saying this is the most common way that new threats are brought into the Highlands.

#### **12. New Business (11:37 a.m.)**

Jim Prince pointed out that new environmentally friendly products are constantly being developed, and suggested that cottagers use the new phosphate free dishwasher detergents now available and other Nature Clean products. All cottagers were urged to remind renters not to wash their hair in the lake.

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

Mr. Stuart Hunter suggested everyone express their thanks to Duncan McCallum for organizing such an informative and efficient meeting.

Mr. Schleifenbaum reported that Patria is morphing into the Forest Festival, with outside performers coming in. A schedule of events will be posted at [forestfestival.ca](http://forestfestival.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.

#### **13. Adjournment (11:42 a.m.)**

There being no further business the Spring General Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

**K.L.C.O.A.  
ROCK BASS DERBY  
JULY 5, 2007**

**2 CATAGORIES:  
13 YEARS AND OVER  
12 YEARS AND UNDER**

**1. ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE CONTESTANTS, NO FISHING  
LICENSES REQUIRED**

**2. CAN ENTER IN A TEAM OF 1 OR A TEAM OF 2**

**3. REGISTRATION: FRIDAY JULY 4 AFTER 7.00 P.M.  
CALL KEITH RODD AT 754-4281  
OR JULY 5 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM AT THE BRIDGE**

**4. WEIGH IN:  
4:00PM - 5:00PM AT LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE BRIDGE**

**5. TOTAL WEIGHT PER PERSON OR TEAM WILL  
DETERMINE THE WINNERS**

**6. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL**

**7. ALL PARTICIPANTS ENTER AT THEIR OWN RISK  
GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!**