

**Minutes of the 2008 Annual 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 August 30, 2008 at 9:30am**

1. Welcome

President Duncan McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and welcomed everyone to the 2008 Annual General 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 2008 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

Proposed: Tim Tibbs

Seconded: Leslie Lepine

Carried: Unanimous

Mr. McCallum asked that anyone wishing to pose a question or make a motion stand up, state their name, and then pose the questions or make the motion. Mr. McCallum also reminded everyone that the media was present and that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Approval of the 2008 Spring General Meeting Minutes

Mr. McCallum asked for a motion to approve the 2008 Spring General Meeting Minutes. It was pointed out that Norah's Island had been spelled incorrectly in the minutes. Ms. Anis undertook to make this correction.

Motion: THAT the 2008 Spring General Meeting minutes be approved as amended.

Proposed: Dr. Chris Riddle

Seconded: Mr. Keith Rodd

Carried: Unanimous

3. President's Remarks (9:38 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum reported that he and Cameron Douglas would still like to step down from their respective roles as President and Lake Steward of the Association at the end of this year, as first announced at the Spring meeting, and emphasized that the Association needs volunteers to step forward to take on these roles.

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

4. Community Security (9:40 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum, on behalf of John Cunerty, reported that there had been no break-ins reported over the summer, but that an area of concern is the theft of small outboard motors and gas cans. The OPP has asked the Association to reiterate to its members that a spotter is always required when water skiing,

tubing, and wake boarding. .As well, it should be pointed out that anyone pulling a tube or other water toy behind a seadoo must be aware that the total number of people in the toy and on the seadoo cannot exceed the total rated capacity for the vehicle. This effectively means that a two-person seadoo cannot pull anyone behind it because the driver and spotter already represent the maximum of two persons allowed on the vehicle. Finally, the OPP are asking everyone to practice safety when letting off fireworks, as there seem to be more and more of these being set off on private docks.

5. Treasurer's Report (9:41 a.m.)

Treasurer Tony Lepine reported that KLCOA received \$15,465 in membership fees from 502 members this year, plus another \$2,645 in swimming fees, \$140 from Battleship Golf, and \$177 in interest income, for total revenues of \$18,427. Mr. Lepine reported that total expenses to date are \$19,335, leaving a net deficit of \$908. The Association has cash of \$10,999 in the bank.

6. Constitution Update (9:45 a.m.)

Bill Wiggins reported that a draft document, the purpose of which is to bring the association's by-laws in line with the Ontario Corporations Act, has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and asked that the document be put to a vote at today's meeting either in whole or section by section. Mr. Wiggins said that the proposed constitution, once approved, can be amended at any time by another vote as long as the proposed amendments are posted at least 35 days in advance of such a vote.

Dr. Riddle asked whether the proposed document had been posted 35 days in advance of this meeting. Mr. Wiggins said it had been posted on the bulletin board but not the website.

It was agreed that the document will be posted on the website and put to a vote at the 2009 Spring meeting.

7. FOCA (9:52 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum, on behalf of Jason Wigmore, asked for a motion that the Association members endorse KLCOA's continuing membership in FOCA, WRAFT, CAPTR, and the Coalition for Equitable Waterflow ("CEWF"). Mr. Lepine asked that this be made a standing motion to authorize him to pay the membership fees to these organizations from the operating budget.

Motion: THAT the KLCOA continue its membership if FOCA, WRAFT, CAPTR, and CEWF

Proposed: Mr. Jeff Pinkney

Seconded: Mr. Tim Tibbs

Carried: Unanimous

8. Membership Report (9:55 a.m.)

Membership Director Cathie Heppell presented a graph showing annual new, renewed, non-renewed, and permanent membership by year for 2006, 2007 and 2008. This year's membership is 523, down from 582 in 2007, but up from 511 in 2006. Ms. Heppell was asked how many cottage properties exist, and said that there are 950 properties on the two lakes, all of whom were made aware of the Association's existence and its work on the Lake Plan when the Lake Plan material was distributed to each property last year.

The members discussed why the participation rate in the Association is not higher. It was concluded that in order for the Association to maintain a higher profile to increase the visible/tangible benefits that can be achieved from membership will require more volunteers.

9. 50th Anniversary (10:01 a.m.)

Gloria Carnochan gave an update on the status of the historical book she is organizing to celebrate the Association's 50th anniversary and asked that anyone with pictures of the cabins that used to exist behind the marina and any other historical stories or pictures contact her at (705) 754-1932

Ms. Carnochan also asked for volunteers to help with the writing and scanning, and said that she hopes to have to book ready for the spring meeting.

10. Committee Reports

Roads (10:05 a.m.): Gary Benson reported that the Roads Committee toured all the roads on August 25th and wrote a report highlighting safety concerns which it hopes will be addressed from funds expected to be allocated by the municipality. Mr. Benson asked that anyone with specific concerns contact him after the meeting. Mr. Benson thanked Messrs. Whitaker and Musinka for their help.

Fishing/Rock Bass Tournament (10:07 a.m.): Mr. Benson reported that he met with Bill Flowers of the Ministry of Natural Resources who said that our trout population is breeding at an acceptable rate. Mr. Benson said that Mr. Flowers has asked anglers to volunteer to keep diaries of their catch to assist in continuing monitoring of the health of the lake trout.

Mr. Keith Rodd thanked Mr. Fred Musinka for his help in running the fishing derby this year and reported that 15 teams caught 144 lbs of rock bass this year, down from 300 lbs last year. It is hoped this decrease is due to a declining rock bass population as a result of these annual efforts.

Island Clean-up (10:14 a.m.): Mr. Jeff Pinkney, on behalf of Karen Fiorini, reported that the clean-up did take place and all islands are in great shape.

Fireworks/Regatta (10:15 a.m.): Steve Ashfield reported that the Fireworks took place on August 2 due to poor weather in July. Mr. Ashfield also reported that federal regulations concerning commercial fireworks are changing which will increase the costs of future shows and most likely adversely affect their quality.

Regatta (10:17 a.m.): Mr. Ashfield thanked Cindy Burley, who has acted as Co-Chair of the Regatta Committee and is resigning this year, and all the other volunteers.

Swimming (10:18 a.m.): Mc. McCallum, on behalf of Stephanie Clark, reported that 55 children from 28 different families participated in the swimming program this year. Mr. McCallum reminded everyone who is interested in teaching or volunteering next year to contact Stephanie at sekclark@hotmail.com.

KLCOA Lands (10:19 a.m.): Mr. Pinkney reported that the fund to support Norah's Island has almost reached its goal, passing \$50,000 this summer. The proceeds from the auction scheduled for the end of the meeting will be contributed to the Fund. Mr. Pinkney said that the plaque commemorating everyone's efforts is still a work in progress, with a draft to be posted next summer. He urged everyone to visit the Island.

Proposed Island "C" Development (10:22 a.m.): Mr. Jim Prince said that Shall-May Holdings' ESR application has not been submitted and urged everyone to monitor the County office in case it is submitted later in the fall or winter when many cottagers are away for the season.

Lake Levels/CEWF (10:26 a.m.): Dr. Riddle reported that lake levels have been above average this summer due to high levels of rain. Dr. Riddle also reported that, for the first time, the Trent Severn Waterway has agreed to provide weekly reports concerning lake levels at all the lakes as well as targets for two weeks which will be made available on the LakePlan website www.kennisis.ca as well as on the CEWF website www.cewf.ca website. Dr. Riddle said that he has met with the federal MP and provincial MPP co-chairs of the Trent-Severn Caucus and while MP Barry Devolin was a strong supporter of the recommendations contained in the report of the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway, there was disappointment with their level of engagement and comprehension of the issues at the provincial level. There is broad support for a key recommendation from the Panel, namely the creation of an independent water management agency to consider the health of the watershed as a whole and not just the water-flow in the TS canal. Dr. Riddle encouraged Association members to write letters to their MP's in support of this – information is available at www.cewf.ca.

Lake Steward Report (10:35): Cameron Douglas said that he will attempt to have a speaker to give a presentation about invasive species at the 2009 Spring Meeting.

Sailing (10:36 a.m.): Jim Prince reported that 13 craft participated in this year's Sailing Regatta.

Lake Plan Report (10:37 a.m.): Mr. Jim Prince reminded everyone that the focus of the Lake Plan has been and continues to be on education to increase awareness about the need for stewardship to safeguard the environmental and social quality of our lakes. Mr. Prince said that to date progress has been made on two issues:

- Thirty of fifty shore line assessments have been completed
- A guide for cottage owners and renters, including a sample rental contract, has been drafted. Mr. Prince asked for volunteers to help review this draft prior to its presentation at the 2009 Spring Meeting.

Mr. Prince also reported that the committee has expressed an interest in participating in the U Links program, which would allow the Association to partner with university professors and students to help with community issues. The committee has expressed an interest in partnering on a fishery and shoreline inventory model.

A member asked whether it is possible to obtain non-volunteer shoreline assessments of some of the properties where cottage owners have taken obviously inappropriate steps in terms of clearing their properties. Mr. Prince replied that the project is more about stewardship and education than enforcement and that we can only hope to make all cottage owners aware of these issues by disseminating material as widely as possible. It was agreed that the information packages would be given to the county permit office as well as real estate agents.

11. Haliburton Forest (10:58 a.m.)

Peter Schleifenbaum reported that Patria has morphed into the Forest Festival, and invited everyone to come out to hear the concert scheduled that night at Bone Lake.

A member asked who is responsible for maintaining the portages throughout the Forest, and Mr. Schleifenbaum said that the government has done a very poor job in this area, but that the Forest cannot take responsibility for it due to liability issues.

Duncan thanked Peter for his valued input and for the ongoing using of the seminar room free of charge.

12. Kennisis Lake Marina (11:04 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum said Mr. Mahood had been given space on the agenda to address members about the Marina, but that no representative from the Marina is in attendance to speak.

Duncan thanked Doug and Marg for their ongoing support and for the use of the Marina property for the events such as the Regatta and Fireworks. The new arrangement for the Regatta did seem to be better for the regatta committee, the marina and attendees; and the regatta committee will continue to work with the marina to ensure that next years' is also a success.

13. Elections (11:05 a.m.)

Mr. McCallum explained that all board and executive positions are up for re-election, and again asked for volunteers for the positions of President and Lake Steward. Mr. Steve Ashfield, past President, gave an impassioned plea for Association members to step forward and assume an active role in the governing body to maintain a flow of new ideas and help keep the Association vibrant.

Mr. McCallum explained that, since the Association is still operating under the old By-Laws as opposed to the new Constitution, only the Executive Committee slate is to be voted on at today's meeting. Under the new Constitution, in future the members will vote for a Board of Directors, which will appoint members to the Executive Committee.

Mr. McCallum explained that any position in the proposed slate can be contested by nominating another member to run. No position on the proposed slate was contested.

Motion: that the following proposed slate of members for the Executive Committee be elected to serve in the positions indicated until their successors are appointed or until the next Annual General Meeting:

Duncan McCallum	President
Steve Ashfield	Past President
May Cunerty	Secretary
Tony Lepine	Treasurer
Jason Wigmore	Vice-President
John Cunerty	Vice-President
Bill Wiggins	Vice-President

Proposed: Bill Wiggins

Seconded: Gary Benson

Carried: Unanimous

14. New Business (11:12 a.m.)

A member asked whether there are any environmentally friendly cleaning products on the market. This question was referred to Peter Schleifenbaum and Rob Davis.

A member reported that there is a good article on appealing property tax assessments in this fall's issue of Cottage Life.

A member said that he and his family have been extremely annoyed by the noise and excessive speed of what appears to be a proliferating number of speed boats on Little Kennisis, and asked whether recourse can be taken if illegal modifications have been made to these boats or if they violate noise by-laws. A number of other cottagers agreed that this continues to be a serious issue. Mr. Prince suggested that the best way to deal with this issue is to form a committee to examine it and report back at the 2009 Spring Meeting. All members who have an interest in joining this committee or contributing information were asked to contact John Cunerty at j.cunerty@smpmetal.com.

Mr. McCallum advised everyone that the Spring Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17th.

Mc. McCallum thanked everyone for attending, and wished them a safe and fun winter.

Adjournment (11:30 a.m.)

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.