



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA)  
held at the Seminar Room of the Haliburton Forest in the Haliburton Highlands  
on Saturday September 3, 2005 at 9:30am**

**1. President's Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am and Duncan McCallum, President, thanked all the members for attending. Mr. McCallum noted that there is a full agenda and said that he would endeavour to stay on course with the agenda.

**2. Confirmation of Quorum**

Marie Bordeleau, Secretary, reported that there are 42 members in good standing present and noted that as per our Constitution, a quorum consists of 30 members. A quorum of members being present, the meeting proceeded.

Mr. McCallum noted that the dump has been a huge issue all summer and indicated that one reason gate dumping is occurring may be that renters who must leave on Fridays have no access to the dump on that day because it is closed. Mr. McCallum asked all cottagers who rent their property to advise their renters about dump hours, rules and regulations. Bob Kruger noted that boats and building materials are being allowed at the dump now, which will fill up our dump and get it closed much sooner.

Motion: THAT our Association's Executive address this issue with the Municipal Council on the basis that cottagers have doubled in number on the Lake and that we pay increased taxes to the municipality without receiving any additional services, THAT equipment and resources be provided to assist Dwayne in the management of the dump, and THAT the dump be opened every day.

Proposed: Linda Sparling

Seconded: Chris Riddle

Carried: Unanimous

Motion: THAT we demand that the municipality cease and desist from accepting building materials at what ought to be a household garbage dump only.

Proposed: Linda Sparling

Seconded: Steve Ashfield

Carried: Unanimous

Chris Riddle noted that the Lake Plan Committee is addressing this issue and indicated that they want to strike a committee to work on behalf of cottagers to deal with this problem.

Mr. McCallum reported that while the levels of water have dropped significantly this summer due to the heat and lack of rain, we are only slightly lower than usual averages and said that Cameron Douglas will address this issue later in the meeting.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Mr. McCallum noted that the minutes of the members' meeting held on Saturday May 21, 2005 have been posted on the KLCOA website since early June, as well as being posted around the room this morning.

Motion: THAT the minutes be approved as presented.

Proposed: Lois Smith

Seconded: Chris Riddle

Carried: Unanimous



#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Tony Lepine noted that we currently have a total of \$14,879.90 in the bank; however some of that is budgeted for upcoming expenses for the Lake Plan and KLCOA Lands committees, as well as a Fall 2005 newsletter. There should be \$1800 - \$1900 left at the end of the fiscal year when all expenses have been paid out. Mr Lepine noted that 86% of our revenues are membership-based, with another 13% coming from swimming lessons. The costliest expenses this year have been connected to the Lake Plan, fireworks and swimming.

Motion: THAT the financial report be approved as presented.  
Proposed: John Bowes  
Seconded: Jeff Gardner  
Carried: Unanimous

#### 5. Membership Report

Membership Director Marie Bordeleau reported that we now have 564 paid members, an increase of 22 members over 2004, and asked all members to invite new neighbours to join the association; the membership application is available on the website, or Ms. Bordeleau can mail the application to anyone interested. Ms. Bordeleau also noted that local real estate agents are supplied with membership applications and samples of the latest newsletter to entice new cottage owners to join the association.

#### 6. Committee Briefs

Mr. McCallum recognized the Committee Chairs and their members for all their hard work, and asked each Chair to make their report to the membership.

Fireworks: Steve Ashfield reported that the Canada Day fireworks went off really well again this year and everyone enjoyed them. Mr. Ashfield's license has now expired and he needs to get re-certified. The KLCOA approved the certification for a second fireworks expert at a previous members' meeting and Mr. Ashfield noted that he would like this second person to take the course with him in Spring 2006.

Sailing: No sailing regatta was held this year, but if someone is interested in spearheading the regatta, please contact Mr. Ashfield.

Regatta: Cyndi Burley reported that this was the 48<sup>th</sup> annual regatta, not the 47<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised and noted that we had a great turnout this year with lots of young children. In 2007 we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Regatta and Ms. Burley requested that all members who have history on the lake share it with the Committee so that we can document the history of the event celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in two years. The committee would like to have memorabilia of all types on loan from cottagers who have any.

Rock Bass Derby: Fred Musinka reported on behalf of Keith Rodd that there were approximately 20 teams in the tournament, for a total of 128 lbs of rock bass.

Roads: Mr. Musinka reported on behalf of Gary Benson that the two of them and Murray Whittaker reviewed all the roads around the lake; a handful of the issues they listed for the municipality have been addressed by the municipality but many remain outstanding. It is hoped that the West Shore Drive will soon be paved to Little Kennis and the Committee is planning to meet with Leon Jones to have the outstanding issues addressed in 2006.

It was noted that the performers of the theatre in the Forest block driveways and park on both sides of the road; Mr. Musinka will address this with Peter Schleifenbaum.

Swimming: Ms. Burley reported on behalf of Lisa Howard that swimming was very successful this year and that the lifeguards may be interested in taking on the project themselves next year; Mr. Lepine noted that there was an approximate profit of \$400 from swimming.



Motion            THAT whatever revenue is earned from swimming be split and given to the lifeguards as a bonus.  
Proposed:        Cyndi Burley  
Seconded:       Cameron Douglas  
Carried:          Unanimous

Community Policing: Bob Kruger reported that the OPP have been on the lake this summer but that during one of their visits, they were called away due to a drowning on another lake. There have been two instances of suspicious vehicles around the lake. Mr. Kruger noted that there will be two more committee meetings this month and requested that volunteers come forward to assist in the policing of the lake. Statistics will be provided to Ms. Bordeleau for inclusion in the next newsletter. It was requested that Mr. Kruger ask the OPP to wash their boats before they launch them in our lake to prevent invasive species from being brought to our waters.

FOCA: Jason Wigmore reported that the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations has set up a service called "Cottagers' Choice" on their website ([www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)) to assist cottagers with any services they may require. This is currently based mostly in Muskoka but it is expanding and will soon offer services across the province. FOCA and WRAFT are working together and updates will be inserted in the next newsletter.

Island Clean-up: Jeff Pinkney reported that the islands are in better condition than they used to be, but broken glass is still a problem on the Big Island (Joe's Island), where nighttime partying seems to be ongoing. Mr. Pinkney reported that Karen Morrison-Fiorini and her family will take the island clean-up project over from now on.

Lake Steward's Report: Cameron Douglas thanked Tim Tibbs for taking over the issues of spindly fleas in our lake. Mr. Douglas noted that based on the records available at Parks Canada, we are only slightly below average for this time of year, but for navigational safety and fisheries' protection, there is a maximum amount of water that can be taken out from our lake to supply the Trent-Severn waterway. Currently, the same percentage of water has been taken from all lakes connected to the waterway. The Lake Planning Committee will attempt to address this with the Federal government.

In mid-August there was a public forum to review the draft by-law changes at the municipality. There is a move toward implementing 100' setbacks on new lots, and new buildings replacing old cottages will have to be moved back to respect this new rule. Sheds are not allowed on the shoreline, and docks must be set back 25' from side lot lines. Mr. Douglas indicated that he will stay in the Seminar Room after the meeting if cottagers have questions about this issue. Mr. Douglas reported that some cottagers have been removing stumps and flora from their beach area and noted that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be in contact with these cottagers directly on that issue.

KLCOA Lands: Jeff Pinkney reported that his committee has worked very hard in conjunction with the Lake Plan Committee on the nine tasks he had outlined at the May meeting.

1. Land Titles for Blueberry Islands (East and West) have been requested from the municipality. A delegation met with the municipality on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to address a complaint made by a cottager. The municipality asked the Committee to report on some questions and we are now waiting for their response on the answers that were provided.
2. Land Policy: the wording for the signage has been changed pursuant to the municipality's request. A flyer is being distributed to outline the policy to all users.
3. Lake Plan: The Committee has been in discussion with Transport Canada with regard to the buoys on the lake; because other areas on the lake may need boating restrictions, the Lands Committee will coordinate with the Lake Plan Committee to make a single application on behalf of KLCOA. The buoy that was deployed earlier this summer was stolen within 24 hours of launching. The OPP has been notified, and Mr. Pinkney noted that the buoy was deployed legally as per Transport Canada's rules.
4. Signage: colour, size and style has been selected, but the signs have not been ordered, pending the municipality's approval with regard to wording.
5. Amenities: It was agreed that outhouses, garbage pails, etc. will not be provided on the islands.
6. Committee members: Mr. Pinkney noted that volunteers from all areas of the Lake and with a variety of points of view make up the Committee.
7. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual island clean-up will be scheduled for August 2006.



8. A flyer is being circulated to educate and inform cottagers on KLCOA Lands issues.
9. The Lands Committee also works in conjunction with the Community Policing Committee.

Mr. Pinkney reported that the lake is being cared for more carefully and respectfully than in past years, and invited all cottagers to bring their concerns to his Committee.

Lake Planning: Jim Prince reported on behalf of Ron Butcher that the Committee has worked diligently on the agenda approved by the membership last Fall. Mr. Prince asked for volunteers to join the committee in order to address the various issues that have come up in the process. A first draft of a watershed map has been produced and is posted at the back of the room. The Committee represented KLCOA at a number of municipal meetings. Both the residential and the commercial surveys were well received; of the 700 residential surveys mailed, 365 were sent back to the Committee, and results are being tabulated at this time. Initial feedback shows that people's interests lie primarily in (but are not limited to) the following main topics:

- Quality of Life
  - light pollution
  - loss of bays and tranquil areas
  - respect for neighbours
- Municipal Issues
  - the dump
  - lakeshore development
  - back lot development
  - the value of tax dollars
- Environmental Stewardship
  - septic systems
  - shoreline erosion
  - water levels and quality
  - boating issues
- Need for Education
  - training the next generation of cottagers as well as renters.

Mr. Prince noted that the vast majority of surveyed cottagers wanted 90% education versus 10% enforcement. Mr. Prince said that members of the Committee will be available for discussion after the meeting. Jeff Gardner noted that many good ideas were brought up with regard to the dump, and a number of people asked to have the dump converted into a transfer station, so the Committee will be discussing that with the municipality.

Mr. Prince said that teams will be assigned to work on each of the four main topics and bring a report back to the membership at the May 2006 meeting. Mr. Prince introduced the members of the committee and asked again for volunteers to come forward and work on these issues. Mr. McCallum thanked all the Committee Chairs and volunteers for their hard work

Motion: THAT the membership approve the actions of the KLCOA Executive and its Committees, and THAT all the reports made today be accepted as presented.  
Proposed: Bob Wigmore  
Seconded: Barry Wilhelm  
Carried: Unanimous

Mr. McCallum reported that the Halcom tower will be extended to its full 350' as Rogers and Bell are both in negotiations with Halcom to use it. Mr. McCallum advised the membership that the Executive has voted to remain neutral on this issue. It was noted that Candlelight is offering a good deal to provide high-speed access, because they need a minimum of 100 subscribers in order for them to invest in creating the system.

Motion: THAT the Executive contact Candlelight to ask them to advertise more widely to the membership.  
Proposed: Gord Burley



Seconded: Lois Smith  
Carried with 40 members in favour and 2 against.

Mr. McCallum noted that WRAFT is making representations to the government with regard to the high taxation of waterfront residents in comparison to other taxpayers.

Motion: THAT the Executive contact WRAFT on behalf of Lake Kennisis cottagers  
Proposed: Ann Vanstone  
Seconded: Tim Tibbs  
Carried: Unanimous

Mr. McCallum thanked Peter Schleifenbaum for the continued use of the Seminar Room twice a year and his support of KLCOA, as well as for his stewardship of the forest, which makes our cottage experience what it is. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that he respects the cottagers on Lake Kennisis and that as a good neighbour he wants to address the concerns that cottagers have brought up to him. Mr. Schleifenbaum said that Murray Schaeffer is a well-respected composer and said that his Enchanted Forest musical is now being produced here at the Forest. There is an arrangement with Mr. Schaeffer for the next five years; 200 participants for 8 performances were planned for, but the show has been sold out every time so the infrastructure was not in place to deal with the 115 performers' cars. Mr. Schleifenbaum apologized and indicated that this will be addressed for next year's performances.

## 7. Constitution

Ms. Bordeleau advised the membership that our latest by-laws were updated in 1983 and said that she will review them closely over the winter. New by-laws will be proposed for approval to the membership at the May 2006 meeting.

Motion: THAT the members of KLCOA thank the Executive, the Committee Chairs and all KLCOA volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the lake's welfare.  
Proposed: Lynda Sparling  
Seconded: Bob Wigmore  
Carried: Unanimous

## 8. Election of the 2005-2006 Executive & Steering Committee

Mr. Ashfield outlined the slate of candidates for the 2005-2006 KLCOA Executive Committee:

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| ➤ Steve Ashfield  | Immediate Past President      |
| ➤ Duncan McCallum | President                     |
| ➤ Tony Lepine     | Treasurer                     |
| ➤ Marie Bordeleau | Secretary & Newsletter Editor |
| ➤ Shirlee Weeks   | Vice-President                |
| ➤ TBA             | Vice-President                |

The slate of appointed members for the 2005-2006 KLCOA Steering Committee was presented as follows:

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| ➤ Steve Ashfield/Cindy Burley | Co-chairs, Regatta        |
| ➤ Steve Ashfield              | Chair, Fireworks          |
| ➤ Cathie Heppell              | Chair, Membership         |
| ➤ Cameron Douglas             | Lake Steward              |
| ➤ Jeff Pinkney                | Chair, KLCOA Lands        |
| ➤ Gary Benson/Fred Musinka    | Co-chairs, Roads          |
| ➤ Lisa Howard                 | Chair, Swimming           |
| ➤ Bob Kruger                  | Chair, Community Policing |
| ➤ Lawrence Petrow             | Webmaster                 |
| ➤ Karen Morrison-Fiorini      | KLCOA Cleanup             |

