



Draft Minutes – 2019 Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, August 31, 2019, 9: 00 am  
Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

*(The Minutes were endorsed by the KLCOA Board of Directors via e-mail by October 1, 2019. They are to be approved by the Membership at the Members' Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2020.)*

1. **Call to Order** – Deb Wratschko  
KLCOA's By-laws set quorum for the Annual General Meeting as a minimum of 25 members present and entitled to vote. Ninety members were present. As well, Board Members in attendance were: Deb Wratschko, Jim Prince, Janis Parker, Grant DeMarsh, Sheelagh Lawrance Gino Ariano, Arlene Burch, Scott Durie, Brian Evans, Tina Fagg, Joan Middleton, John Middleton, Terry O'Connor, and John Smith.
  
2. **Motion to Approve Agenda for the Meeting**  
**M:** Scott Durie  
**S:** Terry O'Connor  
**All in Favour**
  
3. **Motion to Approve Minutes of 2019 Spring Meeting**, May 18, 2019, as posted on the website.  
**M:** Heather McCann  
**S:** Terry O'Connor  
**All in Favour**

President Wratschko introduced the Board of Directors

4. **President's Remarks: Review of Key Activities for the Year & Planned Initiatives for the upcoming year**  
*See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records –2019 Fall AGM Presentations Deck) Charts)*

President Wratschko provided an extensive overview of KLCOA's numerous projects, programs and activities. She thanked Malcolm Cockwell, Haliburton Forest's Managing Director for his support and the use of the Logging Museum and for KLCOA's meetings and seminars. In addition, she thanked Doug Mahood, and Chad Burden of the Marina for the use of their facilities for KLCOA's many activities including swimming lessons, fireworks and the Regatta.

Prior to reviewing the initiatives, President Wratschko prefaced her remarks by describing the process whereby the KLCOA board works from a living document, which is updated at the beginning of each Board term. The initiatives are looked at in respect to how they fit with the KLCOA purpose and the Lake Plan. A number of new initiatives were brought to the forefront over the last couple of years and the board has been working hard to investigate, educate and in some cases advocate. Each initiative comes down to two principles – protect our water quality and the lake environment.



In concluding her presentation, President Wratschko thanked the many volunteers who play an integral role in the success of KLCOA's programs.

5. **Election of Board of Directors.**

Directors retiring from the Board were recognized for their contributions: Graham Beach, Duncan Kent and John Smith.

Deb Wratschko read out the names of the following directors who wished to stand for re-election: Gino Ariano, Arlene Burch, Grant DeMarsh, Scott Durie, Brian Evans, Tina Fagg, Sheelagh Lawrance, Joan Middleton, John Middleton, Terry O'Connor, Janis Parker, and Jim Prince. In addition, the following have indicated their willingness to stand for election: Frances Duiker, Jaquie Geall, and Natalie Wood.

**Motion: That the following individuals be nominated to the KLCOA Board of Directors.**

**M:** Deb Wratschko

**S:** Linda Sparling

**All in favour.**

**Motion: In addition, Deb Wratschko be nominated to the KLCOA Board of Directors.**

**M:** Sheelagh Lawrance

**S:** Terry O'Connor

**All in favour.**

Next, Ms. Wratschko asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor came forward. As a result, the 16 nominees were acclaimed as the 2019-21 KLCOA Board of Directors.

6. **Update on Key Initiatives**

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- **Traditional Rights of Ways – Gino Ariano**

Mr. Ariano gave an update on the traditional rights of way study, and next steps. In response to a question regarding the perspective of private landowners whose properties are either adjacent to or have a right-of-way on the property, Mr. Ariano indicated that some are very supportive of the initiative. Those that are not as supportive will be contacted directly and KLCOA will work with them to resolve issues. Another member suggested that the proposed signage, as indicated in the slide presentation include a notation about garbage – pack it in and pack it out. Mr. Ariano agreed that this was a good idea.



- **Stewardship Initiatives**

- **Water Quality & Shoreline Restoration – Jim Prince**

Jim reviewed the three pillars of the stewardship initiatives. He discussed the results of the water quality testing, which is lead by Sarah Ariano. He next discussed the shoreline restoration workshops that were held. Finally, in response to some concerns about phragmites, brought a sample of a native phragmite, and described the difference between the native and non-native invasive species. He encouraged members to go to the invasive species website for further information.

- **Septic Reinspection Program – John Smith**

John Smith reported that over 90% of property owners have done their inspections however many of the owners have not submitted their reports. In response to a question he indicated that if your septic was installed 5 years prior to when the by-law went into effect, an inspection is not necessary. He advised that FOCA has recently completed a study on septic re inspections and the summary is on their website. It said that volunteer programs don't work but there is no perfect program. Education is a key component. Overuse is key failure issue as is the use of water softeners.

8. **Members' Q & A**

**Q:** The member thanked KLCOA, Dysart and Councillor Smith for the work on the septic re-inspection program. She has significant concerns about the speaker at the Spring Members' meeting who spoke about permethrin. She indicated that some of the information was either misleading or incorrect. She then summarized Health Canada's role in regulating thousands of substances, using evidence-based science and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's role in the application of application of pesticides. With respect to KLCOA's recent request to Dysart to ban all pesticides, she opined that Dysart does not have the resources to do a proper evaluation. The member summarized her discussion by indicating that some KLCOA members do not believe that a full ban on pesticides is necessary.

**A:** We have a number of conflicting views on this issue. Dysart's recent decision to ban Hydro One's use of Garlon, also included a request that its Environment and Climate Change Committee look at the use of pesticides in the Municipality. Public consultation will be a part of that process so it will give us more time and space to consider the issues at hand.

**Q:** Is there something that can be done about the short stretch of road leading to the dump?

**A:** John Middleton will pass along the comments to Dysart.

**Q:** What is KLCOA doing about Hydro rates?



**A:** As this is a provincial issue, we rely on the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) to look at this issue. You can go to their website for more information and sign up for their Eblasts.

**Q:** What are we doing about Noise control?

**A:** There is a by-law for noise control. You can check the Dysart website for further information. Councillor Smith is here today and you can speak with him at the end of the meeting. KLCOA will be looking into the issue as part of the discussion on short-term rentals over the winter.

**Q:** A member noted that the July Fireworks attracts the biggest attendance of all of the KLCOA events. With Dysart's new bylaw almost resulting in the cancellation of the event this year, can the new KLCOA Board of Directors assure the members that they will be advised of the status of the 2020 fireworks prior to the membership renewal deadline?

**A:** This will be tabled at the Board's first meeting. It is a complicated issue with insurance issues, increased cost of fireworks and the need for adequately trained volunteers. We do indeed plan to have a resolution in the fall.

**Q:** A member asked if the website could be re-vamped to make some information more accessible. In addition, is there a way to poll members to determine what their priorities are in terms of issues that KLCOA is currently working on.

**A:** We are aware of the need to reorganize the KLCOA website and are working on it. In regard to polling members, we will indeed discuss this at an up-coming meeting .

**Q:** A member noted that recently Dysart's property taxes was increased to pay for OPP services; have members noticed an increase in the OPP presence on the Lake?

**A:** John Middleton will pass along the comment to the OPP.

**Q:** A member commented about people using soap and shampoo for bathing in the lake.

**A:** A recent e-blast covered this issue. We need to continue to educate our members about protecting our water quality.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

**M:** Scott Durie

**S:** Dave Lawrance

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Signed by: Sheelagh Lawrance, Secretary, KLCOA Board of Directors

