

Lake Kashagawigamog Annual General Meeting
June 22, 2013
Haliburton Curling Club
730 Mountain Street
Haliburton, Ontario

1. **Call to order**
Gary Wiles, President called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He welcomed members to the meeting and introduced special guests, Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al, Barb Reid, Reeve of Minden Hills, Councilors Andrea Roberts and Dennis Casey, and Rob Davis of Eco-Ethic and Dale Walker of HHHS.
2. **Introduction of Directors and Past President**
Gary Wiles introduced the Directors and Past President
Len Logozar, Past President
Jim Bertram, Vice President (not present)
Stephanie Wade, Secretary
William Switzer, Treasurer
Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward
Caryl Marcellus, Municipal Development / Regatta Committee,
Wendy Yeates, Membership
3. **Review and approval of the Agenda.**
Moved by David Yeates and seconded by Ken Wade that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the AGM held Saturday June 23, 2012**
Moved by Caryl Marcellus and seconded by Ken Wade that the minutes of the AGM held Saturday June 23, 2012 be approved. Motion carried.
5. **Business arising from the minutes**
There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. **Treasurer's report**

2012 statement of Financial Highlights

William Switzer presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that in 2012 we had a shortfall of \$4,953.83 on account of fewer memberships and expenses related to the Lake Plan.

Donation from Elizabeth - Bill explained the donation made by Elizabeth Stanton, age 13, who has raised money selling baked goods from a boat for the past 3 years. In 2011 she donated \$570.88 and in 2012 around \$800.00. The money she donates goes to environmental purposes. Several members suggested ways of supporting Elizabeth's bake sale. Bill will pass suggestions on to Elizabeth's family and the Board will discuss future aid to Elizabeth's cause.

Lake testing - There were questions about lake testing – costs, places of testing etc. The Board was asked to consider including testing on Head Lake and to solicit membership from cottagers on Head Lake. The Board was also asked to include test results at the 2014 AGM. Graham Parkinson reported that test results are published on the website.

Moved by Caryl Marcellus, seconded by Wendy Yeates that the 2012 statement of Financial Highlights be approved. Motion carried.

Proposed budget for 2013

William Switzer presented the proposed budget for 2013. The budget proposed a revenue of \$12,615.00 and a net balance of \$574.00.

Donations include the following.

Minden Relief Fund, \$500.00 with the possibility of another \$500.00 later
Haliburton Highlands Health Services, \$500,
Haliburton Outdoor Association, \$400,
Haliburton 4 C's and Minden Food Bank,
\$300 each for a total of \$1500.00.

Discussion and questions

There was a discussion on raising fees. Len reported that the Board was given permission by the membership to raise fees this year but decided not to and will consider doing so next year. The suggestion was made to raise fees for new members as they are recruited this year.

Moved by Jim Joseph, seconded by John Carter that the proposed budget for 2013 be approved. Motion Carried.

Appointment of reviewer for 2013

Bill explained that Al Oakley will go over the 2012 budget and will post results on the website and asked that he be appointed as the financial reviewer for 2013.

Moved by Dale Walker and seconded by John Carter that Al Oakley be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for the year 2013. Motion Carried

7. Regatta Report – Caryl Marcellus

Caryl Marcellus reported that the Regatta will be held July 13 at Halimar with a 12:30 registration. Games will begin at 1:00 pm and a BBQ will follow at 3:30. Volunteers (team leaders etc.) are needed for the day of the event. Caryl directed members to the contact sheets on the table for sign-up duties.

8. Membership Report

Wendy Yeates reported that an initial mailing of 564 was sent out in February. As of June 22, we have received 210 memberships paid. The target for this year is 250 members. She pointed out that the membership list is now on the website (some members may have elected not to be listed) and suggested that members check the list and solicit memberships from neighbours who are not on the list.

A door-to-door membership drive will take place in August and members were asked to email Wendy at the address listed on the website if they wished to volunteer to canvass their road or part of their road.

9. Election of Directors - Len Logozar

Past Chair, Len Logozar conducted the election of Directors. He thanked Gary Wiles for taking over the role of President and for the hours of work he has put into the job. Such things as seeking advertisers for the newsletter take a great deal of time.

Graham Parkinson was also thanked for his persistence and for continuing in his role as webmaster.

After stating the need for more directors, Len announced that the following Board members have one more year in their term.

Jim Bertram, Len Logozar, Bill Switzer, Wendy Yeates, Stephanie Wade.

He also announced that Glenda Bryson was elected for a two year term.

The following candidates were presented as Directors for a two-year term:

John Carter (from the floor), Caryl Marcellus, Gary Wiles.

Nominations were closed, *Moved by Stan Peck and seconded by Ken Wade that nominations cease. Motion carried.* Len declared the Director slate elected.

10. New Business:

Anoxic or Dead Zones

Gary Wiles reported there are 3 dead zones in Lake Kashagawigamog in the 3 deep basins of the lake where the lake trout live. A dead zone is an area depleted of oxygen. This is a natural process that occurs but is increased by the effects of development. The concern is that the depleted oxygen levels are showing up earlier in the year and higher up in the water column affecting the fish and indicating a decline in the health of the lake.

MNR records indicate that our lake was last tested in 2008 and is routinely tested every 5 years by MOE. Gary will contact the MOE to request that a test be done as soon as practical. As well the CHA is exploring the possibility of a partnership with an accredited testing institute so that dissolved oxygen testing can be done on a yearly basis.

Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Graham Parkinson, Past President and Webmaster and a driving force in the Lake Plan was introduced and commended for his dedication to LKO initiatives. Graham explained that he has set up Facebook and Twitter accounts so that members can have better communication. He explained that you can access both Facebook and Twitter through links on the LKO website and suggested bookmarking these pages for easy access.

11. Lake Plan Update

Gary Wiles explained the history of the Lake Plan.

2009 Lake Plan established for the purpose of answering four basic questions.

1. What is the state of the lake now?
2. What do we want Lake Kashagawigamog to look like in 10-20 years?
3. What do we value most about the lake, what do we feel is worth preserving?
4. How can we ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy what the lake has to offer today?

Lake Plan subcommittee established – Marg Cox, Cathy Lofgreen, Graham Parkinson

2010 Survey of property owners with 241 responding

2011 Lake Plan foundation document written

2012 Public consultations and action plan identifying 102 actions with 4 areas of concern.

- Water
- Shoreline
- Surrounding environment
- Membership

2013 Gary reported that a meeting has been convened for July 26, 2013 with the original Lake Plan committee to discuss future actions. He also reported that the following actions are taking place

- Membership drive with upcoming door-to-door canvass.
- Speed signs (example was shown) will be placed at either end of channel into Grass Lake and channel at Marcus Beach.
- Support for mandatory septic systems – 88% of our respondents in favour
- Enhanced water testing. We are now testing for phosphorus monthly and will be working with CHA in their quest to provide timelier Dissolved Oxygen testing.

Gary concluded by asking that members wishing to volunteer should contact him after the meeting or by email.

12. Video. It's All About The Water – Rob Davis

Rob showed his popular video, It's All About The Water, which members can obtain from CHA or download from the web.

Recent information shows a connection between climate change and lake deterioration. (A 1.3 degree change in temperature results in a 50% change in trout population and a 1.7 degree change results in a 70% change.)

Rob recommended Eco-Ethic products. They are available at Northern Expressions in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden and Sheppard Environmental in Coboconk.

He suggested that composting toilets and dual flush toilets are good options and so is a simple sign over the toilet suggesting limited flushing.

He also said that gray water pits while lower in nutrients still present a problem and that regulations for gray water pits are changing.

13. Remarks from Reeves Barb Reid and Murray Fearrey

Barb Reid, Reeve of Minden Hills

Barb thanked Rob for his presentation and the CHA for its fine work.

She reported that the official plan amendment, which has taken 18 months so far with extensive consultation, is nearing completion.

Minden Hills is taking a role in being a pilot for mandatory septic testing and is developing a protocol around testing. It is hoped to be ready to start by next summer.

A Shoreline Conservation By-law is in the works – There is a need to stop changing what nature created and a need to allow for restoration.

Barb reported that the tax increase this year was minimal, that there are 4 new stores in town and that plans for the annual Canada Day Celebrations are under way.

Flood Relief. Barb reported that much progress has been made with flood relief. More residents received insurance benefits than originally anticipated and estimated needs of 3.9 million may be on high side.

Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al

Murray reported that taxes are the lowest in the county.

Septic tanks - Murray emphasized Dysart's commitment to water quality and acknowledged the need to work with lawyers and real estate firms. For a start, Dysart et al is looking at having mandatory septic inspections when cottage properties change hands. He commended CHA for their work and indicated that the 4 Cottage Do and Don't sheets will be included in cottage kits. This past year there were 400 – 500 new septic systems. A large percentage were redo's

Discussion

There was a concern about whether anything was being done about septage dumping on fields, was anything being done about treatment plants, what happens to septic when a cottage is torn down, need for funds for treatment plants, policing of septic installations. There was recognition that these are serious concerns that need to be dealt with.

Len Logozar commended both reeves for their work in supporting the lakes and recognizing the importance of the water.

It was moved by Len Logozar and seconded by Ken Wade that the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization support the initiatives of Minden Hills and Dysart et al. towards septic tank inspections. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Wendy Yeates and seconded by Jo-Anne Beer that the meeting be adjourned.

A light lunch followed the AGM