

Lake Kashagawigamog Annual General Meeting
June 21, 2014
Fleming College Grand Hall
297 College Drive
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, Barb Reid, Reeve of Minden Hills, Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al., Councilors Andrea Roberts and Dennis Casey of Dysart et al, Rob Davis of Eco-Ethic, Dale Walker of HHHS and Paul MacInnes, President of the Coalition of Haliburton Cottage Owners.

2. **Remarks from Reeves Barb Reid and Murray Fearey**

Barb Reid Reeve of Minden Hills

Barb Reid reported that

1. Transfer of records from Health Department is proceeding well.
2. Mandatory Septic Inspection
 - Working to raise awareness in Minden Hills with fridge magnet etc.
 - Ministry of Environment may institute mandatory testing by 2016.
3. Tree Cutting Bylaw
 - Only about 20 reports of tree cutting, 3 stop work orders, 1 order to voluntarily restore.
 - Over 100 have contacted County to ask questions.
4. Paved shoulders for cyclists are being put in where it makes sense and where it is affordable. County can't afford to make bike paths 1.3 metres but is looking at 1 metre instead.
5. New Noise Bylaw in effect.
6. Fifth year that there has been no tax increase (2% matches rate of inflation).
7. County looking at alternative methods of voting - Internet voting.
8. Minden Hills now has a full medical clinic with Dr. Nell Thomas as full-time doctor.
9. Canadian Tire Store is doing well in its third year.

Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al.

Murray thanked Barb for taking a leading edge on Noise Bylaw and Internet voting. He also thanked the LKO for its support on OPP Billing Reform and especially thanked Paul MacInnes and CHA for their support when OPP Reform isn't really their mandate.

1. Septic Testing
 - Files are in process of being transferred from the Health Unit
 - Staff have been trained and plans are to start testing in the spring of 2015
 - Fridge magnets have been made to increase awareness
 - Focus on cottagers who have never had septic tested.
2. Tree Cutting Bylaw
 - Hundreds have come by office to ask questions

3. **Presentation by Paul MacInnes, President of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners**

Paul thanked Gary for his work on the OPP Billing Reform. He stated that the CHA has two areas of focus – Septic Health and Shoreline Health. Septics are the leading source of phosphorus and Shoreline Health controls the level of phosphorus.

Shoreline Restoration and Classification Program – Love Your Lake

Why

We felt safe but are safe no longer

1. Abnormal = The New Normal
2. Lake Warmer By 1.5 Degrees
3. Environment Canada (Nov 21st 2013) indicates that phosphorus levels no longer safe

Natural Shorelines

- Direct relationship to lake health
- 80-90% of all lake life
- Minimum = 75% lake back 30 metres
- Habitat
 - Benthics (bottom dwelling invertebrates that are a key indicator of lake health and important fish food respond quickly to changes in water quality)
 - Fish
 - Frogs, butterflies etc.
- Filtering pollutants

Goals of Project

- Determine where we stand on each lake
- More natural plants, less grass
 - Non-Native plants such as Spirea, Daylilies, Perennial Fountain Grass
 - Native plants such as Buffalo Grass, Prairie Dropseed, Black-eyed Susan, Common Ninebark

What

- Training & Hiring
- Resources
 - Equipment \$3,000.
 - Boats & drivers
 - Accommodation etc.
 - \$
 - Parcel Mapping Data
- Letter to each property owner
 - Info and opt out option
- From boat evaluation
- Privacy is paramount
 - No one gets individual info except the property owner
- Information not regulation

- End Result
 - Individual reports
 - Each property owner gets a unique code to access
 - Personalized Rating and Suggestions
 - Lake wide report to Assoc. and C.H.A.
- Resources
 - Video
 - Full set of info and tools on www.cohpoa.org
- Plans
 - 1 demo site per municipality
- In the future – if \$
 - Help with plants
 - Private demo sites

Information from Redstone

- 4 out of 540 chose to opt out
- Students were on lake for 8 days
 - Taking pictures
 - With clip board and laptops
 - Talking to property owners
- Lots of questions to students
- Not a single negative reaction
- Folks making the connection re shorelines & water quality and lake health
- Benthic data hit me like a brick
- Very positive experience for lake association volunteers

Time to Act

1. The old rules no longer apply
2. Existing phosphorous levels may not be good enough
3. Act before problems appear
4. Septics & Shorelines

Actions

1. Buy Poop Talk or Ribbon of Life.
 - Show one friend
 - Get a group together
 - Place videos on your coffee table
2. Replace your toilet with a 3-litre toilet.
3. Have your septic tank inspected.
4. Use EcoEthic Septic Treatment regularly and recommend to a friend.
5. Start naturalizing your shoreline.
6. Talk to a neighbor.

4. Introduction of Directors and Past President

Gary Wiles introduced the Directors and Past President
Len Logozar, Past President
Jim Bertram, Vice President
Stephanie Wade, Secretary
Bill Switzer, Treasurer
Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward
Wendy Yeates, Membership
John Carter

5. Review and approval of the Agenda.

*Moved by Bob Carter and seconded by Bonnie Foster that the agenda be approved.
Motion carried.*

6. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held Saturday June 22, 2013

Amendments

- Add Glenda Bryson elected for a two-year term to section 9 - Election of Directors
- Change 2012 to 2013 in Treasurer's Report, proposed budget for 2013.

Moved by Ann Nixon and seconded by Dale Walker that the amended minutes of the AGM held Saturday June 22, 2013 be approved. Motion carried.

7. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Treasurer's report

Approval of 2013 Statement of Financial Highlights

William Switzer presented the Treasurer's Report.

He reported that in 2013 we had a net surplus of \$1305.10. He asked that the net closing investments for 2012 be changed to read \$18,418.72 instead of \$19,918.72.

Moved by Len Logozar and seconded by Heather Lindsay that the 2013 statement of Financial Highlights be approved. Motion carried.

Approval of proposed donations for 2014

Donations include the following.

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

*Moved by Klara Oyler, seconded by Nan Switzer that the proposed donations be approved.
Motion carried.*

Approval of Proposed budget for 2014

William Switzer presented the proposed budget for 2014. The budget proposed revenue of \$16,550.00 and a net balance of \$1,743.00.

*Moved by Jim Joseph, seconded by Jane Nugent that the proposed budgets be approved.
Motion carried.*

Appointment of reviewer for 2014

Bill proposed that Al Oakley be appointed for one more year as official reviewer of the budget. *Moved by Klara Oyler and seconded by Wendy Hampson that Al Oakley be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for one more year. Motion carried.*

Shoreline Inventories Project

Bill explained that there might be a need to use monies from our investments in order to pay the \$3,000 to fund the Shoreline Inventories Project.

Moved by Jim Cowan and seconded by Jim Joseph that the treasurer be allowed to use monies from investments to fund the Shoreline Inventories Project. Motion carried.

9. Regatta Report – Gary Wiles

Gary Wiles reported that the Regatta will be held July 12 at Halimar starting at 1:00 pm. All the usual competitions will be held including Volleyball, Canoe Races, Tug of War and more. This year it is a “bring your own everything” event that includes kids, lifejackets, paddles and new this year a picnic lunch if you want one. The LKO Executive will have some cold pop and water on hand for a nominal fee. There will not be any food service available on site. He instructed volunteers to see Wendy Yeates at the end of the meeting or go to the LKO website and click on the contact info for Kirsten Sixt. He thanked Kirsten and her committee for once again doing all the work required to hold this wonderful family event.

10. Membership Report

Stephanie Wade reported that an initial mailing of 564 was sent out in February. Membership for 2014 is 237 so far as of June 21, with 79 two-year memberships

A door-to-door membership drive took place last summer with Board members spending considerable time canvassing. Jim Bertram and his wife Bonnie Foster were commended for their excellent work. The Board canvassing resulted in a final membership for 2013 of 269. Final membership in 2012 was 210.

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. Volunteers were asked to see Stephanie at the end of the meeting to get lists and membership forms.

She praised the work of Hugh Switzer on the new web site, which has made recording membership and producing lists and mailing labels more efficient for the membership committee.

11. Website Report – Hugh Switzer, Web Master

Hugh reported that his mandate in taking over the website was three-fold.

Modernize - Hugh showed a slide that illustrated the modern look of the new website (lko.ca)

- website uses a platform called WORDPRESS which enables anybody to use the content management system.

- Streamline - Ease of operation for membership (no need for PayPal)
 - Ability to build newsletters and send out electronically
- Simplify - Membership renewal will be simple for members.
 - Number of pages has been reduced to 29 on order to keep the information fresh and up to date.
- Security - Hugh assured members that the web site uses the same security as banks and that once a charge is put through, we do not retain credit card information.

12. Election of Directors - Len Logozar

Past Chair, Len Logozar conducted the election of Directors.

He acknowledged the hard work Gary and the Board of Directors and thanked Fleming College for matching the \$100.00 fee we usually pay for the Curling Club.

Len announced that Gary Wiles will remain as President for one more year.

After stating the need for more directors, Len announced that

- o John Carter and Glenda Bryson have one more year in their term.
- o the following Board members have been appointed for another two-year term.
Jim Bertram, Len Logozar, Bill Switzer, Wendy Yeates, Stephanie Wade.
- o The following candidates were presented as Directors for a two-year term:
Bill Switzer nominated Jane Nugent.
Wendy Yeates nominated Klara Oyler.

Nominations were closed.

Moved by Stephanie Wade and seconded by Bill Switzer that nominations cease.

Motion carried.

Len declared the Director slate elected.

13. Lake Plan Update

Gary Wiles explained the history of the Lake Plan.

In 2009 The LKO embarked upon a Lake Planning Project for the purpose of answering 4 basic questions:

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

A Lake Plan subcommittee of the board was struck. The members were Graham Parkinson, Cathy Lofgreen and Marg Cox.

As a result of the lake planning process an action plan was conceived that identified 102 actions that fell within four areas of concern.

- Water
- Shoreline
- Surrounding Environment
- Membership

To implement these action items four working committees were struck and volunteers solicited to assist in the work.

With the exception of the Membership and Water Committees, the LKO still has not attracted enough volunteers to conduct the work necessary for the committees to make recommendations to the board.

The Board held a meeting in July 2013 with the original lake plan committee to map a way forward given the continuing human resources issues. After much discussion it was decided to keep the 4 committees with a board member as chair of each committee. It was decided that there was already a great body of work done on each of the areas identified and we would focus on adapting that information to our unique circumstances and to explore partnerships with other organizations that were also doing similar work.

To that end we were very excited when the CHA came forward with the Shoreline Classification and Restoration Project, as the results from this initiative will assist us in meeting many of our lake planning goals.

We have the speed signs up in two locations and initial feedback indicates that they have had a positive effect on speed in those areas. This year thanks to some help from Cathy Newman we were able to obtain LOON ALERT signs, which will be posted at both marinas and all the boat launch ramps on the lake. We are also participating in the Canadian Loon Survey.

Glenda Bryson our Lake Steward is also conducting water testing on Head Lake in addition to the sites on Kashagawigamog and all the results are posted on our website.

Gary Concluded by asking for members wishing to volunteer to be on a Lake Plan Committee to contact him after the meeting or by e-mail.

14. New Business

No new business

15. Adjournment 12:40