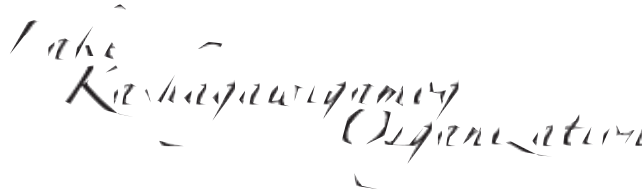


## MINUTES

Lake



Kashagawigamog Annual  
Saturday, June 24, 2017  
Chateau Woodland Club  
3437 Kashagawigamog Lake Road  
Haliburton, Ontario

General Meeting

1. **Call to order**

Gary Wiles, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. He welcomed members to the meeting and introduced special guests Dysart Reeve, Murray Fearrey; Minden Hills, Brent Devolin. He thanked Chateau Woodland Club for hosting the meeting and providing the refreshments.

2. **Introduction of Directors and Past President**

Gary Wiles introduced the Directors and Past President  
Gary Wiles, President  
Bob Carter, Vice President (Development)  
Jim Bertram, Treasurer  
Stephanie Wade, Newsletter Editor  
John Carter, Advertising  
Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward  
Wendy Yeates, Membership  
Kirsten Sixt, Social  
Jan Gerrow, Secretary

3. **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

*Moved by David Yeates, seconded by Lynn Childs, to approve the AGM agenda.  
Motion carried.*

4. **Remarks from Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey**

Murray Fearrey reported that Hazardous Waste Day is July 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 3. He explained the municipality is working hard and is supportive of Septic Inspection and Shoreline restoration, as supported by CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations). Prevention of blue green algae blooms is important to the economics of the municipality. Greatest source of phosphates is from humans - malfunctioning septics, loss of vegetative buffers and climate change. They would like to institute a full septic inspection program with qualified inspectors

and licensed pumpers. The process would inspect full septic tanks, pump the effluent and inspect the empty tank following. They will start with septic systems with steel tanks and holding tanks and eventually do all properties. There will be no inspection of septic fields. The proposed cost to property owners is estimated to be \$450.00, and would be done every 5 years. They are waiting for Ministry of the Environment (MOE) approval for disposal sites. Hopefully will start this year. Questions about future landfill locations .... The municipality owns properties identified for future landfills, however, these properties are not acceptable to MOE. Likely the Dysart location will become a transfer station to landfill located outside of the county. Currently to some extent, that is presently occurring. Dennis Casey, Councillor was introduced. A History Haliburton CD is available for \$5.00 at several locations in Haliburton.

### **Remarks from Minden Hills Reeve, Brent Devolin**

Brent Devolin is Reeve, as well as County Warden. He reported that the Roads department has undergone re-structuring. There is a landfill plan for Minden Hills (MH) for the next 25 years. He indicated that there was an infrastructure deficit provincially with urban spending significantly greater than rural areas. They are working with all levels of government. Pre-submitted question regarding the difference in taxes/tax rates between MH and Dysart – he responded that it indicated the differences in the type and value of properties (Shoreline residential) in each municipality. Haliburton County has the lowest tax rates in the province but MH is the highest in Haliburton County. Water quality and tourism are the number one economic drivers and that water quality is very important to the county. Hopefully by the end of 2017, a septic inspection program plan will be ready. They are considering a tree cutting and vegetation cutting bylaw to support the water quality measures. The MH budget is available online at the MH website and residents are encouraged to examine the finances. MH is working with the Upper Lakes Trent Water Committee to address preventing future flooding.

### **5. Motion re: LKO support for Mandatory Septic Inspection Program - Gary Wiles**

#### **Background**

One of the most serious threats that our lake faces is that of blue green algal blooms. The Canadian Real Estate Association indicates that a bloom on any lake could reduce real estate values by 30%. That is in addition to us losing the use of our lake for the duration of the bloom and facing ongoing blooms in years to come.

Dr. Andrew Paterson of the MOECC (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change)

Dorset advises the number one factor causing these blooms is phosphorus.

The MOECC in its *Lakeshore Capacity Assessment Handbook* states that:

*“While shoreline clearing, fertilizer use, erosion and overland runoff can all contribute phosphorus to an inland lake, **the primary human sources of phosphorus are septic systems, from cottages, year- round residences, camps and other shoreline facilities**”.*

Many municipalities have adopted mandatory septic inspection programs which have found that at least 20% of systems are not functioning at peak performance and are therefore polluting our lakes more than necessary.

Motion

I move that given that the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization is working towards naturalized shorelines, we need our municipal partners to do their part and institute a mandatory septic system inspection program as soon as possible.

In addition we would hope that our 4 municipal councils in the county will work together to find a county wide solution to the lack of proper septage treatment facilities. We would expect all of our municipal councils and county council to fully participate in this program and we will be monitoring their progress accordingly.

*Moved by Jim Bertram, seconded by David Yeates*

*Discussion re second paragraph use of “would hope” was not strong enough. Amended motion proposed.*

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*Moved by Wendy Hampson, seconded by Joseph Sevesta. Motion carried. 1 opposed  
Gary Wiles will communicate the amended motion to CHA*

## 6. **Introduction and Remarks by Special Guests**

### **Debbie Balika, Biologist and Science Advisor, CHA**

#### **“Invasive Species and Dissolved Oxygen Testing”**

Debbie thanked Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward, for providing continuous, consistent data and being a very keen lake steward. She explained how dissolved Oxygen Testing was done (Taking readings every metre in the deepest hole in the lake for 30 m.). Our high reading of 8.6 is good for trout. She discussed the implications to our fish habitat and how it ties in with phosphorus. Citizen Science helps. She said that CHA has results from the most recent Inland Trout monitoring done by Kingston every 3 – 6 years.

She explained that Invasive Species are more than Zebra Mussels (None reported in Lake Kashagawigamog but are reported in Soyers Lake) and included insects & vegetation as well. Lake Kashagawigamog is at risk due to the connected lakes, & tourism. Invasive Species are easily transported on boats, lifejackets, fishing line, & clothing. The invasive species often mimics an existing species but out compete, or are not as desirable in the food chain. This was demonstrated by the Spiney Water Fleas, which mimic the local water flea, which is very important food source to lake trout. She had many suggestions for ways to educate residents on the impact of invasive species .... Ie. Signage at Boat ramps. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) have an Aquatic Species Awareness program and free signs. Ministry of Natural Resources, U-Links; Fleming College are always looking for participants in projects. Her powerpoint will be posted on the website.

Question re: phosphorus settles at the lake bottom and speeding boats in shallow water make it available for algae growth – confirmed. Suggestion for additional signage/education in

channels. Jellyfish are in the lake but they are not invasive. Spiney Water fleas survive winter temperatures.

**Tim Negus, Community Safety Officer, OPP**  
**“Cottage and Marine Safety and Security” – was not available**

7. **Approval of the minutes of the AGM held Saturday July 9, 2016**

*Moved by Ken Wade, seconded by Peter Oyler to approved the minutes of the 2016 AGM as circulated. Motion carried.*

8. **Business arising from the minutes - None**

9. **Treasurer’s report – Jim Bertram**

**Approval of 2016 Statement of Financial Report**

Jim Bertram presented the Financial Report of 2016. It was reviewed by Jim Hadcock, Revenue from 2016 was \$32,286 with a net surplus of \$4,071.00

Discussion: Disbursements to CHA, CEWF, FOCA membership fees  
Donations to HHHF, Outdoor Association, 4 C’s, Minden Food Bank,  
Term Deposits of \$25,000.

*Moved by Peter Oyler, and seconded by Jim Best, that the 2016 financial statement be approved. Motion carried.*

**Approval of proposed budget for 2017**

Jim Bertram presented the proposed 2017 budget showing revenues of \$16,845. and expenses of \$17,072 with a net loss of \$227.

Discussion: Increased office expenses due to website no longer provided by volunteer, now provided by Technicalities. Increased Social expenses due to Kash Bash which is hoped to increase membership basis. The environmental expense was a contingency item. Question re: what is insured? A. to insure LKO board members and events.

*Motion to approve the budget for 2017 moved by Graham Parkinson, and seconded by Scott Neilson. Motion carried.*

**Appointment of reviewer for 2017**

J. P. Hadcock to review our financial statement for 2017.

*Motion by Wendy Hampson, and seconded by Lynn Childs. Motion carried.*

10. **Election of Directors – Peter Oyler**

LKO Member, Peter Oyler, conducted the election of Directors. There were no resignations and Gary Wiles, Glenda Bryson and John Carter are at the end of their terms and have reoffered. He called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

*Moved by Lynn Childs, and seconded by Jim Best that nominations cease. Motion carried that Gary Wiles, Glenda Bryson and John Carter are elected.*

**11. Events Report – Kirsten Sixt**

Social Media – Please like our Facebook page and keep up to date with what is going on at LKO

Family Fun Day – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Re-named Regatta is being held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Haliburton Hockey Haven, formerly Halimar Lodge; registration at noon and games start at 1:00 pm. There is no cost, non-members are welcome. Looking for volunteers. Please come and participate and have fun

Kash Bash – August 26, 7 pm at Haliburton Hockey Haven, formerly Halimar Lodge, \$25.00 per person, tickets available online. The evening includes music – Gary Baumgartner and friends, food, and Haliburton Highlands beer tasting. Harpers Marine will provide water taxis – register online.

A Dock Drop is occurring next week. Look for LKO notices on your dock by the end of June.

**12. Membership Report - Wendy Yeates**

There are 207 members as of today out of a potential of 563. The more members that belong to LKO, the stronger our voice is with lake related issues. Please encourage your neighbours to become members.

**13. Development Report – Bob Carter**

Deer Point – 7 homes are approved.

Wallings Way – 21 condo's on Head Lake are approved.

Minden Hills – Zoning Bylaws are being updated. There will be an additional open house on July 8th, 1 - 3 pm at the Minden Community Centre. This zoning update includes housekeeping details and ensuring regulations are in conformation with other provincial regulations. Many items will affect cottagers within 15 m of high water mark and nonconforming buildings in the county. Visit [Mindhills.ca](http://Mindhills.ca) for further details.

**14. President's Rport – Gary Wiles**

The Lake Plan is reviewed at every meeting. We partner with CHA, CEWF (Coalition for Equitable Water Flow), and FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association). CHA is endorsing the Eco Ethic Septic Product which is available at Abby Gardens, Organic Times, Harpers Marine, Northern Expressions. Healthy Shorelines/Septic Contest is underway. There are prizes for participation to the various lake associations. Speed signs are being put up in the channels. Lake testing continues monthly. A big thank you to Hugh Switzer, a hardworking volunteer for many years, for setting up our website. It has now been taken over by Technicalities. Feedback on the revised website would be appreciated. Ribbon of Life bags were distributed - Natural Shoreline – Healthy Lake. Thanks to Board members for their work this past year.

**15. New Business - None**

**16. Adjournment**

Gary Wiles adjourned the meeting at 10:53

*Motion by Peter Oyler, seconded by Bob Carter. Motion Carried.*