

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG ORGANIZATION (LKO)

Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2019

1. Call to order

Bob Carter, President, called the meeting to order at 9.10am. He welcomed members to the meeting and introduced special guest, Mayor Andrea Roberts, Dysart et al. Councillor Jennifer Huey, Minden Hills was invited and was unable to attend. Larry Clark, Ward 2 Councillor attended.

2. Introduction of Directors

Bob Carter, introduced the Directors
Gary Wiles, Past President
Jan Gerrow, Secretary and Vice President - Absent
Jim Bertram, Treasurer - Absent in Uganda
Karen Nimigon, Newsletter Editor - retiring
John Carter, Advertising
Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward
Wendy Hampson, Membership
Kirsten Sixt, Social - Absent
Scott MacPhee, Website - Absent

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Moved by Ken Wade, seconded by Stu MacLeod to approve the AGM agenda. Motion carried.

4. Remarks by Bob Carter, Councillor, Minden Hills

Spoke in place of Councillor Jennifer Huey. Minden Hills are researching four different inspections programs and will make a decision very soon. They are learning from the other municipalities. Minden Hills will be choosing the inspectors, and they will contact you to arrange the inspection. You will then get a report with the recommendations as to whether your septic needs pumping or not, to carry out further investigation of the quality of your tank. They are trying to get all septics done in a four year cycle, starting this fall. Cottage rentals cause concern as it is unknown if the septics are up to standards. Minden Hills does have a Firework By-law, however due to staffing its very difficult to enforce. You have to rely on complaints from neighbours. The county is growing at a rate of 6%, the median age is 60. This is putting a demand on services, with growth comes challenges.

5. Remarks by Mayor Andrea Roberts, Dysart et al

Introduced Larry Clark, Ward 2 Councillor in attendance and stated appreciation of our Lake Stewardship. Dysart does have a by-law in place for septic inspections. Kennisis Lake is Zone 1 and inspections have started. Lake Kashagawigamog is Zone 4, which is expected to be completed between 2025-2027. You will be required to have a full pump out, and the inspection is good for five years. Short term rentals are of concern, due to excess noise and fireworks. How to deal with this issue is under discussion. Fireworks are not banned, but

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regulated, until a by-law can be passed. They are permitted on Victoria Day, Canada Day, the Civic Holiday and New Years Eve. Any establishment selling fireworks in Dysart et al, must post a copy of the regulations. Dysart is working on a revised shoreline by-law, to encompass natural vegetation as well as trees. You should check with the county before commencing any work on the shoreline. Andrea sits on the Library Board and the Health Unit board. Andrea is excited about the growth we are seeing on the main street, the new Home Hardware, Castle Antiques moving on to the main street. Lockside is moving to the vacant Irish restaurant on the main street.

6. Approval on the minutes of the 2018 AGM, held Saturday June 23, 2018

Moved by Robin Begin, seconded by Stephanie Wade to approve the minutes of the 2018 AGM as circulated. Motion carried.

7. Business arising from the minutes - None

8. Treasurers Report

Jim Bertram was absent, Bob Carter questioned the attendants as to whether or not there were any questions concerning the report. Money was spent on the No Wake Buoys, and additional funds will be spent on Caution buoys. These funds are allocated in the Special Lake Projects. Our Kash Bash has been successful. We have done more than just break even. We are working with U-Links. These are University Students working in the community. They are assisting us in monitoring invasive species. This is an ongoing project with funding. We are members of the CHA, which concerns the quality of our lake and the CEWF, which concerns the quantity of our lake. We also donate to both hospitals and the Food Bank.

Motion to approve the 2018 Financial Report, moved by John Carter, Seconded by Ray Isaac, motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2019/2020 Proposed Budget, moved by Ken Wade, seconded by Wendy Hampson, motion carried.

9. Election of Directors - Gary Wiles

Thanked the Directors, and introduced Rosemarie Jung running for election. All directors will continue their service. Karen Nimigon is outgoing. Glenda Bryson, Scott MacPhee, John Carter, and Wendy Hampson will maintain positions for 2 more years. Bob Carter, Jan Gerrow, Kirsten Sixt and Jim Bertram terms expire in 2020.

Motion to cease nominations, moved by Ken Wade seconded by Ray Isaac, motion carried.

10. Membership report - Wendy Hampson

As of June 22, 2019, time of report, we have 136 members, last year at this time, 223 members. It is believed part of the issue is the software problem. We are having issues with the distribution of the newsletter and the E-blasts. If you are not getting the Eblast, check your spam file. To increase membership, please talk it up with your neighbours. We have lots of handouts, perhaps that would help.

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11. Conservation Award - Wendy Hampson

Wendy's sister, Kathleen Conlan who has a cottage on the lake, suggested a conservation award, to engage members. The committee includes Wendy, Kathleen and John Sheard. A prize of \$100, a free LKO Membership and a decorative paddle painted with Lake Kashagawigamog and donated by Lori Da Rosa, will be awarded to the individual who has demonstrated a commitment to conservation. You can be self nominated and the timeline is December 31, 2019. An example would be a nesting project by residents of Chateau Woodland: Lucky Lefty's Luxurious Loon Lodge. Details are on the website.

12. Love Your Lake Information - Wendy Hampson

This is a half day seminar hosted by the LKO on July 20th, 2019, at 9.00am at the Minden Community Centre. The speakers are Rob Davis and Mike Rahme - Mysteries of your septic system. Julia Sutton - The Ribbon of Life, naturalized shorelines and the use of native plants. Alexandre Walsh - Recognition, prevention and control of invasive plants and animals. The seminar is free to all LKO members and includes lunch provided by Mckeck's. Non members will be charged \$15, or \$20 at the door. Please register so we have an idea of how many will be attending. This can be done online. We provide coffee, tea, and water - you provide your own drinking container. Posters have been placed in a number of establishments in the county.

13. Aquatic Invasive Species Report - Bob Carter for Jan Gerrow

U-links, which involved 2 Trent University students, developed a program to test for Invasive Species. Jan Gerrow took the 2 students out on our lake last November to check for them. Although timing was not the best, they determined that we have Rusty Crayfish, Spiny Water flea and Eurasian Water milfoil (which was found at Harper Marine and is not surprising as it is carried by boats). We do not have Zebra Mussels, or Round Goby fish. This summer minnow traps will be set up in two locations on the lake for further testing. If you have any questions contact Jan Gerrow or Scott MacPhee.

14. President's Report - Bob Carter

We would like to see our membership level at least at 50%. There are in excess of 500 cottages/ residences on this lake. Encourage your neighbours to join! We are members of CHA, FOCA and CEWF. Lake Associations have a strong voice with the municipalities. Protecting our lakes is critical.

15. Social - Gary Wiles spoke for Kirsten Sixt

We are excited about our third annual "Kash Bash", being held at the Haliburton Hockey Haven on August 24th. Gary and the Rough Ideas will be playing again. Our sponsors include ACM Designs, Harper Powersports, and Haliburton Hockey Haven. Thank you to the Pusiak family for permitting us parking during our events. Like us on Facebook! Scott MacPhee is doing a great job on our Website. We have water bottles for sale, \$ 10 each, which will also be available at the Love You Lake seminar in Minden.

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16. New Business - None

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10.30, motion by Ross Beer, seconded by Rosemarie Jung, motion carried.

Submitted by Glenda Bryson