

Draft LKO Annual General Meeting Minutes
(Approved by the Board of Directors but not the membership)

Saturday June 17, 2023

1. Call to Order

Jan Gerrow called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. It was attended by 61 persons. The members were welcomed. (Agenda, 2022 minutes, 2022 Financial Statement, 2023 Budget, and President's report were provided to all members and posted on the website, prior to the meeting)

2. Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement

Kirsten Sixt read the Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement

3. Introduction of Directors, Past President & Guests

Jan Gerrow introduced the members of the Board of Directors and the Guests, as per the agenda.

4. Review and Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda by Sue Craig and seconded by David Yeates was approved.

5. Social Events – Kirsten Sixt

Kirsten advised that events are posted on the Eblast:

- A “ Mind your Wake” pamphlet was done in conjunction with Harpers and RPM. They will be distributed by the marinas and LKO. They were also provided to all members that attended the AGM. Other lake associations are interested in our educational material.
- We are holding our 3rd Kash Art on Water – Aug 12 (Rain Date – Aug. 13). We have 18 artisans participating.
- We hold sailing regattas 2 times a year in the summer –dates to be determined and will be shared.

6. Remarks by Deputy Mayor, Walt McKechnie-Dysart et al

Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie provided the following update:

- Septic inspection program under way, Grass Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake – to be completed by year end. Catching alot of old systems. **Member Question:** What are the numbers on the septic problems and is there timelines for system to be corrected that do not pass? Depending on the issue identified, there will be specific timelines/fines to rectify the situation, which is being monitored. Walt will provide LKO with the numbers.
- Road – resurfacing this year – Kashagawigamog Lake Road; Restructuring of the Highway 118 north of Haliburton due to the shoreline erosion at Head Lake is complete .There will be paving in town towards Carnarvon.
- Short term rental policy being developed

- Site Alteration policy – draft by end of July;
- Wakeboarding – Problem on all lakes. Our lakes were never meant to have this large size of boats on them. He attended a meeting at Hockey Haven and spoke to Troy's son and reiterated that there needs to be respect for others and to operate in the middle of lake. He has left messages for Troy but has not yet heard from him. In addition to the other issues the large wakes are causing he is concerned about the shoreline erosion. **Member Question:** How can the community get involved in the Wake issue?– what are the license activities? Is there a minimum distance that a boat has to be from the shore? There was a suggestion that members watch the FOCA Love Your Lake series on wakes, review and educate boaters.
- Jan advised that there will be seven sensors installed for a wake study done being done this summer.
- Grass lake development is being appealed.
- Wigamog demolition – He attended a meeting that was held by Aurora group. There are concerns that there are oil tanks in the ground – Dysart has a formal monitor process and is monitoring the situation. Aurora group have been advised that if they do not meet the commitment on a timely basis, Dysart will take over. **Member question-** Any proposals? – Not yet. However when a proposal is done, it will have to address the water and municipal sewage treatment system as the current system will not handle the size of the potential development.
- There may be potential upgrades of the sewage treatment plant in Haliburton.
- **Member Question.** The Taxi company (corner of Kash. Lake Rd & County Rd 1) has a lot of old cars on the property. Is there a bylaw to prevent this? Walt will check bylaws.

7. Councillor Tammy McKelvey Minden Hills

Councillor Tammy McKelvey provided the following update:

- Tax rate – 4.79% increase, county education -3.34%
- New boardwalk around Minden.
- Fire department updating equipment.
- Scotch Line road will be improved.
- Asset management plan has bids out for tender for key budget decisions.
- Landfill site – 25 years of life remaining – installation of scales – within the next couple of years. Blue box recycling to be compatible with the rest of Ontario.
- OPP is planning to do more patrols on the lakes
- **Member Question:** Septic issue – different levels – Dysart level 4; Minden level 3. Level 4 more accurate level - why not the same? The decision was made as there were not enough pumper trucks, nor places to dump waste. WSP do the inspections, but Minden building department follows up for compliance. Jan asked Tammy to send out numbers. Some comments from the members: A lot of people in Dysart only received level 3. People can sign up to have level 4 done if they wish. Minden is having a missed opportunity to ensure that septic systems are working – Flush test – WSP not doing.
- **Member Question:** Short term rentals -why not taking a firmer stand on zoning? Some are owned by commercial operations but are being zoned residential and should be commercial. Tammy advised that the County is currently reviewing the bylaws and will hopefully have a recommendation by end of June at next meeting.

Tammy encouraged members to sign up for Minden Hills and County agendas to keep up to date on what is going on at the council meetings.

8. Presentation by Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation), Melanie Klodt Wong

- HHHS Foundation – support 4 areas – Equipment – (existing replacement and new such as CTscanners); Long Term care facilities; Community support services (meals on wheels, medical transportation) and Education
- Diagnostic imaging – need to be replaced. Helps keep healthcare in local area.
- How raised: – events/campaigns – golf tournament ; radioathon – Moose FM; Special Gifts program – stocks/shares, bequests; 50/50 lottery

She encouraged the members to please give whenever they can.

9. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Request for corrections/changes. None received.

A motion by Wendy Yeates, seconded by Jim Bertram to approve the minutes of the LKO Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2022 was approved.

10. President's Report – Jan Gerrow

The president's report was posted on the website.

- Jan highlighted the changes from the report that was sent out.
- Friends of Grass Lake have launched an appeal;
- Dysart Site Alteration Bylaw – answer to Shoreline Protection passed by Haliburton County - Draft 2 posted on website.
- Water Levels - She displayed a chart from Parks Canada that showed the water level (Canning Lake dam) as of June 15th which is slightly above normal. She advised that CEWF – have several videos that are very interesting regarding water level control and climate change.
- Fish - She received a concern from a member that indicated that the number of fish in the lake are reducing and why? LKO will approach Ulinks and Trent University to see if they could do a study.
- **Member discussion/questions:**
 - When is the wake monitoring system in place? Jan advised that the monitors are currently in place.
 - Should LKO donate more funds to environmental concerns? Should LKO focus more on development/water quality? Should LKO become more politically involved? We should get ahead of Wigamog development. A statement was made that in the Official County Plan - Any property along the sewer line is considered eligible for Multi unit density development. There is a concern regarding current town sewage capacity to handle such developments and run off. In order to understand how and why decisions are made, recommend that Municipalities archive meetings longer so that they are available to reference in the future.

A motion by Judy Collinson, seconded by Donn Lovett to empower a committee to look at community involvement in land use planning to protect water quality.

John Puffer, John Lovett and Rob Davis volunteered to be on this committee.

Membership – To enable a more powerful voice to the Municipalities, Wendy Hampson asked members to ask their neighbours to join the LKO to increase membership.

11. Treasurer’s Report – Marilyn Romano (Details at the end of this document)

2022 Financial report was posted on the website. No questions were received.

a.i) Approval of 2022 financial report

A motion by Bev Thomson, seconded by Sue Craig that the 2022 Financial report was approved.

a.ii) Approval of proposed budget for 2023

2023 Budget was posted on the website. No questions were received.

A motion by Jim Bertram, seconded by Debbie Fitzsimmons that the 2023 Budget report was approved.

a.iii) Motion to have a review of the financials versus an audit for 2023

In line with the new ONCA regulations, LKO requested a special resolution be passed to have the financials reviewed by either a Board member or a member in lieu of an audit.

A motion by Neil Cruickshank, seconded by Bill Kiel that a special resolution for the 2023 financials be reviewed by either a Board or a member in lieu of an audit was approved.

12. Lake Steward Report – Scott Sharman

We continued to conduct monthly water tests at 10 sites that span from the park in town on Head Lake to the bridge in Ingoldsby. Tests are conducted for total coliforms and EColi and are posted on our website. A test is also conducted at the control site near Puffers Island. Those water samples are sent through the Lake Partner Program of Ulinks for analysis. We are also in our second year of the County Wide Water Testing Pilot Project through ULinks. Tests are conducted at three sites on our lake once in the spring, once in the fall, and once in the winter. Nine other area lakes also participate in the pilot project which allows for comparison. The final report from last year’s testing can be viewed on our website. We also continue to liaise and work with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters through the Invasive Species Aquatic program Round Goby Fish monitoring, the Clean, Drain, and Dry Program and the Mystery Snail Removal program.

13. Election of Directors – Gary Wiles

Jan Gerrow and Kirsten Sixt are retiring. Two members indicated that they wished to stand for election to the Board of Directors. A brief summary was read of their background. Scott MacPhee, Wendy Hampson, Tanya Smith and Kathy Conlan will complete their 2 year term in 2023. Dayle Hawkins will complete her 1 year term. In order to keep a staggered balance of term length, prospective members stand for a 2 year term.

A motion by Wendy Yeates and seconded by Jim Bertram to close the nominations and to accept the slate of directors for 2023/2024 Board of Directors of Dayle Hawkins, Scott

Sharman, Marilyn Romano for 2 years; and Kathy Conlan, Scott MacPhee, Tanya Smith, Wendy Hampson, Lance Payne and Italo Voso for 1 year, was approved.

14. New Business – Jan Gerrow

A call for new business. No issues brought forward.

15. Adjournment – Jan Gerrow

Thank you to the members for attending the AGM, the volunteers who help with the various LKO activities and to the board of directors for their work this past year. Jan also asked prior Board Members that were at the meeting to stand up and be recognized for their past service.

A motion by Sue Craig, seconded by David Yeates that the 2023 AGM was adjourned at 11:35 am.