



Minutes – 2020 Virtual Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 7:30 pm

*(The Minutes were endorsed by the KLCOA Board of Directors at their meeting on November 4, 2020.
They were approved by the Membership at the Members' Spring Virtual Meeting on
Wednesday, May 26, 2021.)*

**Note: For the meeting slide deck, including detailed reports, go to KLCOA.org and click on Records –
2020 Fall AGM Presentation Deck**

1. **Call to Order** – Deb Wratschko

KLCOA's By-laws set quorum for the Annual General Meeting as a minimum of 25 members present and entitled to vote. Forty-three Zoom connections were made. As well, Board Members in attendance were: Deb Wratschko, Jim Prince, Grant DeMarsh, Sheelagh Lawrance, Gino Ariano, Arlene Burch, Scott Durie, Brian Evans, Joan Middleton, John Middleton, Terry O'Connor, and Natalie Wood.

President Wratschko provided an overview of how the virtual meeting would operate and instructions & protocols on how to use Zoom.

2. **Motion to Approve Agenda for the Meeting**

That the agenda for the KLCOA AGM, dated Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm be approved.

M: Arlene Burch

S: Jacquie Geall

The motion carried. None were opposed.

Motion to Approve Minutes of 2019 AGM, dated August 31, 2019 be approved.

That the Minutes of the 2019 KLCOA Annual General Meeting, dated August 31, 2019, be approved.

M: Jim Prince

S: Grant DeMarsh

The motion carried. None were opposed.

3. **Motion to accept the Spring 2020 Report**

That the 2020 Spring Report, prepared in lieu of the Members' Spring Meeting, which was not held because of Covid-19, be accepted.

The motion carried. None were opposed



4. **Treasurer's Report**

See slides on KLCOA.org site for details. (Go to Records –2020 Fall AGM Presentations Deck Charts)

President Wratschko reported that the 2020 Budget was included in the Spring report and had been approved by the Board. Owing to an extraordinary year with many programs cancelled, it is expected that KLCOA will end the year with a \$12K. The Board will discuss options for the surplus at the next Board Meeting.

5. **Review of Key KLCOA Initiatives**

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President Wratschko provided an extensive overview of KLCOA's numerous projects, programs, and activities. She thanked members for supporting KLCOA by renewing their membership Her report covered Art on the Dock, the Sunday Sailing Series, the Abandoned Dock program, an update on roads, water quality testing (all three programs were cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19) Septic Reinspection update, the proposed Shoreline Preservation By-Law, Dysart's proposed zoning by-law, KLCOA's Hazard Marker program, connectivity on the lake, the Traditional Rights of Way program, Norah's Island Management Committee and the new Kennisis Lake History Book project.

In concluding her presentation, President Wratschko thanked the many volunteers who play an integral role in the success of KLCOA's programs.

5. **Questions and Answers:**

- Two members submitted questions in advance of the meeting regarding the state of the boat ramps at the 1st Bridge and the one on Wilkinson, just past the Marina. A map of the lake was posted showing the locations of all the public access boat ramps on the lake. As the two boat ramps in question are managed by Dysart, the comments were passed along to them for action, and contact information was provided so that members could call in themselves. **Note:** *On October 20th, Dysart added a load of fill at the Boat Ramp on Little Kennisis and regraded it.*
- A question was also submitted in advance about the future schedule of KLCOA's water testing programs, given the suspected sewage spill in August. President Wratschko advised, that barring any restrictions due to COVID-19, testing would resume in 2021.
- A question was raised about whether KLCOA could put together a directory of businesses which provide snow-plowing services. In response, President Wratschko advised that she would put it on the agenda for the next Board meeting, but this would be a difficult task for a volunteer board, with liability issues and agreements with current sponsors and advertisers.
- Councillor John Smith forwarded an announcement that Dysart's public meeting regarding the zoning bylaw will be on Friday, September 25th from 1-4 PM.



- A member questioned if the Board would be making unilateral decisions on spending, the surplus on unbudgeted items, donations etc. or will they be calling an all-members meeting to discuss the budget surplus. President Wratschko advised that, with regard to donations, the funding is from our advertising revenue and not member fees. The Board will be waiting until the end of the year when all expenses are in to confirm the surplus. At that time, options will be discussed by the Board before presenting them to the membership.
- In response to a question about who was the contact for the History Project, President Wratschko noted that Natalie Wood is the contact and can be reached at woodmcf@rogers.com. Information will be posted on the KLCOA website.
- Another member commented that she believes we have a responsible Board and trusts their judgement to donate money.
- A member noted that shoreline retaining walls are popping up on both lakes. She enquired whether one should assume that proper permits were obtained, or should the Shoreline Committee be notified? President Wratschko indicated that KLCOA was aware of the issues. Jim Prince advised that Dysart and MNRF have both been notified. Dysart is responsible for the land above the highwater mark, and MNRF is responsible for below the highwater mark. The incidents are under active investigation however MNRF advised that they are behind because of COVID-19. Jim requested that members report issues to KLCOA, as well as Dysart and MNRF.
- A member enquired whether there were bylaws in place for light pollution and noise. The individual noted that some cottagers had exterior lights on all night, while others had theirs on 24/7, whether they were there or not, thus affecting the enjoyment of the night sky. President Wratschko noted that while there was a noise bylaw, she was unaware of a light bylaw. She advised that KLCOA will continue to educate cottagers, and would include more articles on night skies and lighting in the future in newsletters and eblasts.
- Councillor John Smith advised that there is a noise bylaw and members should express their views to Dysart councillors regarding light pollution.
- A member enquired about whether Parks Canada could be asked not to keep the lake levels so high, so long into the season. The member has lost trees along the shoreline because of this. President Wratschko noted that KLCOA is a member of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, which monitors the water levels in the Trent-Severn watershed. At this point, water levels are in their mid-range; it is definitely a balancing act to keep the water levels at an acceptable level.



- A member asked why building officials in Dysart recommended not doing a level 4 inspection, when experts advised that this was the best approach. President Wratschko advised that KLCOA was still advocating for the Level 4 inspections. Jim Prince added that it is important for all of us to let our elected Councillors know that we are here because of the water quality, and Level 4 inspections are important.

President Wratschko concluded the meeting at 8:23 pm, thanked everyone for attending, and advised that the full slide deck would be posted on the KLCOA website in the next few days.

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