



Minutes – 2023 Annual General Meeting
Saturday September 7th, 2023
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

*(The Minutes were endorsed by the KLCOA Board of Directors at their meeting on Feb 20, 2024
They are to be approved by the Membership at the Members' Annual Meeting on March, 2024)*

*Note: The slide deck, which provides details of all the presentations for this meeting, can be found on the
KLCOA WEBSITE*

1. **Call to Order & Determination of Quorum** – Deb Wratschko

KLCOA's By-laws set a quorum for the Annual General Meeting as a minimum of 25 members present and entitled to vote. Over 36 voting members were online as the meeting began, 110 registered.

President Wratschko welcomed everyone. President Wratschko read the land acknowledgement. She advised that the meeting would be recorded and available on the KLCOA website, along with the slide deck. She discussed the technical challenges and indicated that hopefully hybrid meetings could be held in the spring. She asked that questions be held until the end of the presentations. Advised members to use the chat function for questions. If it did not work members were given the option to email questions if the chat function doesn't work.

Voting will be done by poll.

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

Motion: To approve the 2023 Agenda for the KLCOA General Meeting

M: Joan Middleton

S: Jacquie Geall

The motion passed. All in favour

3. **Motion to Approve Minutes of 2023 Spring General Meeting as posted on the website and in the package.**

M: Frances Duiker

S: Jim Prince

The motion carried. None opposed.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Grant DeMarsh provided an overview of the organization's finances. 2022 Financials and 2023 Budge approved at Spring meeting. He advised that KLCOA was in a healthy cash position. There is approximately \$9K in the bank, along with \$27K in a reserve



fund in GICs. He noted that the reserve fund is set aside for special projects and emergencies. While all the expenditures are not in yet, a break even is expected. Expecting to meet our 2023 budget targets. Note that advertising was up significantly and the money for fireworks did not get spent re no fireworks.

There were 2 questions at the end of the presentation. Easily answered.
No vote required.

Next Grant explained that as part of the review and changes with the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), KLCOA is now required to pass a motion to waive our audit. We can do so as our revenue is less than \$100K and we are not a public benefit corporation. In order to be accepted, 80 % of the members in attendance at the meeting must vote in favour of the motion. He noted that the annual cost of an audit or review engagement can range anywhere from \$2000 to \$4000 and up. The KLCOA's annual total revenue for 2022 was \$33,550 and 2023 is \$30,850.

Motion: That the KLCOA Membership approve the waiving of an audit for the 2022 financials.
M: Lynn Larson
S: Tina Fagg
The motion carried. 2 opposed.

Membership fee increase: Deb reviewed the slide that explained the reasoning behind the fee increase to \$50. President Wratschko noted that additional work was happening in the area of increased advertising and sponsorship. President Wratschko went on to explain the plan for the sponsorship packages to be utilized in the future. This year's sponsors were highlighted at this point in the presentation.

5. **The Year at a Glance-Celebrations and Updates**

Next, President Wratschko provided a detailed presentation of the year's events, projects, and programs. The specifics can be found in the slide deck KLCOA website

- Volunteering is a big part of the organization. She thanked all KLCOA's many volunteers and added that new volunteers are always welcome. A database of volunteers is being created through a survey found on the website.
- The Roadside clean up -MANY volunteers, covering 95% of the Kennisis Roads. thanks Natalie
- The Ladies of the Lake Luncheon was well attended and raised over \$2000 for the Abbey Retreat Centre. Held at the Marina event tent.
- Webinar series "What's Up Kennisis" held May 31, 2023 " Bugs in our Muck." Additional topics will follow. Posted on our YouTube channel
- Shoreline Restoration workshop held July 7 on Redstone Lake, partnered with Abbey Gardens. looking for ideas for 2024
- The Rock Bass Tournament caught 124 pounds of the invasive species.
- July 15 - Septic health workshop at the residence of Paul and Tammy Chamney - see it on YouTube channel



- It was another great year for Art on the Dock (AOTD). Besides the exhibits of many talented artists, over \$6075 was raised for the Artists in the Schools program. AOTD was sponsored by Parker Pad & Printing and Viper Marketing.
- St John Ambulance CPR and First aid course at the Event Tent (2 courses - 3 hrs each) As well as AED demo
- The 63rd Annual Regatta was a great success, owing to the many volunteers - big turn out
- The annual sailing regatta and Sunday sailing series had good participation.
- Fireworks cancelled
- Dark SKY event August 12- Lights out around the lake at 9:00 pm
- End of Summer Wrap up- 134 people attended. Big success and thanks to sponsors and volunteers- hoping to make it an annual event.

President Wratschko continued with the presentation: Programs and Initiatives

- Group Buy projects: AEDs and Superior Propane - details available on our website
- Abandoned Docks project continues - see full dock etiquette package on our website
- Group Hazard Markers program is still happening- 28 Hazard markers and “9 No Wake” Buoys have been deployed. Members were reminded that not all hazards are marked
- There are changes to the Invasive Species Act which came into effect on January 1, 2022. The new regulations can be found on the KLCOA website, it is expected that regulations will be completed by the end of 2024. Boaters remember to clean, drain and dry boats after leaving water and entering another body of water. Watch for more info on this
- The History Book project is currently in Phase 5- design and production. plans to make book available end of 2024
- Communications continue to come thru eblasts, website and newsletter- watch for info at the marina
- The Traditional Rights of Way Committee continues its work - hoping to get support from U-Links for a mapping project.
- The Connectivity Committee continues their advocacy to bring better cell and internet service to the lake. Bell crews are at work getting fibre up and running. Rogers cell towers may go ahead end of 2024
- Roads-welcome new lead Larry Harris. Many thanks to John Middleton for all his work. Also thanks to Dysart for the quick response re the washout
- Haliburton County is undergoing a review of short-term cottage rentals. Further public consultation is expected, beyond the initial survey. KLCOA will keep members apprised of the review.

At this point, Jim Prince, Vice President took over the presentation.

- Jim reviewed Stewardship focus natural shorelines, septic systems and water quality monitoring
- In addition to KLCOA’s regular water quality monitoring, a new Haliburton-wide program is being piloted and with established common protocols. 25 lake associations to be involved. Under ice sampling is now part of the program. Water results are mostly excellent or good.



- Update on reported Blue Green Algae sited on the lake. Cottager did an excellent job of reporting and following guidelines. Jim reviewed how and when it is likely to occur. Bloom found to be non-toxic. Referred members to government and KLCOA website for protocols

6. **Update on the status to date on the Governance and ONCA requirements to be completed in 2024.**

President Wratschko updated members on initiatives to update the governance of the organization:

- ONCA requires AGM now called Annual Meeting and Spring meeting and any other meetings including members be referred to as Special Meetings.
- Other changes to allow for voting at hybrid, online and in person meetings as well as minor wording changes

Motion: To accept the changes to the KLCOA bylaws as presented

M: Lynn Larson

S: Grant DeMarsh

The motion carried.

- President Wratschko reviewed the new timeline for Annual Meeting, Special Meeting and next round of elections to the board. Compliance with ONCA states that Annual Meeting must be within 6 months of our financial year end. Voting procedure changes were also explained.

7. **What's on our radar**

- President Wratschko referred members to the slide with special mention re fireworks

8. **Outgoing and New Board Members**

- President Wratschko thanked outgoing board members for their service: Arlene Burch, Rod Dobson, Natalie Wood, Ethan MacDonald and Patrick Wenger
- Welcome and introduction of the acclaimed 2024/2025 KLCOA board members: Dean Anton, Gino Ariano, David Barrett, Grant Demarsh, Frances Duiker, Scott Durie, Brian Evans, Tina Fagg, Jacquie Geall Seabrook, Larry Harris, Lynn Larson, Brenda Lobraico, Susan Marlow, Joan Middleton, Jim Prince, Deb Wratschko

Motion: To accept the 2024/25 acclaimed slate of directors to the KLCOA

M: Kerin Harding

S: Susan Brisby

Motion carried

8. **Members' Questions and Answers.**



- KLCOA shed- wanted explanation re ownership and donation of shed and asset listing- President answered that there was a conflict over the ownership of the previous shed and no records that indicated that it had been donated. As a result we have built a new shed. Also we do maintain an asset listing which includes many items related to the Regatta.
- Website calendar- can it be made more accurate- Deb explained that it will be resolved
- Electronic road signs- to be passed onto the roads committee

The meeting adjourned at 20:20 pm.

Signed by: Jacquie Geall, Secretary, KLCOA Board of Directors