



Draft Minutes – 2022 Annual General Meeting
Saturday September 3rd, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

*(The Minutes were endorsed by the KLCOA Board of Directors at their meeting on January 12, 2023
They are to be approved by the Membership at the Members' Spring Meeting on May 24, 2023)*

[Note: The slide deck, which provides details of all the presentations for the meeting can be found here.](#)

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

KLCOA's By-laws set quorum for the Annual General Meeting as a minimum of 25 members present and entitled to vote. Over 35 voting members (during vote- others arrived later) attended in person. This included Board Members: Deb Wratschko, Jim Prince, Joan Middleton, Grant DeMarsh, Gino Ariano, Arlene Burch, Frances Duiker, Scott Durie, Brian Evans, Jacquie Geall, Tina Fagg, Lynn Lawson, Patrick Wenger and Natalie Wood.

President Wratschko welcomed everyone. 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 future. She asked that questions be held until the end of the presentations.

Next, she introduced two of the Ward 4 Candidates who are running in the upcoming municipal election, Ron Evans and Hayden Hughes. While they will not be speaking at the meeting, members will have an opportunity to speak with them at the end of the meeting.

President Wratschko then read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

President Wratschko indicated a minor change to the agenda. Under the Treasurer's Report, it should read "Discussion and motion to waive financial audit for 2022 financials", not the 2021 financials.

Motion: To approve the agenda for the meeting as amended.

M: Michael MacLavery

S: Scott Durie

The motion passed. All in favour.



The Board members were then introduced. She thanked the current KLCOA Board for all their work as dedicated volunteers and acknowledged the sad passing of one of the Directors, Rod Dobson. Rod was an active member of the Board and participated on several committees.

3. **Motion to Approve Minutes of 2022 Spring Meeting, May 26, 2022, as posted on the website.**

M: Jim Prince

S: Arlene Burch

The motion carried. None opposed.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Grant DeMarsh provided an overview of the organization's finances. He advised that KLCOA was in a healthy cash position. There is approximately \$23K in the bank, along with \$26K 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 small deficit is expected.

There were no questions at the end of the presentation.

Next President Wratschko advised 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. She 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 2021 was \$27,479 and 2022 budget is \$33,000.

Motion: That the KLCOA Membership approve the waiving of an audit and for the 2022 financials.

M: Scott Durie

S: Jacquie Geall

The motion carried. None opposed.

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 [here](#).

- 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.
- The Roadside clean up had over 50 volunteers, covering 90% of the Kennisis Roads.



- The Ladies of the Lake Luncheon was well attended and raised over \$2000 for the Abbey Retreat Centre.
- The wonderful Fireworks display on July 1st was generously sponsored by Minden and Haliburton Home Hardware. Thanks to Steve Ashfield and his crew for launching the show.
- The Rock Bass Tournament caught 108 pounds of the invasive species.
- The 62nd Annual Regatta was a great success, owing to the many volunteers.
- It was another great year for Art on the Dock (AOTD). Besides the exhibits of many talented artists, over \$5800 was raised for the Artists in the Schools program. AOTD was sponsored by Parker Pad & Printing and Viper Marketing.
- The annual sailing regatta and Sunday sailing series had good participation.
- The History Book project is currently in Phase 2- creating, writing and editing chapters. Volunteers are needed to do some archival research.

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

- The County's Shoreline Bylaw passed on August 24, 2022, with several compromises. Overall, the bylaw is meant to stop clear-cutting and egregious shoreline changes. The by-law does not include water quality monitoring, improved septic management and requirements and restoration of damaged shorelines.
- Jim summarized some of the programs currently undertaken by KLCOA including the tree planting programs, the shoreline restoration projects and an associated workshop.
- In addition to KLCOA's regular water quality monitoring, a new Haliburton-wide program is being launched and with established common protocols.
- The Stewardship Committee is inventorying open space lands around the lake. Now that the lands around Soap Pond has been transferred to KLCOA, a workshop will be held on September 28th to look at developing land use principles.

President Wratschko continued with the presentation:

- The Abandoned Dock Project was a great success with 11 docks removed near the marina by 27 volunteers. Members were reminded to label their docks and dispose of them responsibly.
- 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, but in summary, once a boat is taken out of the water it must be cleaned, drained and dried for at least 5 days to prevent the transfer of an invasive specie from lake to lake.
- The Connectivity Committee continues their advocacy to bring better cell and internet service to the lake. A federal announcement is expected soon about Bell Fiber availability on the lakes
- Communications continues to be a big priority though the 2-4 eblasts per month and the Newsletters. Advertising revenue helps to keep our membership fees low.
- A new Webinar series "What's Up Kennisis" has been launched with the first of the series on "Blue Green Algae- what you need to know." Additional topics will follow.
- Five years ago, MNRF began reviewing the fisheries regulations for Zone 15. Public consultation will begin shortly.
- The Traditional Rights of Way Committee is looking for volunteers.



- A number of roads projects have been approved by Dysart for the Kennisis roads including some ditching and base improvements and some re-gravelling in the Pine Point area.
- “No Wake” Buoys have been added in narrow channels in 2022. Members were reminded that not all hazards are marked.
- 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.

6. **Introduction to the new Advocacy Policy, Privacy Policy the status to date on the review o the Governance and ONCA requirements to be completed in 2024.**

Though a series of slides, President Wratschko updated members on several initiatives to improve the governance of the organization:

- The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) came into effect recently. Organizations have three years to comply. KLCOA is currently reviewing its Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and governance to ensure that we meet all of the new regulations.
- The Advocacy Policy is complete and will help guide KLCOA on how it should engage its membership, and to assess the support of the membership on issues that are deemed to be important. A rubric has been developed with various scenarios.
- The Privacy Policy has been approved. It describes how KLCOA collects and uses personal information and in what circumstances such information may be disclosed.
- An Advertising and Sponsorship Policy is currently under development.

Finally, President Wratschko reminded members of the up-coming municipal elections on October 24th. These are held once every four years. Members should make sure that they are on the Voters List. KLCOA will be hosting an All-Candidates Meeting on September 14th via webinar. It will be recorded.

8. **Members’ Questions and Answers.**

- Linda Sparling: You mentioned about fibre coming to Fiber to the lake but no mention of Wilkinson where the service is very spotty.

Response: The work KLCOA is doing is to address the poor service on both lakes, both Kennisis and Little Kennisis. Four areas have been identified that are particularly bad, including sections of Wilkinson. Tayce Wakefield who is heading up the connectivity committee on behalf of KLCOA added that she is cautiously optimistic that fiber will be coming shortly.

- Linda Sparling: How do I get a hard copy of the Kennisis Breeze?

Response: We will get you a hard copy, but with the escalating costs, it is just not feasible to print many. The Board is looking at some options. Linda indicated that she would be willing to pay for copies.



- Dean Anton: My question is about shorelines. Boat wakes are putting up 4-5 foot wakes and causing erosion.

Response: Jim Prince responded to the question. He advised that planting deep-rooted vegetation along the shoreline can help. The second part is education. Little Kennisis is probably not the best place for wake boats, especially in the narrows. We need to increase education and recruit volunteers to develop updated boating etiquette. In response to a suggestion to put messaging on buoys, Jim responded that buoys cannot impede boat traffic.

- Charlie Saunders: When is the township coming to fix the potholes?

Response: There is no update yet. You can contact Dysart directly, or our Councillor John Smith and note where the potholes are located.

- Ted Parent : The brush needs to be cut down on the north shore of Kennisis Lake road. It is getting dangerous.

Response: The best thing to do is to contact Dysart directly.

In closing, President Wratschko reminder members that Hayden Hughes and Ron Evans, two of the candidates running for Ward Four, were in attendance and would be available to chat with anyone at the end of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Signed by: Sheelagh Lawrance, Recording Secretary, KLCOA Board of Directors