

**KASHWAKAMAK LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JULY 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. There were 72 members in attendance. Mary Larson President, welcomed everyone and then introduced the present Directors, and made note that four Directors are retiring this year. They are Bill Roffey, Al Twombly, Joan Lindey and Karen McCall. Mary then thanked all Directors for their assistance and work this past year.

Since the minutes of the July 19, 2008 AGM had been included in the newsletter she asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

Moved by Al MacGregor and seconded by Geoff Seaton that the minutes be accepted - CARRIED

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mary spoke regarding moving the location of the AGM to various areas i.e. Harlowe Hall, Clar-Mill Hall in hopes that more members might attend. She also explained that we are trying to get representation by different areas of the lake. It is important to have input from these areas, many of which have their own road associations. By having each area represented, all concerns could be addressed and communication would be much improved. Our common interests are our lake, our environment, our community, and township goings-on. We still have approximately 200 cottages which are not represented and hope with regional representation, some of these cottagers will hear of KLA and join with us.

**TREASURER'S AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Allen Archibald

Allen thanked Karen for assisting him this morning. He expressed his thanks to Helen Smith and Larry Black for auditing the books. Allen expressed his thanks of past years to Helen who is retiring from this volunteer job and welcomed John Flieler who will replace her.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations was included in the Newsletter and he touched on some specific items. The Loon Survey, Watershed Watch, FOCA and WRAFT are organizations which KLA supports through the members' fees. The Fall Dinner and Auction, and sale of shrubs where money is taken in are then expensed or given to charities. The largest expense is the publication and issuance of the Newsletters, spring and fall. We will again contribute to WRAFT in the amount of \$300. Basically we spend what we earn.

Moved by Tony Meraw and seconded by Geoff Seaton that the report be accepted. - CARRIED

Allen remarked that this year is the best yet as far as members paying on time and he expressed his thanks to everyone for that. Three Road Associations collect KLA fees and then pay us which leaves 2/3 of our membership dues paid directly to the Association. 14% have also paid for next year!

He also reiterated the rising costs of producing and mailing the Newsletter. We are adopting an email approach whereby the Fall Newsletter will be sent out to those members who agree to this delivery method. So far 77% of those that have responded to our request have agreed to receive the newsletter by email.

Allen mentioned if you know families that do not know about KLA, please mention it to them, or let one of the Directors know so we may follow up.

Moved by Al MacGregor and seconded by Geoff Seaton to accept the report. - CARRIED

### **GUEST SPEAKER – GORDON MOUNTENAY**

Mary introduced our Guest Speaker, Gordon Mountenay who is the Water Management Supervisor for the Mississippi Valley Conservation. Gord has been in charge of the Kashwakamak Dam since 1981. He handed out large copies of the Mississippi Valley Watershed system for people to peruse. The Mississippi River has 11 dams owned and operated by MVC. There are 5 hydro stations in the lower river, but the Hydro does not operate the dams.

Crotch Lake is the centre and controls most of the flow in the river. There are no lakes after Crotch and the Mississippi River eventually flows into the Ottawa River.

The first draw-down begins at Shabomeka, the second at Kash and the third at Big Gull, and Mississagagon. A couple of logs may be pulled out in September but draw down starts after Thanksgiving weekend. There are 20 logs in the dam at Kash. These logs are B.C. fir and are beams, 16' long, 10" wide and 12" high. Depending on the weather, fourteen of the twenty logs are out by the first week of November. From October 1<sup>st</sup> to the second week of November there is a 2-4 foot drop in the level of the lake.

Draw down on the Mazinaw cannot begin till after hunting season on/about second week of November. The Kash water level will remain relatively stable until December, then the Mazinaw draws down and Kash will drop again, reaching another stable level in February.

It is impossible to be pro-active with dam operations as it all depends of Mother Nature and the rainfall. Everything revolves around Crotch Lake, which goes and down 10-12 feet twice a year. Lately, due to the lack of snow and April rains, it is becoming more difficult to fill lakes up. All logs in the dams should be in by May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend, which is the target date. In the Spring, Kash must have enough water for the pickerel to spawn. Logs must be replaced in April to bring the level up for the pickerel. Unfortunately this may cause some ice damage along the shore. Once the logs are in the dams, mid May-mid June, MVC try not to operate the system but let nature take its course i.e. rainfall, balancing evaporation. If the lake level rises more than 3", they begin to operate the dams. In the last few years, it has been necessary to operate the dams all summer.

The dams were built in their present form around 1910 and their purpose is to provide recreation, fishing, hydro, and to prevent flooding. The flow must be kept relatively stable to protect the wild rice beds downstream. The dams are operated to store water in Crotch Lake, which provides 60-100% of the flow in the Mississippi River. Mother Nature is never consistent and everyone has similar problems. It is believed that Kash is also spring fed, as it tends to hold its level better in dry times than other lakes in the system.

There are gauges on the dams and voluntary gauges elsewhere as well. Elma MacLachlan has a gauge and checks water levels regularly. If she finds a problem, she calls Gord who can check his gauges for accuracy. He relies on the volunteers to call if there is a problem.

Two years ago a gantry system was installed at the dam which uses a block and tackle system to carry logs across the dam, much safer for workers.

Gord stated his job is to ensure that lives and homes are not threatened.

**Questions:** Are maps available on website? A number of maps are available on the website and information regarding the system is maintained daily i.e. water levels, and rainfall. The website is [mvc.on.ca](http://mvc.on.ca), under the Water Level Advisory heading and there is a link to this website on our Kash website as well.

When is the best time to do dock repairs? End of October or first 2 weeks in November but this still depends on the fall rainfall.

Are there any cottages on Crotch Lake? 3 Lodges and 2 cottages.

Gord reiterated to everyone to call him or Jennifer Lewis who works with MVC as well anytime if you have any questions/concerns.

Mary thanked Gord for his most informative and interesting talk.

Mary stated that Dinner tickets were for sale at the break, and the Kashwakamak clothing is on display as well (orders to be taken).

- 15 Minute Coffee Break -

### **NORTH FRONTENAC TOWNSHIP REPORT** – Elma MacLachlan

**Broadband Internet Service** – Elma reported that over 2000 signatures were given to the township last fall regarding the need for the Internet Service. The grant for this service was approved at the end of June. The Province is providing \$335,000 which is one-third of the whole project cost and the County (Frontenac) is providing one-third as well. The contractor who will provide the service will then provide the final one-third.

The towers, 120' in height, will be placed at Ompah and a location between Kash and Big Gull with repeater sites. This is all subject to approval. Hopefully after the Broadband is established, a cell phone company will come on board as well.

**Septic System Re-Inspection** – Elma stated that this is still ongoing and more are being done on Kash. Residents are now being asked to have the lid exposed to save time. A question was asked, “How much ‘teeth’ do they have?” Once the lid is raised the tank is inspected, distance from the water is checked and the tile bed itself. If there is a severe problem, the Health Inspector will be notified. Two out of 78 were referred to the Inspector last year. 40% were considered no problems. Others needed some minor things i.e. tank emptied. This also teaches home owners how to maintain and look after their system as some residents have no knowledge of septic systems and how they operate.

**Garbage/Recycling** – there is info on the website or an information sheet can be picked up at the 506 site. There are many changes taking place.

**Clean Bag System** – this is an attempt to encourage better recycling habits. In the past couple of years more garbage is going into the waste site and recycling has dropped. It used to be 50% garbage and 50% recycling and it is 60% garbage and 40% recycling. If clear bags contain recycling items, our bags will be returned for us to re-sort and remove the recycle products.

**Hazardous Waste Depots** are now at 506 site on Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m. and Plevna site 8:30 – 12:30 from May 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a depot for paints, varsol, dry cell batteries, propane tanks, pesticides and others. On August 15<sup>th</sup> there is a one day event for electrical and electronic waste. The information will be put on the Kash website. There is a Public Meeting – Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Upper Room Firehall, Plevna for Waste Management Planning – 6:00 p.m.

### **DINNER/AUCTION** – JeanAnne Houle

The date for the Dinner/Auction is September 12<sup>th</sup> at Fernleigh Lodge. It will be a roast pork dinner. Meet & Greet at 6p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Mary Locke has tickets. Set aside items for the Silent Auction as the dollars raised go to Community Services. Last year over \$500 was raised. Also, please bring an item for the Food Bank.

### **ADOPT-A-ROAD** – Al MacGregor for Roger Guilbert

The clean-up will be completed by April 2010 before any new growth and the trash is easily identified. There was a great job done this year and some people have volunteered to work on this throughout the year. A Bar BQ was held for the volunteers at Ken & Joan Lindey's and the food was supplied by Chris Winney of Royal LePage.

**ELECTIONS** – Elma MacLachlan

Elma stated that the following members of the current Board are willing to let their names stand for another term.

Mary Larson – President                      Allen Archibald – Treasurer/Membership  
Guy Nason – Lake Steward                  Bob Osborne – Rep. Brown’s Bay  
Lynn McEvoy – Rep. Weiss Point      Elma MacLachlan – Past President

Elma then stated that some members have agreed to allow their names to stand as Directors of KLA for the next two year term.

Karen McCall nominated Earl Bond of Whitefish Bay. This nominee was seconded by Allen Archibald.

Kim Howson nominated Judy McIntyre of Michel Bay and was seconded by Bill MacGregor.

Trevor Bethel nominated Peggie Pelosi of North Shore and was seconded by Verna Hutchinson.

Elma stated that Kevin Phillips of Fernleigh had allowed his name to stand but he was not in attendance. A discussion took place as to whether he could be nominated without a written consent. The idea was that he could be nominated and this would have to be confirmed by Kevin as soon as possible. Members took a vote on this since Kevin had sincerely expressed his desire to work on KLA and it was agreed that Kevin could be nominated. Bob Osborne nominated Kevin Phillips and this was seconded by Judy McIntyre.

Since no one was in attendance to represent the South Shore, it was decided that to leave a space, hoping that someone would volunteer at a later date and that person could be appointed to the Board.

Since there were no further nominations, Elma asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Moved by Sue MacGregor and seconded by Geoff Seaton that nominations be closed.

Elma declared the slate elected by acclamation and thanked all those who had participated in the election and to those who have volunteered to sit on the Board for the next term.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Is there any update on the Woodcrest application? – Judy McIntyre

- Nothing new at this time.

Can the Association write to MOE to see if anything is taking place? – Judy McIntyre

and - Is there a file number on file with MOE? - Geoff Seaton –

- Not that we are aware of.

Should the Association consider writing MOE and ask for any updated information? – Judy McIntyre

- Yes, that is a possibility which we could look at and pursue.

Lynn McEvoy asked if she could talk about the Land O’ Lakes Garden Club. She explained what the Garden Club in its short history of time has done. They have made flower gardens at Pine Meadows, and wooden flower boxes that are out in the community. They have also cleaned up the old Pioneer Cemetery at Little Pond in Cloyne. Now they are sponsoring a Garden Tour on July 18h which will consist of an English Tea and a tour of local gardens at Little Pond and one on Hwy 41.

Moved by Bill Roffey and seconded by Allen Archibald that the meeting adjourn. Time 11:35 a.m.