

KASHWAKAMAK LAKE ASSOCIATION
AGM JULY 14, 2012 AT 9:30 AM
HARLOWE HALL.

President Gordon Hunter welcomed approximately 50 attendees to the Annual Meeting of KLA at 9:35am. He introduced the members of the Board - Gordon Hunter, Allen Archibald, Judy McIntyre, Cathy Galt, Milton Houle, Ruth Blamire, (in attendance) and Andrew Blake, Mary Larson (unable to attend).

The Minutes of the July 9, 2011 Annual General Meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Cathy Galt, seconded by Red Emond. Carried.

Judy McIntyre introduced the volunteer members of the KLA Sustainable Planning Committee and asked Scott Bennett to bring us up to date on the committee's activities. Scott made a power point presentation of their accomplishments to date including the Community Survey (completed Dec 2011) the Business Survey (completed March 2012) and the 15 page State of the Lake Report (available on the KLA website under the Sustainability link. The community had been contacted through newspapers, other meetings or hand distribution of survey sheets. He explained the results they had compiled from the 170 responses they had received. The Business Survey was conducted by telephone with 31 of the 38 broad spectrum of selected businesses participating. The results of these surveys are available at the website www.kaswakamak.ca/.

Scott asked the question "How can we further support local business?" Some suggestions were

- Make it easier for seasonal people to find local businesses through distribution of local lists or small local telephone books
- Displaying updated lists on information boards
- Distributing a local directory through businesses and governmental agencies.
- It was suggested that we involve other groups in our studies, such as MOE, OPP, MNR, Health Authority, Tourism, First Nations, Bon Echo Park etc.

A report will be sent to members this winter also.

Chris Winney brought up the issue of Aboriginal land claims that might affect the 70% of Lake Kashwakamak that is Crown Land. According to Chris this 20 year old claim by the Algonquins involves a cash settlement as well as land transfer to them. A draft proposal called "an agreement in principle" is slated to be completed by the two levels of government, the Federal and Provincial governments (but not the municipal) by 2013. She urged members to launch a writing campaign to express their opinions to these two levels of government as they seem to be dealing with the issue without consulting the people who would be most affected by the resulting decision. Fred Perry stated the municipality has not been asked for input although they are invited to some meetings where very little information is being shared with the local officials. President Gordon asked Chris to write a letter outlining the concerns of the local permanent and seasonal residents and the KLA would circulate it to all our members so they could deal with the issue individually.

After a coffee break Allen gave the KLA membership report stating this is the best year yet! He thanked the Road Associations who collect one-third of the total KLA fees along with their own fees. 50% of the

remaining two-thirds of our members have either paid direct by mail or in person and we now have the option of electronic interact transfer available (e-mail address is needed for this). 293 members (plus 67 family members) now get information via e-mail. Allen asked the membership for help in two areas...if they change their e-mail address he would like to know the new one, and if neighbouring cottages are bought or sold that information would be helpful. (A full report is attached)

Treasurer's report. A complete report is attached but Treasurer Allen stated we are in great financial shape, membership payments are coming in gradually, and the next two events for this summer, Family Day and the Silent Auction Dinner Evening expected to be better than ever. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Vera Hutchison, seconded by Elizabeth Taggart. Carried.

President Gord asked the question "What is the sound that YOU strive for when you come to the Lake?" Most members agreed it was the sound of silence or the peaceful call of the loons. It was his way of introducing his request for volunteers to do the loon survey in the future. No-one came forward after discussion!

Milton Houle presented one of the nine message boards he has constructed for specific entrances to cottage roads and explained their construction and use. These boards are not to be used for advertising, but are intended to display important public information such as fire bans etc. President Gord expressed our appreciation to Milt for the work he has done on this project.

Lake Steward Milt drew our attention to the report he had submitted on clarity readings to date this year. A full report will be included in the Fall Newsletter. The Trenton mill will be logging in the fall at the end of the lake (selective logging with re-growth encouragement)

President Gord encouraged members to get their tickets for the Dinner and Silent Auction which will be held on Sept.29th this year. He also asked for volunteers for Family Day on August 11th.

Red Emond reported the Lions have a good booklet of local services and businesses they distribute during their Road Toll and KLA might be interested in doing something similar.

The Loon Study Committee reported nesting pairs laid eggs early this year and most have successfully raised two offspring.

Fred Perry reported on municipal issues which impact on KLA members. He also reported the fire department will be at the Family Day event to disperse fire safety information. He also suggested we might try "dock sales" instead of yard sales to dispose of our surplus items.

The floor was open for questions from members and Arnold Colton asked why the lake level was kept high this year. The answer given was that this lake is a "reservoir lake" for lakes lower in the system which provide drinking water etc. to towns and with the severe drought we are experiencing the officials are holding back the water until needed lower in the system.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am on a motion made by Verna Hutchinson.

