



**Kashwakamak Lake Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 13, 2013**

The annual general meeting of KLA, held at the Northbrook Lions Hall on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, was called to order by President Gord Hunter at 9:40 am. After extending a welcome to those attending President Gord introduced the Board members in attendance (Gord Hunter, Cathy Galt, Don Cory, Judy McIntyre, Allen Archibald, Milton Houle, Andrew Blake.) and asked for volunteers to fill the two vacant positions. No one volunteered.

Red Emond, president of the Cloyne District Historical Society, was introduced by President Gord. Red gave a short synopsis of the expansions made to the Museum Building this year (1400 ft. addition courtesy of a Trillium Grant), the hours of operation (10 to 4 seven days a week), their newsletter (Pioneer Times available with your \$8 membership), their catchment area (Flinton to Harlow, Denby to Kaladar), their website and calendars, their motto (Preserve the Past for the Future), and their third Monday of the month meetings.

The meeting was turned over to Scott Bennett from the Lake Planning Committee. After introductions of the Committee members Scott gave a power point presentation of the work of the Committee in the areas of

- establishing a sustainability plan
- accomplishments to date
- State of the Lake report
- Next steps

He talked of the goal of ensuring that future generations will have the same opportunities that the current generation enjoys, and the overlap and intersection of Nature, the Economy and the Community. The results of earlier community and business surveys demonstrated that clean, clear water was the most important value, swimming was the most important activity and the use of personal watercraft was the community's biggest concern. Scott teased us with surprising details from the surveys that are highlighted in the 2013 Report that was distributed to those in attendance. (Example-What is the major crop growing downstream from our Lake that could be affected by our use of Kashwakamak Lake water? Wild Rice) Other topics addressed in the report discuss the major cause of water level fluctuations, past and present lodges on the lake, percentage of multigenerational cottagers, primary economic drivers in the area, etc. It's all in the Report!

The Committee is now in the analysis stage of the study and Scott reminded us that there is a tear-off form on the back of the Report for individual members to submit their assessments on the survey results and what, in their opinions as lake users, we should stop/start/continue to do. An informal poll of the members in attendance showed we welcomed feedback on the tear-off form through a winter webinar, at road association meetings, fireside chats, with the most popular being e-mail or written report notification. Scott took a few questions from the floor before being thanked by President Gord.

Judy McIntyre reminded us that this summer Don Cory would be scanning old photographs depicting early lake activities. Members are encouraged to share their family photos so we can preserve these scanned images for future generations.

The business of the AGM continued with the Minutes of the 2012 AGM being approved as circulated by Secretary Cathy. Moved by Cathy Galt, seconded by Al Fondley. Carried

President Gord noted the Board had accepted the resignation of Ruth Blemaire and is looking in particular for board volunteers from the Weese Point/Brown's Bay area. Our appreciation was extended to Ruth for her contributions to the KLA community. There were no nominations from the floor for new Board members.

President Gord gave a concise summary of the Board's accomplishments since the last AGM.... the Family Day and BBQ, the Fall Dinner and Silent Auction, the creation and installation of nine KLA information boards at strategic spots around the lake, the

development of our own logo and the availability of KLA clothing and hats, the expansion of our webpage, modernized fee payments through internet transfer, active representation on behalf of our Association at municipal council, FOCA and other related associations, work on cross referencing fire numbers/occupancy/emergency contact information, and much more. As for upcoming events, Gord noted this year's Family Day will be bigger and better than ever. The names of local supporter businesses for this event will be added to our webpage. He reminded us that we shall be holding a huge raffle (draw date May 19, 2014) with proceeds being used to purchase regulation buoys to replace the illegal "milk bottle" markers on the lake, and to help fund the costs of the Lake Planning Study. (First prize is an aluminum boat, motor and trailer. Second prize is a weekend for two at Fernleigh Lodge. Third prize is a fishing package.) We are interested in sponsoring a regatta but need someone to spearhead the event.

Daryl Simpson spoke on the Loon Study, reporting that the number of chicks being produced on Lake Kash is lower than on other lakes in the area this year. This decrease may be due to water fluctuations and he encouraged us to build floating nest sites. If we spot a nesting site and inform him, he will post warning signs for boaters.

The Membership report was given by Allen Archibald who thanked the three Road Associations who collect dues for us. 337 members are currently getting their lake information by e-mail which reduces our postage costs. Members are also asked to give us their 911 number for two reasons-it helps us to track when property changes hands so we can contact the new people who might like to join the KLA, and on some occasions the OPP have contacted us owners' home numbers when there is a problem at an unoccupied cottage.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Allen Archibald who thanked Karen McCall for assistance at the registration desk, and Karen and Larry Black for auditing the financial statement. Numbers remain the same as in the Spring Newsletter but he highlighted a few areas-the fall dinner has garnered over \$1100.00 for the food bank over the last two years, Family Day which is geared to break even actually had a profit of \$12, newsletter costs are down due to use of the internet and with a twinkle in his eye Allen thanked the Bank of Montreal for our bank account interest totalling \$0.93 over the last three years. Andrew Blake moved and Bill McGregor seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

An open Question and answer period followed. Andrew Blake answered a "police boats on the lake" question saying he expected to receive a copy of the police charges levied over the last 5 years shortly and the OPP will be attending our Family Day if anyone wishes to speak to them directly.

The Family Day and BBQ was plugged by Gord Hunter who reminded us the executive will be doing the cooking and that the Spud Box has generously donated the meat. Andrew Blake asked for volunteers to help prepare the other food the morning of the BBQ.

A question was voiced concerning our connection to the North Frontenac Lake Association which was set up a couple of years ago. The questioner said it appears to be a lobby group advancing specific interests, and the person asking the question felt they were implying that all the parallel member associations were supporting their pursuits. President Gord replied we are "at arm's length" from their agenda and are treating their requests cautiously.

Some people felt The Canada Day Boat Parade was not as convenient this year because of people returning home early in the day and suggested we consider moving the date or time of the parade or find another way to celebrate the holiday. After a robust discussion it was suggested that the Board look at alternatives and let the members know in their newsletter.

Doug Galt moved a vote of thanks to the Board and The Lake Planning Committee and the audience enthusiastically supported his remarks.

The meeting was adjourned on motion from Doug.

Note: Refreshments of coffee and homemade muffins were provided by Fay O'Brien. A storyboard complete with area maps showing Crown Land and websites dealing with the issue of the Algonquin Land Settlement Claim was available for people interested in learning more about the changes that might occur as a result of the transfer of huge tracts of land in our area to the natives in 2015. Caps and shirts with the new KLA logo were available and sales were brisk! Board member Don Cory had his computer scanning device set up for archiving old photos of lake activities. The Lake Planning Committee distributed interim reports to all attendees.

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