

Kashwakamak Lake Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 11, 2015

The annual general meeting of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA), held at the Northbrook Lions Hall on July 11, 2015 was called to order by President Gord Hunter at 9:40 am. After extending a welcome to those attending (approximately 61 members), President Gord introduced the Board members in attendance.

The minutes from the 2014 were approved on motion by Jeff Seaton, seconded by Doug Galt. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report, as previously circulated, was presented by Mary Larson. The Treasurer's Report was approved on motion by Jeff Seaton, seconded by Ann Twombly. Carried.

President Gord Hunter updated the membership on the recent purchase of insurance for the Kashwakamak Lake Association and its Directors.

The OPP were slated to host a question and answer period. Unfortunately, at the last minute they were unable to attend. President Gord Hunter suggested that any queries be forwarded to him and that he would act as liaison with the OPP.

Susan MacGregor updated members on the Lake Sustainability Planning Committee's efforts. They are in the process of drafting the lake sustainability plan and will be meeting late summer/early fall to review their work. The Committee will keep everyone posted on their progress.

Susan MacGregor also updated on communication developments. A new website is close to being launched and there will be a portal for members only. As well the board has developed a "welcome to the lake" package for giving to new owners. All members were asked to let the board know if they know of a new owner on the lake, and the board will ensure they receive a welcome package.

Laura, a representative from Watersheds Canada (Perth Office) discussed the Natural Edge Program. The program is designed to help people restore shorelines. They are looking for volunteers to host workshops. The host would allow people to come to their property to participate and allow some plants to be planted. Watersheds Canada will discuss the importance of natural shorelines, provide all the materials (shovels, plants, gloves, etc., and refreshments) and the host will receive a small gift.

Darryl Simpson, Loon Watch Coordinator updated everyone on loon sightings. 2014 was a tough year for the loons and he estimated that only 2 young survived the season. Darryl has requested that members send him emails with the loon sightings. He also advised that he is currently evaluating the pros and cons of loon nesting platforms.

Elections for board members were on the agenda. No nominations were received from the floor. There were no changes to the existing board of directors. President Gord Hunter asked members to please look within their families for any younger possibilities for board members. The board is in need of someone to act as secretary, as well as anyone who wishes to volunteer on a committee without being a board member.

Mayor Ron Higgins updated membership on what has been happening since he was elected Mayor. The first thing on his agenda was a review of the Strategic Plan for the Township. He has also set up a Community Police Advisory Committee which has quarterly meetings. He spoke at length about the wind turbine project and the Township's position on this. He urged members to stay in contact with the township and voice their opinions and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am on motion from Pete Johnson.