



Kashwakamak Lake Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 12, 2014

The annual general meeting of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA), held at the Harlowe Community Hall on July 12, 2014 was called to order by President Gord Hunter at 9:32 am. After extending a welcome to those attending (approximately 57 members), President Gord introduced the Board members in attendance (Gord Hunter, Judy McIntyre, Allen Archibald, Mary Larson, Cathy Galt, Don Cory, Andy White, Kelly Hagerman, Andrew Blake and Milt Houle).

The minutes from the 2013 AGM require a slight change, as noted by Allen Archibald. The auditor's name needs to change from Gary Watt to Larry Black. Considering this change, the minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved on motion by Jeff Seaton, seconded by Lorna Richards. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report, as previously circulated, was presented by Allen Archibald who thanked Karen McCall and Larry Black for auditing the financial statement. Cathy Galt was also thanked for assisting at the registration desk at the AGM. An unaudited financial statement was included in the KLA Kash Courier Spring edition. Allen advised members that the statement has now been audited, and no changes were made. Allen also noted that we are in excellent financial shape. The Treasurer's Report was approved on motion by Jeff Seaton, seconded by Wayne Speck. Carried.

President Gord Hunter spoke about the marine buoys and advised members that while the KLA did not raise enough funds from the raffle as was hoped for, the board had agreed to use funds accumulating in the KLA bank account to complete the purchase of the marine buoys. They will be installed over the late summer and fall months. A member asked if the KLA would be liable if, during the winter months, a snowmobile hit one. President Gord advised that this would be covered through our insurance with FOCA.

Darryl Simpson spoke on the Loon Watch, reporting that the water level has been high this year and that many previous nests have been washed out, resulting in late nesting and no nesting. Late nesting can be problematic given the increase in boating traffic and possible predators. Darryl is researching the possibility of using nesting platforms.

Kelly Skaug, from the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) presented the sample results from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters recent study on invasive species. There is evidence of both Spiny Water Fleas and Zebra Mussels in Kashwakamak Lake. It was noted that there has never been any evidence of the zebra mussels gaining a foothold in the lake. Kelly recommended that the KLA consider signs at boat launches encouraging visitors to wash boats before entering the lake. The signs cost roughly \$300. Testing on Kashwakamak was done in 2013 and will be

done again in 2014. It was also suggested that our Lake Steward request an invasive sampling kit for testing further on our own.

Kelsey Jensen, a representative from the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW) discussed the EcoAction Grant Project and what it means for our lake. The CSW is offering free site visits to Kashwakamak waterfront owners, giving landowners the opportunity to show CSW staff their waterfronts and discuss any concerns. CSW staff will provide recommendations and if the landowner is interested in creating or expanding their shoreline buffers, staff will assess the soil and light conditions and take photos and measurements of suitable planting areas. Landowners will receive a customized planting plan including the photos from the site visit day, with a descriptive list of native shrubs and trees suitable for the soil and light conditions on their property. Upon landowner approval of the plan, a signed stewardship agreement, and a small financial contribution, planting will be scheduled for spring 2015.

Gord Mountenay, from MVC, presenting on watershed water levels and how they are monitored. Jennifer North from MVC was present as well. Gord has been working on our watershed system and damns since 1987. Gord asked two questions of the members. #1 – who is concerned about water levels this year? #2 – who is concerned about water levels over the past 5 years? Membership response showed that the majority are concerned about water levels. Gord led us through his detailed presentation on the operations of the damns and MVC's goals/targets for water levels. The goals/targets remain unchanged since the 1950s. The damns have less seepage now than they did in the past, which Gord indicated may have a slight impact on water levels. The information is, and always has been, available to the public and is on the MVC website. The two people responsible for our watershed are Gord Mountenay and Jennifer North and all members were advised to please contact them directly if they have any questions or concerns.

A KLA member suggested that the marker buoy locations be added to our interactive map on the KLA website.

Red Emond was delighted to announce that the toll road in support of the Northbrook Lions raised roughly \$8,000 this year.

Red also mentioned that the Cloyne Historical Society is selling calendars for \$15 each.

Karen McCall asked if the KLA had any concerns about fishing tournaments on our lake two years in a row. President Gord advised that this is something that the KLA board needs to address and is on our agenda for our next board meeting in August.

Doug Galt moved a vote of thanks to the Board for the significant amount of work done in the past year. The audience enthusiastically supported his opinion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm on motion from Doug Galt.