

Kahshe Lake Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting

Minutes, Saturday, July 6, 2019

1. Welcome – President’s message
2. In Memoriam
3. A word from our politicians – Mayor Paul Kelly; Steven Klinck, Councillor Ward 3; Terry Pilger, Councillor Ward 4. Q and A
 - (a) Housing crisis in Gravenhurst. Just don’t have the housing on the market for people to buy.
 - (b) Garbage Collection issue re removing of the bins. Mandate to consider what is going to be done about this. Will be opportunity for public input.
 - (c) All firefighters are volunteers. It is critical that we recognize how important they are. Remember there is no daytime burning. Please ensure your neighbours are not burning during the day.

Question and Answer:

Q. For many years the town of Gravenhurst has shared the ownership and responsibility for Nagaya Beach. As of today there is no lease. When can we expect you to renew the lease?

A. It is under review and they are expecting a report back shortly. Doesn’t see it as an issue.

Q. When the town of Gravenhurst replaced the docks, the old docks were placed in front of Rockhaven. Why did the town not remove them?

A. Talking to the public works department, the understanding was the town had offered them to Rockhaven if they wanted to use them. The town has advised Rockhaven that they are going to take them away next week.

Q. The KLRA has learned that the District of Muskoka will be terminating all garbage bins collections on the lake. What can you tell us about this and how can you help us in our fight against this?

A. Every area has transfer stations. There is too much waste going into the landfill. The legislation has suggested that bin sites be removed. They are identifying transfer station locations. There will be public input.

Q. Are you looking at other communities as to what they have done to solve the problem of waste?

A. Yes, we are. The recycling situation has been affected by global influences.

Q. Who do we contact about dredging of Housey Rapids between Kahshe and Bass Lakes?

A. Needs to get this information and will follow up.

Q. Concern about fireworks. Can anything be done about this?

A. We don't have a fireworks ban in Gravenhurst. It is something they need to have a look at.

Business Meeting

(a) Approval of minutes from 2018

Motion to approve minutes by Cathy Dunphy, seconded by Sandra Moad, carried.

(b) Consideration of Financial Statements

See Annual Report for statement.

\$1800.00 surplus for the year

Greig moves that the financial statements for 2018 as provided in the Annual Report be accepted. Seconded by David Crichton. Motion carried.

(c) Appointment of Financial Reviewer

Greig moves that Alex Milburn be appointed to as Financial Reviewer for the financial year ending December 31, 2019.

Doug Paul seconds. Carried.

(d) Set dues for 2020

Steve Wild moves that the dues for 2019 2020 be approved as presented

Seconded by Ron Pearson. Carried.

Some discussion about raising them because of inflation, etc. With so many volunteers, we are able to keep costs down, but in all likelihood will need to be raised in the near future.

(e) Proposed Budget 2019 – 2020

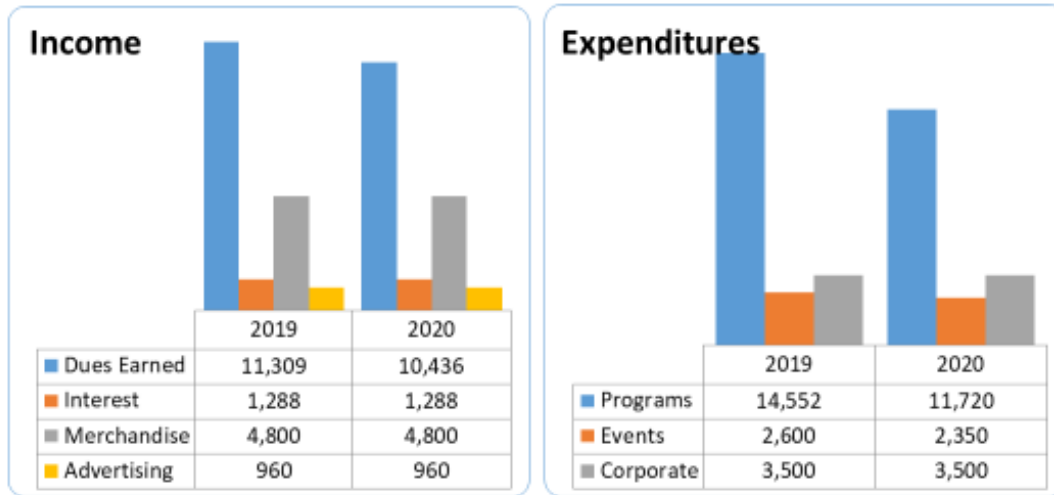
See Annual Report.

I Greig Holder move that the budget for 2019 2020 be approved as presented, and that it be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Second Ruth Miller

Budget

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| Net Surplus / (Deficit) | 2019 | 2020 |
| | (\$2295) | (\$86) |



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(f) Bylaw amendment re membership

The purpose of the bylaw amendment was to provide clarity with respect to the definition of membership categories and voting privileges while at the same time keeping the amendment realistic and easy to operate within. Under the current bylaws, it was not clear who had voting privileges and there was thought that joint tenants or tenants in common each had voting privileges (ie. Both husband and wife, common law partners, joint owners of properties) which could result in one property carrying several votes and creating an imbalance.

After review of similar lake association bylaws, proposed provisions under the 2011 Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act which is awaiting royal assent, together with information bulletins from Ontario Government Services and consideration of the original intent behind KLRA, it was determined by the bylaw committee that one vote per property seemed to be the most equitable way to represent property owners as a whole.

Much time was spent considering the interests of our Kahshe Lake property owners, former property owners and those individuals who may not be property owners but who have a genuine interest and passion for Kahshe Lake and want to stay engaged with our activities.

We are hopeful the amended definitions and the conditions for membership are inclusive, clear and concise.

MOTION:

"I, Steve Wild, move that the bylaws of the Association be amended with regard to membership as written in the document titled "Proposed Membership Bylaw Revisions for Approval at 2019 AGM", a copy of which has been provided to members here present".

Seconded Vibeke Ball.

Discussion: What about families that have multiple memberships already? Marlene explained that really the most equitable way is about each property. Amendment to say one vote per property regardless of how many memberships or residents.

Russ Koenig moves to accepted amendment. Seconded by Doug Paul. Carried.

Noted comment that it isn't the property that is the member.

(g) Election of directors

Greig moves that nominations be closed. Jory Kesten seconds. Carried.

Steve moves that candidates presented (Marlene Clune, Marg Taylor, April Drane, Sandra Moad, Greig Holder, Bob Reyburn, Marnie Martin, Steve Wild, Henry Kowalski, Michele Phillippe, Cathy Dunphy) be elected for the next two years. Seconded by Doug Paul. Carried.

4. The How Why and When of Climate Change's Impact on our lake: Ron Pearson, Lake Steward Kahshe gets sampled every second year and Bass Lake gets sampled every year. Ron samples on Kahshe in three locations. Further details are in the Annual Report and on the KLRA website. To reduce risk of toxic algae the following helps: septic system maintenance, not using fertilizers close to the shore, avoid any major disturbance of the shoreline.

Q. Does the Association visit new owners to warn them about what can happen when you fertilize you lawn?

A. Hopefully that will come with the reports from Love Your Lake Programme.

Muskoka Watershed does have a handbook, some lake association have copies and every time someone moves in they give them a copy.

KLRA does have a Good Neighbour book.

Q. What about septic inspections?

A. Steven Klinck – definitely an issue, there is a programme, they are rotating around to inspect them. Will find out more information.

5. Love Your Lake: Rebecca Willison introduces an initiative to help maintain our shores and mitigate the algae-friendly chemical migration to the lake
Love your Lake is a shoreline assessment and stewardship program. Muskoka Watershed Council is the delivery agent. It has been conducted in Muskoka since 2013. Have assessed over 5000 properties. The programme is confidential and non-regulatory. The actions are of us to know and follow up on if we so choose.

Starting on Monday, there are a couple of students hired, and they will go out on Bass Lake and from the water they will be assessing each property. They have a field sheet that they follow. Once they collect all the data it is inputted into a database and they are able to generate a report for each property. It will tell you what you are doing well and give some ideas for what you could do to improve things.

In the Spring there will be a letter mailed to you and it will contain a survey code. You can go in and get your report. It is free as a PDF.

In the Spring the Lake Association will receive a lake wide report. There won't be specific properties mentioned. It is a good resource to help guide Stewardship in the future.

6. Volunteer of the Year presentation
Lauren Koenig

7. Other business and comments from floor
Muskoka Lakes Membership suggestion

The picnic is on the 20th, and the Fishing Derby is the 27th of July. The Fleafest and Fishing Derby are on the same day.

Looking for someone to take over the Kahshe Krier over the next two years.

Q. Can anything be done about the Golf Carts that are parking inside the hedge at the beach?

A. Yes, definitely, Steve will bring it up with people.

Comment about cars parked on North Kahshe Road. People should call the Bylaw department. They are very good about coming out.

Concern about the ramp at the government dock by Denne's and the steepness of it. Email has been sent to the municipality regarding meeting the building code. They are looking into it.

Last weekend there was a professional fishing derby on the lake. Who organizes them? KLRA has no idea. If people know, please let us know.

Need the leaves removed from the beach. Steve will talk with Scott Dunlop.

8. Door prizes

Meeting adjourned 12:29 p.m.