

**Kawartha Lake Stewards Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
October 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Lakehurst Hall, Buckhorn, Ontario**

1. Opening Remarks

The KLSA Chair, William Napier called the Annual General Meeting to order and welcomed the members. He noted that the meeting was being held on traditional First Nations' lands.

2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Sheila Gordon-Dillane moved acceptance of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, held on October 11, 2018. Seconded by Ann Ambler. Carried.

3. KLSA Update and Election of the KLSA Board 2019 - 2020

Bill Napier introduced the following candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the year 2019 – 2020: Jeffrey Chalmers, Doug Colmer, Mike Dolbey, Sheila Gordon-Dillane, C. Lee, Edward Leerdam, Tracy Logan, Kathleen Mackenzie, Tom McAllister, William Napier, Brett Tregunno and Lynn Woodcroft. He noted that Mike Stedman was not standing for re-election. There were no additional nominations. It was moved by Mark Potter, seconded by Rob Little, that the twelve candidates listed above be elected to the Board of Directors for the 2019 – 2020 year. Carried.

On behalf of KLSA, Mike Dolbey expressed appreciation to Mike Stedman for his service on the Board of Directors from 2004 – 2019 including four years as Chair and six years as Treasurer.

Bill Napier expressed appreciation to the volunteers who served on the Editorial Committee and the Public Outreach Committee and to the KLSA Scientific Advisors. He noted that Trent University had recently hired an aquatic biologist, Dr. Graham Raby, who would start there on July 1, 2020. He also thanked the many volunteers who collected water samples for the Lake Partner Program and the *E. coli* water testing program and the lake associations that participated in these programs and provided financial support to KLSA.

Information on future plans was presented, including the purchase of a Dissolved Oxygen Meter for use in a study to be undertaken with Kawartha Conservation and Trent University of dissolved oxygen levels and water temperatures in various Kawartha Lakes in four seasons. Volunteers will be needed for this project. Other plans include supporting FOCA's efforts to convince the Ontario Government to renew the five-year agreement for the Lake Partner Program (contact information of local MPPs was provided on the agenda), offering plant identification and invasive species workshops, publication of the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report and assisting Bird Studies Canada with the Canadian Loon Survey.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Ed Leerdam, advised that the financial statements for the past year were in the Annual Water Quality Report. He provided a brief update on the current financial situation. It was moved by Ed Leerdam, seconded by Doug Colmer, that the Treasurer's Report be received. Carried.

5. Interim Questionnaire Results

Tracy Logan reported that 77 responses to a survey about KLSA and its programs and priorities had been received to date. She advised that the survey would be available until the May 2020 public meeting and could be completed on-line or on the print version. She provided a brief summary of the responses received to date, noting that 80% of the respondents were satisfied with KLSA programs, 60% had attended a fall public meeting and 40% had attended a spring meeting and the most prevalent concerns were invasive species, aquatic plants and algae. Tracy noted that a detailed report would be provided at the spring 2020 meeting.

6. Presentation: Selwyn Township Climate Change Initiatives

Anna Courier, Climate Change Coordinator at the Township of Selwyn, made a presentation on Climate Change Initiatives being undertaken in the municipality to develop a climate change action plan in collaboration with cottage associations and other municipalities.

7. Presentation: How Citizen Science Will Improve Near Shore Water Quality

Dr. Andrea Kirkwood, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Director, Ontario Tech University presented information on a near shore study being conducted in conjunction with Kawartha Conservation. A PhD student, Erin Smith, is working on the project.

8. Matters from the Floor

There was a discussion of starry stonewort, which was originally found in Lake Scugog but is now spreading to other Kawartha Lakes.

9. Adjournment

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was declared adjourned at 12 noon.

Sheila Gordon-Dillane, Recording Secretary