

LAKE KASSHABOG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

By Zoom Video Conference, hosted by FOCA.

Over 60 cottage participants and 10 executive members attended this meeting, along with guest speakers Mayor Jim Martin, FOCA Executive Director Terry Rees and Michelle Lewin from FOCA who ran the webinar.

1. AGENDA, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

The meeting began at 7:00. President Jennifer Cummings welcomed attendees who had signed into the meeting. Jennifer reviewed the agenda (see item 1 in the slide deck for the meeting). Michelle Lewin read the land acknowledgement and reviewed how members can comment or ask questions using the chat function. Votes will be done using Zoom polls.

2. QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The number of participants exceeds the minimum required for a quorum (20) so Jennifer called the meeting to order. Jennifer introduced the members of the Executive and the non-Executive members of several committees (see item 2 in the slide deck).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

Jennifer referred members to the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting that were posted on kasshabog.ca.

**Motion by Shirley Bell to approve the draft minutes, seconded by Rick Rees. Zoom poll: all in favour.
Motion carried.**

4. FOCA INSIGHTS

Terry Rees discussed FOCA's background, the programs and benefits that FOCA provides, and some of the key issues FOCA is working on (see item 4 in the slide deck).

5. HBM REPORT: JIM MARTIN, MAYOR, HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN

Mayor Martin's remarks covered many issues:

- HBM's budget will be passed next week. The increase for this year will be 2.9%. Some of the increase will be funded by reserves. Last year HBM incurred significant costs relating to the derecho (Jack Lake was hit particularly hard). North Shore Road was supposed to have culverts replaced but that will be done this year.
- HBM will use weigh scales at the 6th Line dump to make cost allocation fairer.
- HBM has received many complaints since fireworks still seem to occur every weekend. Under HBM's fireworks bylaw, which came into effect last year, all fireworks require a permit. There are administrative monetary penalties (AMPs, aka fines) for non-compliance. HBM also plans to implement AMPs for some other bylaw infractions, such as parking illegally near the beach.
- Council meetings are on YouTube.

Questions from members:

Q: Will HBM provide funds to help maintain private roads, such as after flooding?

A: There will be funds for roads in the budget next week. It won't be a huge amount. HBM hasn't set the policy around how funds will be granted. Funds might be available to even number roads in one year, odd number roads the next year. Hopefully that would cover fixing culverts after flooding.

Q: Will the budget provide for environmental grants for lakes?

A: Yes.

Q: Are there plans for a fire boat to help protect island cottages?

A: No.

Mayor Martin left the meeting.

6. 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – WAIVER OF AUDIT

Jennifer noted that the 2022 Financial Statement has been approved by the Executive and is on kasshabog.ca. The Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA) requires not-for-profits to have an audit or a review engagement done unless the members pass an extraordinary resolution every year to waive that requirement.

The LKRA has traditionally had our books reviewed by a volunteer, at no cost. Hazel Higley thanked Steve Wright for reviewing the financials and providing helpful suggestions.

Motion by Les Nelson to waive the audit/review engagement requirement in favour of the LKRA's traditional approach, seconded by Caryn Phoenix-Renz. Zoom poll: 98% in favour. Motion carried.

7. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023

Hazel Higley led members through the proposed 2023 budget (see item 7 in the slide deck). Hazel noted that:

- Donations are from people contributing more than their annual membership fee, in thanks for what the LKRA does.
- Interest on the GICs has increased.
- The Environment Fund was established as a result of a donation from the Richardson family.
- This year's deficit is largely because of one-time expenses.
- She always tries to err on the side of caution. For example, last year we budgeted for a \$7000 deficit but the actual number was closer to \$2000.

Motion by Lori Bailey, seconded by Brenda Koenig to receive the budget as presented. Zoom poll: 90% in favour. Motion carried.

8. DAM FUND

Jennifer referred to the Resolution re the Dam Fund (see item 8 in the slide deck), which was prepared by the LKRA's law firm. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) has confirmed that they are responsible for maintaining the dam. Therefore, the LKRA proposes to release the money in the Dam Fund for other uses. The LKRA will be reaching out to members for suggestions on how to spend the money. Several members posted suggestions in the chat during the meeting. There will probably be an in-person meeting this summer. Until then, the money will continue to be invested in GICs.

Motion to pass the Resolution by Lorna Day, seconded by Shirley Bell. Zoom poll: 94% in favour. Motion carried.

9. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Jennifer noted that we have big holes in our volunteer base. As shown in item 9 in the slide deck, several positions are vacant. Some positions have become vacant as a result of members stepping down at the end of their terms (Cynthia Cole, Mike Delsey and Chris Bradley). Our long-time Secretary and super volunteer Maggie Brickell died last year. The LKRA bylaws states that if no one is elected Secretary, the other members of the Executive must appoint someone to that position.

Kathryn Jones, Morgan Storie and Gary Kindree have been nominated to become Members at Large.

Jennifer asked members if there are any other nominations. No additional nominations were made.

Motion by Jami Sampson to accept the slate of candidates as presented, seconded by Fred Lautenschlager. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion carried.

10. ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (ONCA)

ONCA, which came into effect in October 2021, requires not-for-profit entities such as the LKRA to make their bylaws consistent with ONCA within three years. Some changes were implemented at the 2022 AGM. Jennifer and Chris Bradley are looking at other changes to be made. As shown in item 10 in the slide deck, the most significant change to the structure of the LKRA will be that instead of members being elected to various Executive positions, members will be elected to a Board of Directors. The board will then appoint the officers.

ONCA also requires us to hold our AGM within 6 months after our fiscal year-end (our fiscal year-end is December 31). Jennifer asked attendees to vote on whether they prefer to have the AGM by Zoom in April or in-person in late May or early June. This was a non-binding poll, not a resolution.

Zoom poll: 6% preferred in-person, 77% Zoom, 17% either.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

Anne Rawson discussed the Communications Report (this and the other reports are in item 11 in the slide deck). Anne invited suggestions from members.

75th Anniversary

Anne referred to the many ways the LKRA is celebrating 75 years this summer. The video series will capture early founding family memories as well as the current work of the LKRA. A special 75th cookbook will be sold for \$10, which will cover the cost of printing. Stories from 18 founding families will be featured in this year's Yearbook, which will be issued in June. Anne invited members to contribute additional stories and pictures at the Founders Meet & Greet on Saturday August 5th 12-2 pm.

Environment

Cynthia Cole couldn't attend so Jennifer referred members to the Environment Report. Bob Cummings is in charge of water quality testing for the Lake Partner program. The Birds of Prey demonstration by The Eyrie on County Road 504 will be at the Kosh Community Hall / Library on June 24th.

Membership

Jami Sampson discussed the Membership Report.

Regatta

Hazel Higley led members through the Regatta Report. Planning for the regatta is well underway and Hazel thanked Jan Prentice, who stepped up to lead it.

Community Hall/Library

Lorraine Day discussed the Community Hall and Library reports. Lorraine is organizing line dancing and Shannon Tomlinson is organizing yoga. Lorraine urged members to check kasshabog.ca to see what events are coming up.

Covia

Jennifer reported that Covia hasn't closed the Nephton plant as soon as they expected to. The project to modernize the Blue Mountain plant should be completed by this summer.

Safety

Jennifer thanked Ted Ward-Griffin for his ongoing role looking after the rock markers program. Jennifer invited members to contact Ted if they want a new marker on the lake, see one is missing, or see one that needs replacing.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND Q&A

There was no other new business to discuss. Jennifer thanked FOCA for hosting and Michelle Lewin for her assistance.

Motion to adjourn by Julie Moher, seconded by Carole McFarquahar. Zoom poll: all in favour, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.