

2024 Lake Kasshabog Residents Association Annual General Meeting By Zoom Webinar, 7pm, Tuesday May 14 2024

Agenda

1. Technical Introduction to Zoom Meeting
2. Establish quorum, call the meeting to order and introduction of the Board and Invited Guests
3. Approval of minutes 2023 AGM
4. Report from Havelock Belmont Methuen Township by Mayor Jim Martin
5. 2023 Financial Statement
6. 2024 Budget - Highlights and Review
7. Ratification of by-laws
8. Nominations & Election of Board Member Positions
9. Committee Reports by reps – Kosh Lake Benefit Fund (Dam Fund Committee), Communications, Membership, Regatta, Library, COVIA PLC
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

The meeting was chaired by Jennifer Cummings, President, LKRA. Executive in attendance: Hazel Higley, Anne Rawson, Morgan Storie, Jennifer Conron, Gary Kindree. Regrets: Jami Sampson and Kathryn Jones.

Agenda Item 1: Technical Introduction to the Zoom Meeting

In the past FOCA hosted these Zoom events but no longer do this, so Jennifer apologized for any technical problems. Attendees were muted but could enter comments by Chat. The event was recorded and will be uploaded to the LKRA website. Voting was by Zoom.

Agenda Item 2: Establish quorum, call meeting to order

Jennifer welcomed everyone. There were 35 participants, so quorum (20) was reached, and Jennifer called meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog Lake, we are reminded to respect and nurture our sacred relationship to this land as well as to its First Peoples, both past and present. We acknowledge that our lake resides upon the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe. We recognize and value the contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present. On their behalf, we commit to supporting the health and welfare of this land in all current and future initiatives.

Introductions:

Jennifer introduced our guest: Mayor Jim Martin and the 2023-2024 LKRA Board of Directors:

- President – Jennifer Cummings
- Communications Director – Anne Rawson
- Membership Director – Jami Sampson
- Secretary – Morgan Storie
- Treasurer – Hazel Higley

- Members At Large –Jennifer Conron, Kathryn Jones, Gary Kindree

Jennifer thanked the following LKRA Support, Committees and Liaison people.

- Advertising – Anne Rawson
- Covia PLC – Rob Milne, Peter Patterson, Dawn Mitchell, Rick Rye
- Graphic Communications – Jennifer Conron
- HBMLA Liaison Committee –Jennifer Cummings, Kathryn Jones and Rick Rye
- Lake Marker/Buoy Coordinator – Ted Ward-Griffin
- HBM Community Hall / Library – Cathy Cameron, Lorraine Day, Karen Hubert
- Yearbook, E-News and Website – Anne Rawson
- Regatta – Jan Prentice

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were pre-circulated via the web site.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM, made by Morgan Storie and seconded by Kathryn Jones. CARRIED.

Agenda Item 4 – HBM Report, by Mayor Jim Martin

Update on issues relating to Lake residents in the Township

A 4.2% net tax levy raised taxes 5.3%. HBM has private road grants as well as environmental and community grants which are available for application. In 2020 they received a grant for an addition at arena - hoping to get drawings done but expenses have risen. Updated HBM website this spring, hopefully easier to work with. Lots of waste management changes especially with recycling, changed in January. Obtaining quotes on garbage collection. Grading township roads before long weekend. Some culverts to be repaired on North Shore Road but has been a slow process getting permits. Signage for Covia changed but still having problems with trucks on North Shore Road. George Street has been in long-term need of repair; will start this year. New water filling station will be available next to the water tower. Installed 6 pickle ball courts in arena. Preparing to take over sewage permit approval process from health unit. Building without permits on rise, application is now simple and on-line. By-law officers can now issue tickets for parking and other complaints - complaint driven. Spring brought lots of rain so fire risk a bit lower than thought in winter. Rogers is looking at putting up a cell tower at West Kosh but nothing final yet. Eastern Ontario Regional Network hoping to have 95% internet, 70 - 80% streaming in next few years for almost all homes.

Responses to chat questions:

- Environment grants are up to \$1000 and will need to be matched by the applicant.
- What is schedule for Official Plan update? Doing a lot piece meal for now. Working with County.
- Could Hazardous goods be collected other than just July and August? Will ask and will try find out and try to extend service.
- Water will be available 24 hour, pay by gallon, starting in June.

- Township does not have a lot of say about cell towers. The next one is on Township property so will advise people.

Jennifer thanked Jim Martin for attending. Jim said his contact info is on website and encouraged people to call if they have any questions or issues.

Agenda Item 5 - 2023 Financial Statement

The 2023 Financial Statement was pre-circulated via the Kasshabog.ca web site. Our year-end showed a deficit of \$4,588.19 and our total assets are just over \$45,000.

Jennifer noted that the Board has approved the 2023 Financial statement and it is not required for the membership to do so. Question: What is the reason for the deficit? The 75% anniversary celebrations were the reason but costs came in lower than anticipated.

Motion to waive the audit/review engagement requirement made by Hazel Hamilton, seconded by Gary Kindree. Hazel does have a volunteer who reviews the books, Steve Wright has done the past few years. He can't do an actual audit but gave the thumbs up. **CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 6: Proposed Budget for 2024 - Hazel Higley

Hazel has been our treasurer for 30 years. In recent years we have been successful at getting larger advertising revenues so have funds on deposit. Thanks to all the advertisers.

Income

Membership Income \$8,7501 Note: 350 members assumed
Advertising \$6,700
Cookbook Sales \$300
Donation \$100
Bank Interest \$1,754.75

Total Income \$17,604.75

Expenses

FOCA \$1,7501
Membership \$1,000
Newsletter/Yearbook \$3,822
Administration/Office Supplies \$1,000
Regatta \$3,000
Marker Program \$2,000
Website Expense \$950
E-News distribution \$150
Graphic Design Support \$350
Photo Contest \$350
Insurance \$3,000
Environment \$2,000
Road Signs \$500
Volunteer Program \$1,000

Total Expenses \$20,872

Expected Deficit \$3,267.25

Funds on Hand (as of Dec. 31, 2023)

LKRA funds on hand \$25,477.71

Dam Fund \$20,104.50

Environment Fund \$1,596.00

In response to questions:

We have replaced 90% of markers on the lake so that cost should reduce in upcoming years. Shouldn't we be aiming for balanced budget? Hazel said normally yes but we have accumulated surplus so not a problem. In past the reserve was only \$5000.

What is volunteer program? Jennifer has talked to other lakes about how to better acknowledge and support all our volunteers (for example Chandos has a BBQ), so this budget item is a place-holder. All suggestions welcome.

Agenda Item 7: Ratification of By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Association were edited to be compliant with the Ontario Non-Profit Corporation Act (ONCA).

The main changes are:

- Elimination of the concept of the Executive, replaced with a Board of Directors elected by the members.
- Officers are Chair, President, Secretary and Treasurer; Other positions deleted. The Board selects these Officers
- Added a section on financial reports
- Added timing requirements of AGM
- Added requirement to waive an audit or review engagement
- Added how to remove a Director and wording re conflict of interest

The By-Laws were approved by the Board in April and came into effect immediately. They were posted on the LKRA web site.

Motion to ratify the By-Laws made by Gary Kindree, seconded by Anne Rawson; CARRIED.

Jennifer explained that there are no longer at-large members; all members are now just Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Nominations & Election of Board Members

Board members who are part way through their 2-year term:

- Jennifer Cummings
- Jami Sampson
- Hazel Higley
- Kathryn Jones
- Morgan Storie
- Gary Kindree

Board members whose terms are up:

- Anne Rawson
- Jennifer Conron

Nominations received to date:

- Roslyn Brennen
- Harry Major
- Jennifer Conron (running for re-election)

Jennifer asked for any other nominations or volunteers. There were none.

Motion to close nominations made by Gary Kindree, seconded by Jami Sampson, CARRIED.

The 2024-2025 LKRA Board of Directors

Jennifer Cummings
Jami Sampson
Hazel Higley
Kathryn Jones
Morgan Storie
Gary Kindree
Jennifer Conron
Roslyn Brennan
Harry Major

Jennifer thanked all for serving.

Agenda Item 9

9A Kosh Lake Benefit Fund – Gary Kindree

Background

- LKRA members had opportunity to provide recommendations on the use of the fund through a town hall meeting and a survey.
- Results:
 - Support for the establishment of a “contingency fund” to be used as a source of funding on a go forward basis to allow the LKRA to have the ability to support various initiatives over the next several years that may be proposed by all residents of the lake.
 - Environment stewardship, lake-based recreation, and the provision of goods and services that benefit all lake residents were the predominant themes in the feedback.

The committee recommended that the fund be used to fund projects by non-profit organizations or volunteer groups and that the projects must outline how they support a benefit theme of either:

1. Environmental stewardship (An example is fanwort management/removal and shoreline protection)
2. Lake-based recreation (An example is native fish stocking)
3. Resident goods and services (Examples are fire pumps, boat washes, or providing accessible information on importing wood, how to fuel boats safely, guidelines on short term rentals, lead based tackle, etc.)

Management of the Kosh Lake Benefit Fund going forward, it is proposed that:

1. Proposals can only be submitted by LKRA members in good standing Up to a maximum of \$2,000 dollars be available per year for projects (approx. 10% of the existing Fund today). Any proposal requesting funding over this threshold would require Board approval prior to acceptance.
2. To facilitate proper review and project management, only one proposal will usually be approved per funding year.
3. Proposals are to be sent to the LKRA Board by Nov 1st. The LKRA Board will then forward proposals to the Benefit Fund Committee for their final review and recommendation.

Questions/Comments - How would it work? People would send a proposal to the Board; Suggestion that we have transparent criteria for approval - Agreed. Thought fire pump program issue had been resolved? Back to square one as insurance advice has changed but we have divested ourselves of the pumps.

Motion to accept the proposed criteria for funding projects with the Benefit Fund made by Gary Kindree, seconded by Rob Milne, CARRIED.

Motion to accept the Fund Management principles, made by Gary Kindree, seconded by Rob Milne, CARRIED.

9B Communications – Anne Rawson

- Sharing our lake history and stories was the highlight of the LKRA 75th Anniversary communications with video, stories of founders, certificates, party.
- Our lake website Kasshabog.ca is a great place to visit, lake news, environmental information, encouraged members to check it out as a great resource.
- The monthly E-News keeps residents current, subscription of 1000 people, opened by 65%.
- New Yearbook is at the printer, only 70 pages this year, costs down and advertising revenues up. Anne will work on advertising next year.
- New communication team members are needed. Roslyn has agreed to take this on but is looking for more volunteers. Also need people for adding stories for Yearbook.
- 2024 Goal is to centralize LKRA data and information so when people come and go from the Board they will have information and orientation.

9C Membership

- We are above last year at this time and are now at 118 members. Encourage people to sign up more cottages. 80% pay by e-transfer. Hazel pointed out that you can make a recurring payment every year on e-transfer.

9D Regatta – Jan Prentice

2023 Regatta. A great event with increased participation. Regatta 2023 was 65 years in running with the added event of our 75th celebration at the library. Many thanks to Anne for attracting so many people. Half Moon Bay Beach was a hub of activity and a busy great time.

2024 Regatta will be August 3 and 4

Saturday events - canoe, swimming and land races, 50/50draw, food truck and Stoney point marina ice cream, parking available, ropes for boats stopping at beach.

Start time 10 to approximately 3pm at Half Moon Bay beach on Peninsula Road

- Added event Saturday at the library is an Artisan Market - contact [Dina Morris @ 647-338-8443](mailto:Dina.Morris@647-338-8443) or godinho@hotmail.com if you are interested in selling at market either indoors or on lawn.

Sunday Events

- Sailing- contact [Mike Worswick at 705-877-8739 michael.worswick@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:michael.worswick@uwaterloo.ca) for details and to enter
- Volleyball tournament, canoe, kayak and paddle board marathon, and waterski competition starting at 1pm at Randy and Kelly Cosgrove's beach off Peninsula Road near library #20 FR 80B.

Volunteers are needed for the Saturday events. Students looking for volunteer hours please contact Jan at jeprentice59@gmail.com

The food truck will be available on Saturday only.

Memberships for LKRA will be set up on Saturday and Sunday.

Flyers will be at Marina. Will also advertise on the Kasshabog'er Facebook page.

9E Community Hall / Library (owned by Township)

- The building opened up in April
- Line dancing classes started in April and are on Thursdays at 10 am
- Yoga classes will likely begin in June
- Craft classes are being set up - July 20 and August 17 and more TBA
- The lending library will open Saturdays from 10am - 1pm July and August
- Volunteers are needed for these shifts and Community Service hours are available for students who would like to offer their time
- We could use very gently used/nearly new children's books for the library this year
- Watch for information on a Books and the Beach program to be offered at the library following line dancing class on Thursdays, beginning some time in June
- If you have any questions, children's books to donate, or would like to book the hall, email [Lorraine Day at commhall.library@kasshabog.ca](mailto:Lorraine.Day@commhall.library@kasshabog.ca)

- For updates / information check the LKRA website, the LKRA e-news, LKRA Facebook page and the Kasshabog'er Facebook page

9F Covia Public Liaison Committee

- This committee was set up in response to a requirement by the Ministry of the Environment.
- There are 5 positions for Kasshabog residents – two from the east lake, two from the west and one at large. They meet at least twice a year to exchange information on mine operations, including environmental monitoring.
- Current reps are Rick Rye, Dawn Mitchell, Rob Milne and Peter Patterson. There is one vacancy for an east side person. The posting has been shared on our social media and E-News and is open until June 30. Contact Jennifer if you are interested president@kasshabog.ca

9G Safety

- Markers – Ted Ward-Griffin coordinates the marker program. Buoys are available to replace existing white plastic bottles as well as older buoys that have lost their effectiveness due to sun and age.
- Remember to boat safely and follow our fire safety rules. There are resources and information on our web site www.Kasshabog.ca and on the municipal website.
- Have a safe and fun summer!

Agenda Item 10 – New Business and Q&A

- Jennifer asked if any members had any questions or other New Business to raise? There were none.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

Jennifer declared the 2024 LKRA AGM adjourned at 8:26 pm.

She thanked everyone for participating and for their patience with the technology issues. The cost saving doing the Zoom ourselves was \$1500. Minutes and slides will be posted in the next few days.