

## 2023 LKRA Town Hall Meeting Summary, held on Saturday, August 12, 2023

### 23 people were in attendance

1. Welcome Jennifer Cummings welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Executive and other volunteers who were present.
2. Purpose/Objectives of the LKRA were reviewed.
3. Projects or services that could be undertaken by the LKRA in 2024 and beyond – including suggestions for Dam Fund monies. Ideas were not limited to the dam funds, all ideas were welcome. All ideas will be submitted to a committee and reviewed.
  - stock the lake with more walleye and bass;
  - more fire pumps, with good locators;
  - increasing membership either through zone captains or hiring young summer student ambassadors to collect and educate; or have students through volunteer service hours; if eligible apply for federal funds to employ students;
  - invest in “square” to take payments by Visa at regatta and for zone captains;
  - look into automatic collection of fees program, worth the cost;
  - funding from lake association for gas pumps; cost to new owners would be \$65,000 for above-ground tanks; or perhaps association could help with fund raising events like a golf tournament; would help reduce fuel spills; lot of support from cottagers and a fundraiser could be a big hit; Go-Fund-Me; movie night on the beach; would it be proper to give to a profit organization;
  - investigate fuel tank weekends;
  - don’t have to spend the money just because it is there;
  - gravel for private roads, although not all cottagers are on private roads;
  - Township docks are in bad repair; concern about taking over municipal responsibilities; liability might be a difficulty; possibly buy gravel and just leave a pile for people to use.
  - communicate defibrillator location; possibly purchase another for another location on the lake;
  - purchase benthic mats to smother fan wort, can be moved around and then later sold; possibly association can purchase and loan to cottagers;
  - more education around controlling the wakes of boats; post video of damage; maybe signage on buoy; hold education days; may not be everyone who knows what “mind your wake” means; some boats create more wake slow than fast; show the FOCA video again;
  - use the box and a bulletin board at the marina more effectively for membership and education;
  - should check if winners of prizes at Regettas are members;
  - Regatta is a big draw for members and important to our membership; event is for family and friends though; guests can participate but perhaps restrict major prizes to members;
  - revisit the giving out of the stickers only to those who pay membership;
  - “I Paid my membership” to hang on the 911 signs;
  - we are reaching people that are on Facebook and social media but not other people; maybe put up signs about meetings on roads; e-newsletters are only opened by 50%;

- campers are a huge problem; very large signs have been erected and they have been very effective;
  - updating database to track dues, members, addresses and contact info is a challenge;
  - need to have a survey for people not in attendance;
  - hold AGM at a time to ensure input into HBM budget;
  - HBM did approve a fund for private road associations of \$1500 every other year, first-come first-served; pool is \$15,000 for Township;
  - leave the funds for a more than valid cause and must go to a vote at the AGM; membership fees and donations should go into the operating budget which should not ever be in deficit; dam monies will not go into operating budget and will be held and not used to augment on-going activities;
  - hold some of the funds for future emergencies; determine how much to spend each year; sustainability of organization important; keep a rainy day reserve.
4. Volunteers for the Review Committee – Rob Milne and Harry Major volunteered to sit on the committee. An Executive Committee member will be assigned. Will ask for more volunteers when we survey.

#### **LKRA Objectives:**

1. To promote the **cultural and social interests and activities** of the seasonal and permanent residents on Lake Kasshabog, in the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen;
2. To raise awareness, and to promote **environmental sustainability** for the benefit of all residents on Lake Kasshabog and vicinity;
3. To study and report on all government plans affecting the residents or the uses of land on Lake Kasshabog and vicinity, and to make **representations to the various levels of government** with respect to such matters; and
4. To **liaise with and advocate for our members at like/associated organizations**.

#### **Process from here:**

- Town Hall Brainstorming summary prepared and circulated to LKRA Executive
- LKRA Executive members will decide on the composition and mandate of an Advisory Committee for the Reallocation of the Dam Funds
  - The Chair of the Advisory Committee should be a member of the LKRA Executive
- Advisory Committee will look at brainstorming summary, prepare an analysis and options, and makes a recommendation including rationale for those recommendations
- Digital Survey sent to LKRA members only - outlining recommendation and rationale; members are given opportunity to add new ideas or make comments.
- Advisory Committee reviews digital survey feedback and decides on next steps, which is communicated to the LKRA Executive. This may or may not lead to a recommendation that is voted on at the next AGM.
- LKRA Executive communicates with the LKRA membership on the status of the work being done by the Advisory Committee for the Reallocation of the Dam Funds.