

LKRA Annual General Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2018 10 a.m.

Call the Meeting to Order:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. O'Canada ii. Greetings from the Executive – 74 people in attendance – most ever! 	
Item	Decision/Action
1.0 Approval of 2017 AGM minutes and Financial Statements	Catherine Lees moved to approve last year's minutes and financial statements, Egan Tancre 2 nd the motion. All in favour.
2.0 Nominations and Elections: Mike Delsey - President Stacy Dedlow – Vice President Thomas Brickell - Regatta Adam Auckland – Member at Large Continuing members: Hazel Higley - Treasurer Maggie Brickell - Secretary Lori Bailey - Past President Stuart Day - Communications Bev Duclos - Membership Rick Rye - Executive Liaison, HBMLA / Mine committees Cathy Ward-Griffin - Environment Greg Kruk - Member at Large	Lori introduced the current executive team, and shared that she has been on the executive for 20 years in various roles, and she is now moving from President to Past President. She will continue to take an active role in various areas such as the loon count, dam fund, reviewing the constitution, distribution of newsletters, etc. Thank you to Hazel for over 30 years of service, we couldn't do it without you. Stuart, you are invaluable too, and full of great advice in regards to tech and other various topics. Bev is a great part of our team too – 14 years and counting working on our database, including the Love your Lake project which included hours and hours of work updating the database. Rick is a great help with the mine and HBMLA committees. Terry Rees is stepping down from an active role in the association and switching to behind the scenes help, so we will still be able to count on him for a wealth of information, including shoreline advice. Maggie, what can I say – we count on you for so many things. Cathy Ward-Griffin is kept busy working on environmental issues, including fanwort and the loon count. Mike Delsey is taking over the role of president, and joining the HBMLA team, and continuing on the PLC team (Covia mine). Greg has moved to member at large and helps us with insurance questions and other specific projects. Lori welcomed and introduced the new members that are joining the executive: Stacy Dedlow will become our Vice President, Thomas Brickell will be our Regatta Chair, and Adam Auckland is joining as member at large and will be helping with environmental/mining projects. Lori stated that we can still use more help – especially in membership. Catherine Lees asked what does the membership person do? Lori answered that they represent the lake, and work on finding/figuring out ways to get more people involved and more people to pay their dues. Lori also reminded everyone that you need to pay your dues in order to vote at the AGM. You also need to pay your dues in order to be a member of the executive. Terry Rees moved to approve the current executive team and accept the new team members and Fred Lautenschlager 2 nd the motion. All in favour.
3.0 Proposed Budget for 2018 (Hazel Higley)	Mike introduced Hazel who presented the proposed budget for 2018. Hazel stated we have 625 cottages on the lake, but last year only 227 cottages paid their dues. Sometimes people pay for more than one year but to keep it simple we put it all in the current year, so it is probably a few less than that. The current budget is based on the assumption that 250 cottages would be paying their dues this year. When Lois was membership leader, we had zone reps and they would go door to door collecting dues and getting updated info from their neighbors. E-transfers should be painless but quite often people do not include all of their information. So this makes a simple process complicated. Linda Knoll asked what was the highest number of cottages that paid dues and Hazel answered that it was 489 in 2009. Leona White asked when the cost of dues were increased and Hazel answered it was in 2015. Martha Gregory asked when you pay your dues, what is the fiscal year? Hazel answered we follow the calendar year, and put all payments into the current year. So if more people pay their dues - that will help with the bottom line and the forecasted deficit for 2018. We do have money in the bank, and since we are a non-profit organization we

should be using the money. A young man asked Hazel how much money we have in the bank and Hazel replied, please look at page 2 of the newsletter for the 2017 financial report, and it is currently about \$16k. The calendar is really popular so we are continuing with it for another year, even though it does not add much revenue. Plus the photo contest requires a lot of work, so we won't be continuing the contest unless someone steps up to run it. The cost of the newsletter and distribution costs were up compared to recent years, but the door to door and dock to dock delivery seems to be encouraging more people to pay their dues. The insurance cost of \$3000 is the same as it has been recent years. The signage costs are for ongoing updates to the "Welcome to the lake" signs and the caution signs. We donated \$800 to Stoney Point Marina for Canada Day fireworks, the bass fishing derby and the corn roast to be held Labor Day weekend. This was done to increase our presence on the other side of the lake. Jesse Wright asked if donating money to the fireworks added to our insurance risk and Lori answered no because it is only a donation. Lynda Hanley asked how new projects get started and Lori answered talk to someone on the executive or send us an email. For example, for environment projects contact Cathy Ward-Griffin (see <http://www.kasshabog.ca/lkra-executive-committee>). Carol Wilkes moved to approve the proposed budget for 2018, and Lois Galbraith 2nd the motion. All in favour.

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Regatta (Thomas Brickell)

Mike introduced Jan and thanked her for all of her hard work running the regatta for the last 9 years. Jan introduced Thomas and Stacy. Thomas took the floor and said that the Regatta would be the same as prior years, with the one big exception being that all of the Sunday events (with the exception of the sailing races) will be in this bay too. Ben Holmes will set up a portable ski course Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Thank you to Covia for sponsoring the purchase of a complete volleyball set. Speak up if you want to help or announce. *Note - subsequent to the AGM meeting, the Regatta Organizing Committee made a last minute decision, due to logistical issues, to hold the canoe, ski and volleyball events in North Connor Bay.*

4.2 Membership (Lori Bailey)

Terry Rees suggested that we deliver newsletters dock to dock this year and the team took that a step further and made up kits with info slips, envelopes and newsletters all in a plastic bag. Teams of helpers have been busy delivering the kits, door to door and dock to dock all over the lake. We do need to sign up more volunteers in a few areas next year to help get the deliveries done faster.

4.3 Environment (Terry Rees)

- Fanwort
- Loon survey
- Water testing

Cathy Ward-Griffin could not make it today so Terry presented the environment report. Trent University will be doing some water sampling after the August long weekend to test for a wide slate of lake health indicators. The fanwort study being done with Trent University is ongoing. This summer 2 Trent U. researchers will also be coming out to the lake to do some educational sessions – more info to follow. FOCA is a great source of information. There are 500 lake associations that form FOCA, but none as excellent as the LKRA ☺. There are also some benefits included in our membership like free entrance to the canoe museum and great insurance rates. Please help yourself to the various brochures here today. Managing your septic system is very important to the lake. Old systems fail. Start checking your system after 20 years. Eventually the towns will be doing testing again; in the meantime you need to be responsible. Invasive species are another big issue – signs are up at all of the boat launches – remember to clean, drain and dry your boat when switching from one lake to another. Dawn Mitchell asked how the dam management (or lack of management since levels have been fluctuating so much) was affecting our lake environment? They bought on this lake many years ago because they were told our lake did not have big fluctuations in water level like some other lakes experience. She does receive the CVC newsletter but does not feel they are addressing the issues on our lake. Doug Hamilton has been contacting them on a regular basis on behalf of our lake to let them know when levels are not correct. Suggestion to invite someone from the CVC to our next AGM was well received.

Lori addressed the loon survey, explaining that the lake is split into 5 zones, and that a team of 4 volunteers checks for chicks in June, mid-July and again in the fall. Email:

environment@kasshabog.ca when you see loon chicks. This year less loon chicks have been spotted, potentially due to the low water levels in the spring. We have 8 nesting pairs, and 5 single adult loons, but only 3 chicks so far. The team is getting vests with “Kosh Lake Loon Survey” this year. When you see us, feel free to wave us over to your dock if you want to share anything about the loons in your area of the lake. The results are sent to Canadian Lakes Loon Survey: <https://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/clls/>

In regards to water testing, we have also enrolled in a lake monitoring program coordinated through the North Kawartha Lakes Association. This testing gives a baseline on water chemistry and dissolved oxygen, which is useful for understanding the health of our lake. Lynda Hanley asked who moderated the community Facebook page and suggested that the rules be posted again to remind people what is appropriate. Stuart replied that there are 5 moderators and someone will look after that.

Stuart demonstrated how he does secchi water testing to check the clarity of the lake every two weeks in 3 areas of the lake following the Lake Partner guidelines.

The new LED markers are fantastic, one was tested over the winter and it’s still going strong. This means that markers can be left out and since they are solar powered they also don’t require the large batteries the old style used. He has 8 more that can be put out – if you want one near your property let Stuart know @ mr.mastercraft@gmail.com. Ken Tompkins looks after the west side of the lake.

Thank you to Cathy Cameron for looking after the library for us. We do need more student volunteers - please contact Heather Ramsey at 647-999-4989 or heather12ramsey@gmail.com for more information about volunteering (students – this counts towards your community service hours). Heather also organizes the art show which is held at the library on Saturday during Regatta from 10 am – 3 pm. Be sure to check out the many wonderful artists that are participating. Yoga classes are being held at the library every Sunday morning. Terry Rees is organizing an “All Candidates Meeting” on August 25th. If you have ideas on how to use the space, contact Cathy, 877-3298.

The new welcome signs have been installed.

Caution signs will be installed in two locations – near Pine Island and at both ends of the Narrows going into and leaving MacDonald Bay. The process to post speed limit signs is complicated and takes about 2 years. If you have a boater’s card, you should know the rules which state that within 100 feet of shore, the maximum speed limit is 10km per hour. MNR consulted with the township and OPP and the following signs will be installed once they receive final approval: Be Fire Smart; For assistance contact; Don’t destroy – stop illegal dumping. Brad Davis, who has had a cottage on North Shore Rd for 17 years, asked what capacity for enforcement there is. MNR now has student volunteers cleaning up the Bottle Lake site after long weekends. Lori asked can they consume alcohol on crown land (the answer is no). Call OPP and report drinking on public property. Another cottager stated that they really need to install porta-potties if they are not going to get rid of the campers because they are contaminating Bottle Lake and it flows into our lake. Ken Simard would like to see a group of cottagers organized to fight for change. We all pay a lot of taxes. Lori suggested that he help organize a task force. Ken volunteered to write an email. Leona White said that there are other issues too: fishing out of season, disturbing the pickerel bed. They have called the MNR tips line many times and have not seen any change.

MNR came to the March 5th council meeting and they offered to give the town a land lease, Frontenac township accepted this offer and they now sell permits to park on their crown land.

In regards to the Township roads serving the Lake, Mike Delsey would like to see signs posted for either regulation or guidance that is more appropriate for the roads’ safe travel speed. The regulatory speed default of 80 km on rural Township roads is inappropriate for these roads given their design. Ron Gerow asked him to contact the town in regards to this request.

Rick commented that he has been on the lake for 70 years; he was here before the dam!

4.4 Communications
(Stuart Day)

4.5 Water testing
(secchi) (Stuart)

4.6 Markers (Stuart)

4.7 Library (Mike
Delsey)

4.8 New signs (Mike
Delsey)

- Lake Kasshabog
welcome signs
- Boater caution
signs
- Camping signs at
MNR

<p>4.9 Unimin (Covia) update (Rick Rye)</p>	<p>The committee meets with Covia to discuss environmental, noise and dust issues. There is great co-operation and a very harmonious relationship between the mine and the community right now. They meet 3 – 4 times per year depending on what is required. They may start to meet more due to the expansion. The mine is being responsive to suggestions being put forward by the committee. Rick introduced Covia’s new plant manager, Alex Vanags, and Michelle Oxlade, their environmental specialist. June 1st Unimin merged with Fairmont and combined to form Covia. A small discussion was started about the modernization project which will result in the two plants being joined, with the Nephton plant being closed. Alex asked everyone to attend one of their 2 open houses for more information about their future plans, on either Aug. 22 or 25, 9 am both days – tour the quarry – notices will be sent out.</p>
<p>5.0 Invited Guests 5.1 Ron Gerow, Mayor, HBM 5.2 Alex Vanags (Covia)</p>	<p>Ron Gerow commented that it was a great pleasure to be here, along with Deputy Mayor Jim Martin and Councillor David Gerow. Ron has been at the council table for 33 years now but he is not seeking re-election. He went on to explain that there are various ways that the camping problem at Bottle lake (and other areas on the lake) can be addressed. 1. They could create a parking area to get the cars off the road to address safety issues. 2. They are also looking into how they could take over the area and have looked at what Frontenac township has done. Frontenac has entered into a land lease program with the crown. They now charge people to camp on crown land in their township. If HBM was to do that they would need to create a new dept. to manage it. According to MNR rules we cannot enter into a lease agreement and ban camping. Lori Bailey asked if the LKRA could lease the land from the town? 3. The recent provincial election means that there are new people to talk to about the issue at the provincial level of the MNRF. 4. In mid-august there is a meeting in Ottawa to go over issues like this. Ron stated that he hopes that this problem will be resolved before his term in office ends on Nov. 30th. Paula Lockhart commented that there used to be camping allowed right here on the public beach years ago and somehow the town ended that, so they should be able to do it again. Leone White commented that we need to get this problem solved soon because they are polluting our lake and have even spread to camping on the Kosh side of the road. Ron went on to discuss the fire ban and to explain that the concept that if you need a fire to cook on that it is okay to have a fire during a ban is not totally correct, it actually means if you have no other means of cooking and have to start a fire to survive, then it is okay. In regards to cell signal problems in our area Ron stated that the area has received a large grant to improve broad band services and that a cell tower is to be built at Unimin’s Blue Mountain site which should help the folks on Kosh. He reminded us that both the Havelock and Apsley libraries have free wi-fi for everyone to use.</p>
<p>6.0 New Business</p>	<p>Terry Rees – Aug. 25th All Candidates Meeting at the library from 1–3 pm. Mike announced that Ken & Carol Simard have generously offered to sponsor a contest for ideas to increase the membership in our residents’ association. Their offer supports our community goals and is also a celebration of their 55th year on Lake Kasshabog. Congratulations to Ken and Carol on their anniversary and many thanks for their generous donation. Please email your ideas to: vice_president1@kasshabog.ca or drop them into the “dues” box. Submissions will also be accepted <i>until midnight of September 3rd</i>; winners will be announced later in September. Members of our executive committee will judge the ideas, and those considered to have the most potential to increase membership will each receive a one-year membership prize. Up to four prizes will be awarded. So put on your thinking caps and send in those great ideas!</p>
<p>7.0 Adjourn</p>	<p>Approx. noon – thanks to all who attended!</p>