

**MINUTES
KLA BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2021**

The July 11, 2021 KLA Board Meeting was called to order at 8:32am by President Mike Dudley.

Board members present: Mike Dudley, Ingrid Bey, Lee Weinmann, Stef Westphal, Maddy Lawrence, Paul Ulring, Gene Moffatt, Kris Bateman

Committee/Social Group present: Rosy Albers, Rolf Smeby, Sam Holmgren, Sue Schiess

Board Members absent: Sarah Carlson, Gary Roberts

June, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Stef Westphal

- The motion to approve the June, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Ingrid Bey. It was seconded. It was unanimously approved.

June, 2021 Treasurer's Report: Lee Weinmann

- Monthly expenses were reported by Lee to be routine.
- Maddy Lawrence moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Stef Westphal.
- The June, 2021 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE/SERVICE GROUPS:

A. LAKE MANAGEMENT: Gary Roberts

- Zebra Mussel Veliger testing. The first of two zebra mussel veliger test samples took place in June. Luther Nervig, Rolf Smeby and Gary Roberts conducted the sampling. The second test will occur in July. Then both samples will be submitted to RMB Labs for any detection of veligers.
- DNR Hydrologist, Darrin Hoverson was contacted concerning Kabekona's low water levels. Kabekona's outlet is approximately 2 feet higher than Leech Lake. While the Federal Dam outlet in Leech Lake plays a small role in the water levels, the watershed that feeds Kabekona Lake includes wetlands and small lakes which are very low and/or dried up due to the drought.
- The DNR will be more actively patrolling Kabekona this summer. Their boat has a DNR logo on the side.
- Hubbard County is considering dredging the public landing on Kabekona again due to low lake levels.

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Rosy Albers

- Bill and Lynn Otremba are our newest KLA members.

- The Membership Committee will have several tables at the Annual Meeting on August 7th, 2021. Rosy will also sell 2019 Directories at \$5 each and Kabekona Chronicles at \$10 each
- There are 344 full KLA members and 9 associate members.
- 102 are paid through 2022.
- Kabekona Lake Association has the highest number of owners vs members in the state!

C. KABEKONA LAKE FOUNDATION (KLF): Sue Schiess

- Election of KLF Advisors.
 - Three KLA members were nominated by the KLF to fill the vacancies left by Sue Schiess, Don Evans and Sam Holmgren, who are terming out of the KLF. The 3 nominated were Pete Fullerton, Darlene Hibbs and Katherine Holmgren.
 - The purpose of the KLF is to raise money to protect and preserve Kabekona Lake and its watershed and deciding how to spend that money.
 - Lee Weinmann made a motion to approve the KLF slate of candidates. Ingrid Bey seconded that motion. The KLA Board voted unanimously in favor of the slate of candidates.

D. HC COLA: Rolf Smeby

- The last Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations meeting was both in person and on Zoom.
- One of the speakers from the Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations sets forth these priorities:
 - A Grassroots Action Agenda - a broad list of items that serve the MN COLA's mission which is to preserve, protect and improve the waters and shorelines of the state of Minnesota through advocacy, education and sharing of best practices.
 - A Legislative Agenda which addresses current issues at the State Capitol
 - Long term support of MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center)
 - Better AIS intervention and control
 - AIS fines in line with hunting & fishing violations
 - Close public boat ramps when AIS is detected
 - Better protection of our waters
 - Use natural vegetation as a buffer for shoreline
 - Require compliant septic systems
 - Establish best practice models for watercraft to minimize shore and lakebed erosion
- Kabekona June Climate Info:
 - Clarity: 11 feet
 - Precipitation: 3"
 - Lake level: Up 1 1/2 "
 - Dock lake temp: low - 64F, high - 77F
 - Air temp: low - 40F, high - 96F

OLD BUSINESS:

A. AIS SWEDISH DISH CLOTHS (printed with AIS Prevention info) update: Ingrid

- We should get about 200 total dish cloths (recommended to combat spiny waterfleas) from HC COLA before the Annual Meeting.
- Perhaps give one to each member and sell left overs at \$2 a piece

B. KABEKONA COOKS! Update: Stef for Sarah Carlson

- Continue to solicit recipes from membership
- Include heritage recipes as well as new members' recipes
- Need to publicize
- Have a display table at the Annual Meeting

C. ARCHIVE Update: Stef

- Cheryl Hoium is ending her job with organizing the Archives.
 - Many thanks to Cheryl for her long time dedication
- Since most of what is added yearly to the Archives is generated by the KLA secretary, it makes sense to have the KLA secretary take over the Archive position.
 - A motion was put forward and seconded. Unanimous consent by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. KLA Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 7, 10:00 am -11:30am, Laporte School

- Doors open to general membership at 9:30 and close at 12:30
- KLA has the building reserved from 8:30am - 1:30pm
- Known KLA crafters committed to displays at the Annual Meeting so far include Lyle Robinson and wife (maple syrup, honey, crafts), Cindy Gross (Kabekona Creations jewelry), Eric Hermanson (mugs),
 - Maddy suggests her sister, KLA author Margi Preuss
 - some of her books take place on Kabekona
 - Stef suggests Kim Mattson (Kabekona T-shirts) and will contact her
- Historically, the Board has met immediately following the Annual Meeting to welcome newly elected members and to elect officers from within
- Super One Foods in Walker will be the source of breakfast pastries, coffee, tea, paper goods etc. for the meeting.
 - Mary Moffatt has the KLA coffee pots etc. and Gene will make the coffee for us
- Semi-Annual Reuse/Recycle Day on the date of the KLA June Picnic and KLA Annual Meeting
- KLA will participate in the MN Pollution Control Agency "Get the Lead Out" program.
 - Anglers will be invited to bring lead tackle for disposal at the Annual Meeting.
- Mike, as the KLA President, will take care of the Annual Report and Agenda for the Annual Meeting
- KLA Board Vacancies
 - We have 2 KLA Board vacancies to fill due to terming out: Gene Moffatt and Gary Roberts.
 - Both of these members have shown long term dedication to Kabekona Lake and deserve our deepest thanks!
 - The Board needs to publicize these vacancies and actively solicit volunteers

B. KLA Board Meeting Calendar

- The KLA has Laporte School reserved for a KLA Board Meeting on Monday, August 2nd, if needed.
 - The Board agrees that this meeting is not needed and the brief Board meeting after the Annual Meeting will suffice until the Monday, Sept 13th Board Meeting
 - Paul Ulring offers his cabin as the meeting place for the Sept. 13th meeting, as Laporte School is not available

C. Loon Restoration

- There are funds available for loon restoration from the Deep Water Horizon BP settlement
- Mike will keep us posted on this
- The main Kabekona loon nesting location is in the exiting channel from Kabekona Lake on the Kabekona River

D. Online Publications

- Discussion was held regarding releasing the KLA 2021 Annual Report online only instead of having it printed
 - It costs about a thousand dollars to print it and mail it out to members
 - Returned bulk mail is remailed out with regular postage
 - There is a lot of time involved in stuffing envelopes, adding postage and resending them out due to returned mail.
 - Most members have printers at home and can print out paper copies, if they prefer to read it that way
- Brief discussion was held about also releasing the *Currents* and Newsletter via online publication only too
- This change could delay an increase in membership dues
- If this change is made, the KLA should publicize a list of the benefits of the dues received by membership

The motion to adjourn the July, KLA Board meeting was made by Maddy Lawrence. It was seconded by Kris Batemen. The July Board meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

The KLA Annual Meeting will be Saturday, August 7th at 10:00am.

The next KLA Board Meeting will be Monday, September 13 at 8:30am. It will take place at Paul Ulring's cabin, 35162 Morning Trail.

Kabekona Lake Association
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1 - June 30, 2021

Beginning Balances (January 1):

Checking	\$12,528.12
Savings	<u>\$1,125.51</u>
Total	\$13,653.63

Income:

Interest	\$0.57
Membership	\$725.00
KLF Grant (I-LIDS)	<u>\$1,915.95</u>
	\$2,641.52

Expenses:

Printing (Newsletter and Currents)	\$89.14
Postage	\$606.38
Portable Restroom at Public Access	\$144.96
I-LIDS Monitoring- 2021 (KLF Grant)	\$1,915.95
KLA Operational Expense (Zoom Account)	<u>\$161.18</u>
	\$2,917.61

Income less Expenses: \$(276.09)

Ending Balances (June 30):

Checking	\$12,251.46
Savings	<u>\$1,126.08</u>
Total	\$13,377.54
Net Gain (Loss)	\$(276.09)