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2023 KABEKONA LAKE ASSOCIATION (KLA)
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

11:00 a.m. – Registration and refreshments

11:30 a.m. – Kabekona Lake Association Business Meeting

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION of the 2023 KLA BOARD members, AIS report

President – Ingrid Bey

Maddy Lawrence

President Elect – Nick Rogge

Paul Ulring

Treasurer – Sue Schiess

Sarah Carlson

Secretary – Stef Westphal

Kathy Brown (Interim Member)

Sam Holmgren (Interim Member)

PRESENTATION –“Health *and* Beauty: Making Kabekona Lake Even Better!”

Sue Schiess, Master Gardner and Shoreland Advisor

PRESENTATION “Landscape Restoration Project & Funded Forest Garden Grant”

Crystal Mathisrud, Hubbard County Soil & Water District Manager

APPROVAL of the MINUTES from the 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

APPROVAL of the 2022 TREASURER’S REPORT

2023 COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Membership – Catherine Holmgren

Lake Management – Sam Holmgren

HC COLA/Water Quality – Rolf Smeby

Septic Systems Rebate Program – Kathy Brown and Heidi Soneson

Website – Paul Andress

Archives – Stef Westphal

Kabekona Lake Foundation (KLF) – Dan Rasmus

INTRODUCTION of 2024 BOARD MEMBER VOLUNTEERS– Nadene Davidson, Jill Pottenger, Ann Kern

ELECTION of NEW 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

ADJOURN

KLA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear KLA Members,

Kabekona Lake is near and dear to our hearts. It is beautiful, peaceful, and pristine. The lake has so many volunteers keeping their eyes on the water. We are checking for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and zebra mussels. None have been found. We are monitoring water quality and oxygen levels. Lake health appears excellent. We have watercraft inspectors and the Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS) at the public access. And we are having fun. The KLA Board and Committee Chairs are a dedicated, hard-working group. Please thank them when you see them.

I would like to spotlight 2 very special Kabekona heroes. Past president Martha Vetter is organizing KLA coffees, lunches, book club and more with grace and good humor. Rolf Smeby is our long time Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) representative and works diligently on water quality testing, veliger testing, weather data, and so much more. Thank you, Martha and Rolf!

The KLA is always in need of volunteers. Please contact any board or committee member if you are interested. Check out our beautiful website at kabekonalake.org. Working together we can continue to safeguard Kabekona Lake and the watershed.

Thank you, one and all!

Ingrid Bey, KLA Board President

KLA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Kabekona Lake Association was called to order at 10:03 a.m., Laporte School by President Ingrid Bey

KLA Board Members present: Ingrid Bey, Lee Weinmann, Stef Westphal, Paul Ulring, Mike Dudley

KLA Board Members absent: Sarah Carlson, Maddy Lawrence, Nick Rogge, Tony Fiacchino

Committee Chairs/Coordinators present: Rolf Smeby

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

KLA members were welcomed to the KLA Annual Meeting by KLA President, Ingrid Bey. The 2022 KLA Board members were introduced and thanked.

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Jake Shaughnessy, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), spoke to membership. Jake’s main topic centered on Kabekona Lake being a high priority location for protection in the Leech Lake Watershed. Kabekona is also considered integral to the Leech Lake Watershed’s “One Watershed, One Plan” project. In phase 1, storm water and agricultural projects were addressed. In phase 2, shoreline erosion, bluff erosion, and storm water erosion issues will be addressed.

Membership questions to Jake included:

- 1). What is the progress on the feedlot issues bridging the Kabekona River just north of Kabekona Lake? The MCPA is coordinating with Hubbard County on this project. Once it is finished, cattle time in the water will be reduced by 99%, as well as any cattle waste will be filtered by buffer restoration.
- 2). Where does sewage from septic pumping end up?
The MPCA or the MN Dept of Health (not SWCD) monitors those sites (also called holding ponds). They are licensed to various pumping companies.

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Mike Dudley. A second was offered by Kris Bateman. They were unanimously approved by membership.

2021 KLA Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by Ann Kern to approve the 2021 KLA Treasurer’s Report. Sue Schiess seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously by membership.

2022 KLA Committee Reports

Membership - Catherine Holmgren, Chair

Coordinator’s duties include: collecting KLA dues, maintaining updated membership lists and contact information, coordinating mailings and emailings, recruiting and welcoming new members. KLA has currently 186 paid memberships. Membership dues are payable by mail, at the picnic/annual meeting or online. Many thanks to Catherine for setting up dues payment via the KLA website.

Lake Management Team - Sam Holmgren, Chair

This team’s focus is monitoring and preserving Kabekona Lake. Much of the focus is on AIS prevention. DNR trained boat inspectors have spent 1,100 hours at the Kabekona Lake public access on the lookout for AIS. The KLF and other partners fund these inspectors. The I-LIDS camera is also a critical component in AIS prevention. The KLF funds the I-LIDS camera. Twenty KLA members have zebra

mussel detectors on their docks. Other lake management projects include monitoring water quality and clarity. Starry Stonewort (an aquatic invasive species) has been found in Steamboat Bay of Leech Lake. Kabekona Lake residents need to remain vigilant.

HC COLA - Rolf Smeby, KLA Representative

The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations is the county leader in protecting Hubbard County's lakes and rivers. The KLA is one of 31 lake associations that belong to it. HC COLA is an important source of information for connecting our lake with various programs to protect and enhance Kabekona. Shoreland Advisors, Get the Lead Out, Minnesota Loon Restoration and Starry Trek are only a few.

Septic Systems - Kathy Brown and Heidi Soneson, Co Chairs

This important program began in 2005 and is funded by the KLF. The purpose is to encourage the regular cleaning of septic systems and thereby maintain the quality of our lake. Rebates for pumping are available to those whose property is on Kabekona Lake and requests can be made on the KLA website.

KLA/KLF Archives - Stef Westphal, Chair

The archives, housed in Laporte School, have information on the KLA and KLF and can be visited.

KLA Website - Paul Andress, Webmaster

In 2021, about 2,000 visitors accessed the new KLA website. The heaviest period was after the website originally went online during in the summer months.

Social Groups - Martha Vetter, Chair

The KLA sponsors a number of social groups which are listed on the KLA website.

KLF Committee - Dan Rasmus, Chair

The KLF has two funds that are managed via the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation. The KLF focus will be on reviewing the KLF bylaws, making plans for responding in the event that aquatic invasive species are discovered in our lake and looking for more ways to protect our lake. Many thanks to all members who have contributed to KLF projects.

KLA Board Nominations

Sue Schiess has volunteered to fill the KLA board vacancy. A motion to approve Sue Schiess as the newest KLA board member was made by Mike Dudley. It was seconded by Priscilla Sage. Sue was unanimously approved by the membership.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- 1) A question was raised about the property tax increase on lakeshore residents. Members were referred to Hubbard County for more information.
- 2) A question was raised about the rental campground located on Kabekona Lake. Debbie DeJong, Hubbard County Environmental Services Specialist has been contacted. She spoke with the property owners of the campground. She informed them that they need a variance and a conditional use permit to operate, which they hadn't yet submitted.

KLA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are a number of KLA volunteer opportunities available. There may be a couple of board vacancies next year, which were unknown prior to the annual meeting. Check the website or ask any board member for more information.

A motion to adjourn the 2022 KLA Annual Meeting was made by Nadene Davidson. It was seconded by Sue Schiess. The 2022 KLA Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Kabekona Lake Association
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1 - December 31, 2022

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2022) \$15,301.33

Income:

Interest	\$0.45
Membership	\$6,841.55
Tree Sales	\$403.00
KLA Donation (50/50 Raffle)	\$239.00
KLA Donation (Jewelry Sales)	\$025.00
KLA Donation (T-shirts)	\$200.00
KLA Donation (Mug sales)	\$606.00
Merchandise (Directories and Chronicles)	\$205.00
KLA Donations (General)	\$695.40
Kabekona Lake Foundation Grants	<u>\$2,363.94</u>
Total Income	\$11,579.34

Expenses

Printing (Newsletter and Currents)	\$924.13
Postage	\$73.50
PO Box (1 year)	\$90.00
Portable Restroom (Public Access)	\$768.15
I LIDS Maintenance (KLF grant)	\$275.00
I LIDS Monitoring (KLF grant)	\$2,088.94
KLF Grant (redirected donation)	\$464.55
Trees-purchase	\$402.50
COLA Water Testing	\$207.00
HC-COLA Membership Dues	\$600.00
Bank Fee (proof correction)	\$50.00
Squarespace Web Software	\$236.00
Website Registration	\$103.86
Zoom Account Fee	\$40.15
MLR Advocates Membership Dues	\$300.00
Annual Picnic (Food and Coffee Pots)	\$1,362.42
Annual Meeting (Food and Beverages)	\$199.52
Facilities Usage Fees (picnic, mtgs.)	\$430.00
AIS Water Testing (RMB Labs)	\$135.00
KLF (operating funds)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,750.72

Income less Expenses: \$1,828.62

Ending Balance December 31, 2022: \$17,667.96

KLA MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee's duties are to collect KLA dues, maintain an up-to-date membership list & directory, coordinate all mailings, recruit and welcome new members, and manage the KLA email communications.

In 2022, we had a total of 219 paid members. 153 were primary cabin owners and 66 were associated family members. For 2023, current paid memberships are at 140. This is slightly behind the number of paid memberships we typically have at this point in the season. Dues can be paid at the annual picnic in June or at the annual meeting in August. And, since last year, we have made it possible to pay dues online by credit card through our website, making it even more convenient to pay. If you haven't already paid your dues and would like to do so online, please go to www.kabekonalake.org/membership-dues. Dues are \$30 for one year or \$50 for two years.

We've had several new memberships since the beginning of 2023. Please welcome: **Randy & Rhonda Berg, Jenna & Matt Walker, and Anna & Roy Barigayomwe** to our beautiful lake! We encourage you to invite your neighbors to join KLA, if they are not already members. Please let me know if someone is interested in membership. There are many benefits to membership and our lake association is one of the strongest in the area!

We will be printing an updated directory in 2024. If you find an error in the current directory information or if your contact information has changed, please email Catherine Holmgren at kla56461@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for emails in the 4th quarter of this year asking you to confirm the information that will be included in the new directory. Your response will be greatly appreciated as we only print new directories every five (5) years.

In line with the KLA philosophy to *Go Green* where we can, written communications from KLA are now done via email versus the postal service. This includes the KLA newsletter. If you do not have a current email on file and have not been receiving emails from KLA and would like to, please send an email to kla56461@gmail.com with your name and email address for future distribution.

Submitted by: Catherine Holmgren, Membership Chair

KLA LAKE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Once again this year the focus of the KLA Lake Management Team is AIS prevention.

By the end of the 2023 boating season, DNR trained inspectors will have spent 1100 hours at the public landing checking boats and trailers for potential invaders. The inspectors are hired by Hubbard County and paid with funds from the State of Minnesota, the Kabekona Lake Foundation and Lakeport Township. This year the shifts are limited to 8 hours per day vs. 10 hours in previous years. The result is coverage on more days albeit for less time per day.

During all hours, whether an inspector is present or not, the ILIDs Camera system records all launch activity. The camera is installed and maintained by KLA volunteers.

This summer the DNR conducted another fish survey gathering samples from a series of trap nets and gill nets around the lake. While there was a survey in 2020, Covid restrictions limited the sampling methodology to gill net trapping and fall electro fishing. In the 2020 survey, walleye numbers appeared to be trending downward from the peak sampling levels seen in 2017 when 220 walleyes were captured in the gill nets and trap nets combined. Unfortunately that trend appears to have continued, the preliminary results from the 2023 survey show a yield of only 52 walleye. Pike numbers have remained consistent over the same time period showing no drop in numbers. The DNR will conduct electro-fishing in the fall. It is a non-lethal method of looking for young-of-year fish and determining the stocking success rate and may indicate whether additional stocking is needed to maintain a healthy population of walleye for natural reproduction and harvest.

During the netting survey, the DNR also sampled zooplankton, which includes screening for the presence of Zebra Mussel veligers. Lake Management team volunteers also conduct similar testing later in the summer.

This year the DNR also conducted a shoreline vegetation study whereby they document types and density of vegetation at 90 predetermined points of land around the lake. In the future the same waypoints will be revisited to look for changes in the type and structure of vegetation. This is part of the "Score The Shore" program which began in 2012, but had not been conducted on Kabekona until this year.

The Lake Management Team members also conduct water quality testing and forward their findings to the Pollution Control Agency and the DNR. Those tests include Secchi Disk readings for clarity and dissolved oxygen levels.

As always, property owners with private launch facilities are urged to treat their ramps with the same vigilance as the public ramp when it comes to launching their own boats or those of guests who may have boated on another lake.

Members of the Lake Management Committee:

Sam Holmgren, Chair

Ingrid Bey

Tim Werner

Luther Nervig

Rolf Smeby

David Loch

Mike Dudley

Submitted by: Sam Holmgren, Lake Management Chair

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

(HC COLA)

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) is the county leader in protecting Hubbard County's lakes and rivers. Their mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard County COLA's mission is also to promote and protect the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA was formed in 1988. HC COLA now has 31 lake associations representing 43 lakes with over 2,660 members.

Meetings are held once a month from April to October. The meetings are a combination of live in person meetings in Park Rapids and ZOOM meetings. The meetings start with 1 or 2 guest speakers at 6:30p.m.. The business meeting of HC COLA is at 7:30p.m. The meeting is usually over by 8p.m. Anyone from a Hubbard County Lake Association may come to the meetings.

Kabekona Lake, in conjunction with RMB Environmental Laboratories of Detroit Lakes, MN does 5 tests for phosphorus and chlorophyll A in the lake during the summer. They also do 2 tests (one in June and one in July) looking for Zebra Mussel young (called veligers) and Spiny Water Flea. Hubbard County and Kabekona Lake have paid boat inspectors at the boat landing. There are 21,767 county funded inspection hours that cover 35 sites in Hubbard County

HC COLA and the KLA are excellent partners. HC COLA is an important information source for connecting our lake with various programs that protect and enhance our lake. Visit the HC COLA information table (among others) at the annual meeting to learn more about Shoreland Advisors (an HC COLA program), Get the Lead Out (a MN Pollution Control Agency - MPCA program), MN Loon Restoration (a Minnesota DNR program), and Starry Trek, searching for starry stonewort (a state of Minnesota program).

Submitted by: Rolf Smeby, KLA Representative to HC COLA

KLA SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The Septic Program began in 2005, and has been funded by grants from the Kabekona Lake Foundation. The purpose of the program is to encourage the cleaning of septic systems to maintain water quality of the lake. It provides a rebate every three years of \$60 upon receipt of a septic cleaning receipt for KLA member lake residents and \$30 for non-member lake residents. Review of the last 10 years shows that there has been an average of 33 rebates each year.

From July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, 18 rebates were paid. The balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$3466.08. Some lakeshore owners clean their septic systems but do not request a rebate. We do not have an accurate record of how many are in this category.

Submitted by: Kathy Brown
Heidi Soneson, Co Chairs

KLA SOCIAL GROUPS

KLA's Social Fun Times!

Simply because we're "at the lake" doesn't prohibit of a few "outings" to meet fellow KLAers. So far this summers' activities have been especially popular and well attended! Here's the "Run-down" of the social calendar. (The KLA Website has this information, too.)

- **Women's Book Club: 10:00, Third Wednesdays of each month. May-Oct., Trinity Lutheran Church. Zoom, Nov-April.**
- **Women's Luncheon: 12:00. June 14 -The Door; July 12 – Woodshed; August 9 – Popple; September 13 – The Door. Simply order off the menu.**
- **Knitting: First and Third Tuesday of each month. 1:00. Meet in homes. TBA**
- **Coffees: Last Tuesdays of summer months, 10:00. Bring your own cup! May 30 – Martha Vetter June 27 – Priscilla and Charles Sage; July 25 – Cindy and Eric Hermanson; August 29 – Eric Malmborg and Maiya Malmborg Henson; September 26 – Peter and Gerry Rogness.**
- **Men's Breakfast: 2nd Wednesday, 8:30, Jimmy's. Order off the menu.**

If you are interested in joining any of these great groups, give Martha Vetter, 218-407-3327 a call or write, vettermartha@yahoo.com. You will be gladly welcomed! Or, simply show up! That's even better!

KLA/KLF ARCHIVES

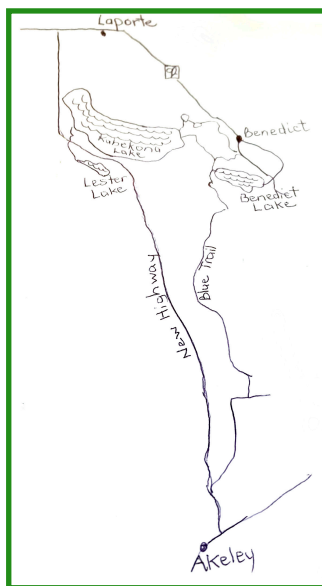
The KLA owns two filing cabinets at Laporte School, which house the Kabekona Lake Association (KLA) and Kabekona Lake Foundation (KLF) archives.

- The KLA archives contain a lot of information on Kabekona Lake from its very early history to the present day. The history of the KLA organization is highlighted. The predecessor organization of the KLA (Friendship Springs) is also featured. Past KLA board meeting minutes, newsletters/ Currents copies, as well as annual meeting reports and more are stored there.
- The KLF archives contain information on the beginning of the KLF organization, as well as information on completed projects it has taken on through the years.

Both archives are open to visits by KLA members. Please contact Stef Westphal for more information.

Here is a tidbit of information taken from the KLA Archives about Kabekona's past:

Did you know that once all and once part of County Road 37 were proposed to become a highway?



Close Call #1:

In 1962, Hubbard County was surveying two possible routes to construct Highway 64 from Akeley north to Highway #200. One proposal would have Highway 64 (with a 180 foot cleared right of way) intersecting with County 37 near Lantern Trail and then continue north along the edge of the lake on the County 37 roadbed for three miles. Members of Friendship Springs (predecessor to KLA) wrote letters and met with the county engineer and county board to express their opposition to the first proposal. Some familiar names were involved with this: Casper Nervig (President), Nelson Preus, Chris Preus, Vic Boe, Sig Mundhjeld and Ralph Rusley. Highway 64 did get built (in the location of the second proposal), but County 37 remains.

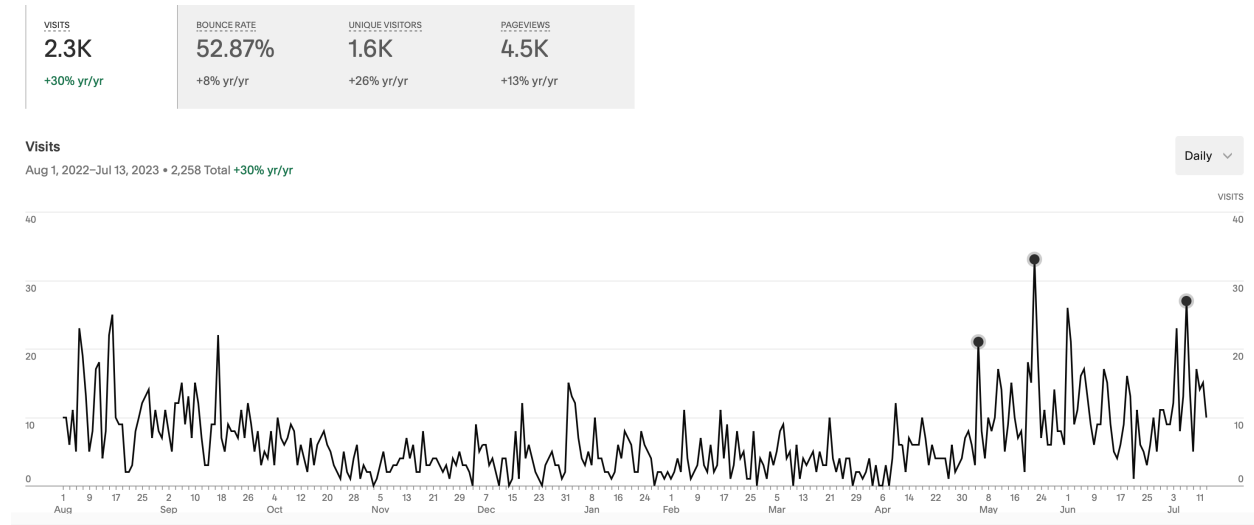
Close Call #2:

In 1989, the Hubbard County Engineer announced that he was going to upgrade County 37, which was then a gravel road. He proposed building a 55mph, blacktop road with 180' right-of-way. Some County 37 residents wrote letters. A committee of County 37 residents including Dave Preus, Chris Preus, Ralph Rusley and Luther Nervig met with the County Board. The Board canceled the plan. We still have our wonderfully forested, scenic byway that is County 37.

Submitted by: Stef Westphal, KLA Archives

KLA WEBSITE

Daily views over the last year:



The KLA website had 2,300 visits over the course of the year. The use is highest in the summer months. It's not hard to draw some conclusions about why that is. It was also a 30% increase in visits over the first year. In fact, all indicators show a marked increase over our first year including 4,500 page views this year. Yay!

Unique Visitors shows that 1,600 separate individuals or households visited the site over the last year.

We collected dues from 47 members over the last year. 36 (or 77%) of donations were Two Year donations of \$50. Total collected was a little over \$2000.

Submitted by: Paul Andress, Webmaster

KABEKONA LAKE FOUNDATION (KLF)

The Board of Directors for the KLF are: Margot Andress, Mark Spaniol, Catherine Holmgren, Tim Werner, Kimberly Mattson, Tim Anderson, Darlene Hibbs, Pete Fullerton and Dan Rasmus. Ingrid Bey serves as a liaison between the KLA and the Foundation. Many thanks to the members of the Foundation Board for their work on behalf of all those who own property on the lake and who are members of the KLA.

Most of you know this, but it is worth repeating the Foundation's three purposes as stated in the Foundation Bylaws:

1. To raise funds from the member of the KLA;
2. To invest the funds responsibly; and
3. To use and employ the funds to protect and develop the watershed, shores, and environs of Kabekona.

The Foundation has two separate investment funds – the Perpetual Fund and the Granting Fund. As of April 30, 2023, the Perpetual Fund had \$166,760 and the Granting Fund had \$69,912. The Foundation is limited to using and employing only the interest earned from the Perpetual Fund – currently, there is approximately \$20,000 available to use from the Perpetual Fund to protect and develop the lake because of amounts carried over from prior years.

In 2022, KLA members contributed \$24,147 to the granting fund through the Foundation's annual appeal. Thanks to all who contributed. To date, the Foundation has paid Hubbard County \$15,500 to support the inspection station at the public landing.

We are fortunate to have financial resources available to protect and develop the watershed, shores and environs of Kabekona. If you have ideas or projects that you believe match the purposes of the Foundation, please reach out to one of the Board members. We would love to hear from you.

Dan Rasmus, Chair

KLF TREASURER'S 2022-2023 REPORT

GRANTING FUND

Date	Description	Charge	Credit	Balance
5/1/2022	Opening			\$72,416
	Contributions		\$24,147	
	Grants	\$15,775		
	Interest/Dividends Gain/(Loss)		\$2,349	
	Admin Fees	\$725		
	Other Income/(Exp)	\$12,500		
4/30/2023	Closing			\$69,912
	Grants			
	KLA	\$275		
	Hubbard County	\$15,500		
	Total	\$15,775		
	Contributions			
	Range			\$50-\$5,000
	Avg			\$379
	Median			\$200
	Mode			\$100
	Other income/(Exp)			
	Return of contribution made "subject to"			

PERPETUAL FUND

Date	Description	Charge	Credit	Balance
5/1/2022	Opening			\$168,197
	Contributions		\$740	
	Grants			
	Interest/Dividends Gain/(Loss)		\$2,613 (\$3,372)	
	Admin Fees	\$1,418		
	Other Income(Exp)			
4/30/2023	Closing			\$166,760
	Avail to Grant	\$20,203		
	Current Year	\$7,092		
	Prior Year carry	\$13,111		
	Contributions			
	Range			\$25 - \$100
	Avg			\$4

NEW 2024 KLA BOARD NOMINATIONS

JILL POTTENGER

I was born and raised in Moorhead, MN. I grew up with two brothers – one older brother (Mark) and a twin brother (Jay). My father worked at Concordia College as an Assistant Registrar and my mother was a Personal Banker at Wells Fargo Bank. My two brothers, my father, and I all attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. I earned a BA in Home Economics and Education from Concordia College in 1982. I also attended Moorhead State University and received a degree in Elementary Education, Bemidji State University for a Middle School Licensure, University of Nevada Las Vegas – Master’s Degree in Reading and Language Arts and 125 Professional Development Credits in Education from the Clark County School District. I worked at The Bemidji Middle School as a Home Economics teacher for four years and then moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where I worked as an elementary teacher and a Literacy Specialist for 26 years. As a Literacy Specialist I wrote grants, managed a before and after school reading/math/writing program and served as a liaison to the school for the reading and writing programs. I retired from education in 2012. After retirement from education, I worked as a Local Director for a nonprofit group - Concerned Veterans for America for 2 years. I am currently fully retired and enjoy baking, reading, traveling, antiques, gardening, games, and entertaining.

I have been enjoying Kabekona since I was about 4 years old. The Pottenger family used to stay with Vic and Hilda Boe, as well as rent their cabin. We enjoyed the area so much that in the seventy’s my parents bought the property we now enjoy on the Northwest side of Kabekona Lake. When we initially purchased the property, we could not even see the lake from the trail road, as the trees and brush were so thick. My father and brothers worked every weekend clearing brush, cutting down dead trees and burning piles of old vegetation. We put up a small cabin, added a laundry room, bathroom, sunroom, garage and a few sheds. Now we have a beautiful cabin on the Northwest side of the lake – complete with a semi-circle drive. I love this area and enjoy the clear blue spring fed water, lush woods, wildlife, wildflowers, berries, birds, festivals, sunshine, and people.

NADENE DAVIDSON

I've grown up in a family that engaged in service to their communities so I view giving back to your community is an important responsibility for each of us. Throughout my professional journey I've appreciated numerous opportunities to engage at the local, state, and national levels in various service roles. With my recent retirement as a professor at the University of Northern Iowa, I view the opportunity to serve on the KLA board as an opportunity to contribute to the initiatives of the KLA board and engage with the Lake Kabekona community.

ANN KERN

I am honored to be considered a potential member of the Kabekona Lake Association Board (KLA). I grew up in Northeast Iowa where water recreation was at “the river” (Mississippi). My professional career was in education with degrees from the University of Northern Iowa and St. Thomas University. Professionally I appreciated helping students learn as an elementary teacher, school psychologist, special education coordinator, elementary principal, and district student services administrator, retiring in 2010. I have served as an adjunct instructor with Concordia University St. Paul teaching undergraduate and graduate students in teacher education programs.

Since 1979 when I married Bob Kern my water recreation has been “at the lake” (Kabekona Lake). Bob’s parents (Bob & Verna) vacationed for 2 weeks each year at Point of Pines resort on Kabekona beginning in 1966 where my husband Bob was known as Sailboat Bob. I enjoyed “the lake” from the resort until Bob & Verna built their cabin at 28820 County 37 in 1984. With a summer cabin Bob, our daughter Fran, her husband Kyle, and I have enjoyed many summer days sailing, kayaking, wind surfing, and paddle boarding. I have also enjoyed meeting and getting to know the Kabekona community through walking “the road” and the numerous activities sponsored by KLA. From these experiences I have come to appreciate the value of the KLA’s mission of to protect and preserve the pristine quality of Kabekona Lake and the lake community’s social and cultural climate. I look forward to the opportunity to work with a group of dedicated supporters of Kabekona Lake through the KLA.

KLA AND KLF BYLAWS

The KLA and KLF Bylaws, which previously have been printed in the KLA Annual Reports are now available online on the KLA website (kabekonalake.org). For the KLA Bylaws, check under “Kabekona Lake Association - Learn More” section. The KLF Bylaws are located under the “Kabekona Lake Foundation - Learn More” section.

