

**MINUTES
KLA BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

The May, 2022 KLA Board Meeting was called to order at 8:32am by President Ingrid Bey.

Board members present: Ingrid Bey, Nick Rogge, Lee Weinmann, Stef Westphal, Maddy Lawrence, Paul Ullring, Sarah Carlson, Tony Fiacchino,

Committee Leads/Coordinators/Liaisons present: Rolf Smeby, Paul Andress, Catherine Holmgren, Sam Holmgren, Kathy Brown, Darlene Hibbs

Board Members absent: Mike Dudley

Previous Board Meeting's Minutes

- The motion to approve the September 13, 2021 Board Minutes was made by Lee Weinmann. Darlene Hibbs seconded the motion. It was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Weinmann

- The gain to the financial position of the KLA treasury in 2021 largely came from membership dues and Eric Hermanson's donation from the sale of his mugs.
- The fact that there was no annual KLA picnic last year kept our account balance in a steady position.
- Consistent amounts deducted year after year include: membership to HC COLA and the Lakes & Rivers Association, publications, annual meeting, postage and post office box, the portable restroom at the landing, etc.
- There are a number of "pass through" deposits and withdrawals in the KLA account. This reflects our treasury taking in money destined for the KLF Treasury and then moving it on into their account. These pass through amounts don't really effect our bottom line.
- The motion to approve the Statement of Income and Expenses January 1-December 31, 2021 was made by Maddy Lawrence. Tony Fiacchino seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE/GROUP REPORTS

A. Membership - Catherine Holmgren

- Rosy Albers has retired as chair, as of May 1, after 9 years of fantastic and dedicated service to the KLA. Catherine Holmgren has taken on the task.
- KLA encourages people to sign up and pay for membership online at the new KLA website. So far, 15 people have taken advantage of this. Additionally, many people sign up at the picnic annual meeting and by word of mouth.
- Stripe is the name of the KLA's website online payment platform through which our membership payments are processed. There is a reoccurring minimal charge to use this platform (roughly \$1.40 for every \$50 taken in), but we are definitely making money by using it.
- Members will be asked by Catherine (via direct email) to update their contact information via a direct to membership email. She will also directly email those whose membership payments are due.
- Catherine plans to research the number of property owners who live on the lake and compare them against the membership roster to find out the percentage of owners who are also KLA members. It may be as high as 80%. There are 347 members in the KLA, not households.
- Effective May 1, Catherine has taken over (from Lee) the emailing of notices and timely information to members.

B. Lake Management - Sam Holmgren

- The Lake Management Committee currently consists of Sam, Ingrid Bey, Tim Werner, Luther Nervig, Rolf Smeby, David Loch and Mike Dudley.
- Many thanks to Gary Roberts for his dedication as leader of this committee.
- A summer goal of this committee is to put more detailed information on the KLA website from reports of the subgroups of Lake Management Commitment where all members can have access to it.
- Further committee projects for this summer include:
 - 1100 capped hours of inspection at the public landing; Lakeport Township has funded 182 hours thanks to Rolf with the KLF funding the remainder; and some were banked; I-lids camera will be installed again soon; Dave Loch will do the oxygen testing; Veliger testing will be completed by Rolf; 19-20 people around the lake will hang PVC traps to monitor for veligers/zebra mussels; Water quality testing by Rolf; Develop an initiative to educate membership on starry stonewort (AIS) by encouraging members to participate in Starry Trek; Distributing to the website timely and important information on fishing and boating pressure on the lake, as well as boating etiquette.

- It is important to remind members (perhaps via the website or direct email) that guests and hired service providers should be inspecting every type of their watercraft for AIS before putting them into the lake, even if they don't use the public landing to do so.
- The DNR completed a Creel Survey in 2021, but haven't finalized it yet. Tidbits of info include:

Various types of boat usage on the lake, fishing pressure, catch and harvest numbers, numbers of people fishing all seem to average possibly lower numbers than other Hubbard County lakes. This can be possibly explained by weather, low lake levels, covid etc. Most of the fisher folk on our lake come from Minnesota, put in the water from their residences and are looking for walleyes.

- There are different DNR supervisors assigned to Kabekona

The Fisheries Supervisor is Wade Massuer. The new AIS coordinator is Aaron Anderson. Nick Baum and Mark Mathy are temporary conservation officers.

C. HC COLA - Rolf Smeby

- HC COLA has open meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month during the summer.
- No new AIS infestations so far in Hubbard County lakes, so far
- 15,878 county funded inspection hours cover 35 sites in Hubbard County
- The only decontamination station is in Park Rapids. Call for an appointment.
- Information was shared on Shoreland Management Ordinance Amendment 20 (Short Term Rental licenses). They are enforced by Hubbard County Environmental Services. Lake Associations cannot police STR's. Noise, septic compliance, respecting the lake quality and number of guests are reported to be among the concerns with short term rentals.
- If ice damage to lakeshore property occurs when ice has gone out, talk with Hubbard County Environmental Services.
- Nitrate testing of lake cabin water can be found by property owners at Laporte 4th of July activities on Saturday, July 2nd, 9AM - noon

D. Septic - Kathy Brown

- Heidi Sonesen and Kathy Brown are the new septic leads.

- Many thanks to Mary Moffatt who led this group for many years of dedicated service.
- Notices of those who are due for septic pumping will be sent out in May.
- Requests for reimbursement or submitting septic questions can be sent in via the KLA website or by mail.

E. KLF - Darlene Hibbs/Catherine Holmgren

- There are some different officers/members of this committee. Dan Rasmus is the new president. Tim Werner is the treasurer. Margo Andress is the secretary. Darlene Hibbs is the liaison to the KLA. Ingrid Bey is the liaison to the KLF.
- Meetings of this committee are open to all KLA members. The meetings are usually scheduled on Memorial and Labor Day weekends. Guests should contact an officer to be added to the meeting.
- Any KLA member who has ideas on how to keep the lake healthy is welcome to submit grant proposals to the KLF.
- Donations to the KLF will not be accepted via the KLA website at this time. The donation requests will remain a fall initiative via US mail for the foreseeable future, due to limitations set by Square Space.

F. Web Manager- Paul Andress

- KLA uses Square Space as the KLA website platform.
- Many thanks to Steve Larson who was the KLA's previous webmaster.
- Susan Roberts, Catherine Holmgren and Steve Larson contributed greatly to the creation of the new website. New items can largely be added within a few days. Paul is not a content creator or the final arbiter of what is posted.
- Sue Schiess has signed on as a content drop for the website, in addition to Ingrid. Please help keep the website postings timely and accurate by promptly sending in information to be posted.

G. Archives - Stef Westphal

- The locked KLA and KLF Archives are extensive and located in Laporte School Media Center and are available to visit. Contact Stef, if interested.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Meet Your Neighbors Picnic - Ingrid Bey

- Due to covid, the picnic is reappearing on the KLA calendar for the first time in several years. Former organizers have retired from their roles. So far, there are no committees set up.
- The Laporte School has reserved the date, Saturday, June 11 for our picnic.
- Food will be boxed lunches supplied by Super One in Walker. Using food trucks was discussed, but they are not local and it would be a slow moving line. People expect the KLA to pay the cost of the lunch.
- KLF may be willing to help pay for the picnic costs, but they need a lot of advance notice because they have to get the money from St Paul & Minnesota Foundation.
- Previously, attendance averaged around 150. Pick 125 as the probable number and have a free will offering to offset costs.
- RSVPs were discussed. Previously, reservations were handled by phone and one-to-one contact. About 100 did rsvp and 170 people showed up. RSVPs will now be handled by Catherine via website and kla email address.
- A motion, that for this year, the KLA Board agrees to having Super 1 basic cost box lunches at the picnic was offered by by Lee Weinmann and seconded by Maddy Lawrence. All present voted in favor.
- A suggestion was made that the Mattsons be approached to donate the proceeds of their t shirt sales to the KLA instead of the KLF. Ingrid will take care of this.
- No one present volunteered to take on organizing the vendors/crafters, fundraising games, children's activities or organizing musicians for this year's picnic. Ingrid will make a plea for next year's picnic volunteers in her welcome to the picnic speech
- Motion was made that the picnic this year will be food, fun and music by Catherine. Lee seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- 50/50, head and tails and bead games as fundraisers for the picnic were discussed.

B. May KLA Newsletter - Stef Westphal

- Stef is looking for someone to take over the KLA newsletters
- The May KLA Newsletter will come out before Memorial Day weekend and be a basic format of only about 4 pages long. It will be sent out via email and posted on the KLA website. Readers seem to prefer a shorter newsletter.

- A number of leads/coordinators have already been contacted to contribute articles. There will also be a calendar section, a section listing specific volunteer needs and a thank you section.

C. Calendar - Ingrid Bey

- June 6, July 11, August 1 (tentative) KLA Board Meetings, Laporte School, 8:30am
- June 11 - KLA Picnic, Laporte School
- July 4 - KLA Boat Parade
- August 6, KLA Annual Meeting and Board Meeting, Laporte School
- September 12 - KLA Board Meeting, location to be determined

D. Thank Yous - Ingrid Bey

- Thank you cards and tokens of appreciation will be given to Rosy Albers, Steve Larson, Mary Moffatt and Eric Hermanson for their dedicated service and contributions to the KLA.

E. KLA Zoom Account—Ingrid Bey

- \$161.18 is due for the cost of the Zoom annual account for this year.
- Catherine shared that if there is a gmail account for the nonprofit, it is possible to sign up for a Zoom account with that email address as a log in. It would be just ours and there's nothing to do to maintain it.
- A motion was made by Stef to create a Zoom account every May -Sept (if possible) using the KLA gmail address and have Ingrid run it. It was seconded by Lee. It passed unanimously
- The KLA will not participate this year with Marcel Noyes of the Soil & Water Dept at his Laporte Days event.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tree Program -Maddy Lawrence

- The ground is still frozen so the pick up date for the seedlings has been moved to Saturday, May 14.

B. Loon Liaison -Ingrid Bey

Bird Flu was discussed.

Ingrid will write something up for the website.

ADJOURN

Tony Fiacchino made a motion to adjourn. Maddy Lawrence seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.