

**Minutes**  
**KLA BOARD MEETING**  
**May 3, 2021**

The May, 2021 KLA Board meeting was called to order at 8:44am by President Mike Dudley.

Board members present: Mike Dudley, Ingrid Bey, Lee Weinmann, Stef Westphal, Gary Roberts, Sarah Carlson, Maddy Lawrence, Kris Bateman

Committee members present: Rosy Albers, Steve Larson

Board Members Absent: Paul Uring, Gene Moffatt

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee Weinmann

- Treasurer's Report dated January 1 - December 31, 2020 is included at the end of these Minutes.

**Service Group/Committee Reports:**

*A. Information Systems:*

- Steve Larson, our KLA Webmaster, will continue leading the KLA website
- An Information Systems Coordinator volunteer is needed
- Lee will send out emails to the KLA membership as needed.
- Steve would like more KLA people to send him postings for the KLA website
  - Writing "KLA Info" in the subject line would be helpful to distinguish it

*B. Social & Community*

- A Coordinator is needed

*C. Publications*

- KLA Currents - Judy Keiser will publish the "Currents" once a year, in the late summer or early fall
- KLA Spring Newsletter - Stef Westphal will send out a short spring newsletter this month
- Directory - Rosy Albers will take care of the KLA Directory, when it is needed again

*D. Septic: Mary Moffatt*

- It is important to keep this group going to continue the quality of our lake
- The 10/2/10-3/31/21 Septic Management report was presented. The beginning balance was \$1864.55. Interest was \$.34 Rebates paid were 11. The remaining balance was @1234.89. The amount of the rebate paid to each is \$60 to KLA members and \$30 to non-KLA members.

*E. Lake Management: Gary Roberts*

- Ingrid Bey presented a report on a point intercept aquatic vegetation study, on which the Lake Management Committee voted to proceed.
  - The vegetation survey is critical to ensuring that no invasive plants are in Kabekona. If they are, action could be taken at an early stage.
  - The survey will be conducted by RMB Labs, Detroit Lakes in mid-July or August
- Kabekona will have 1,100 watercraft inspection hours in 2021. Hubbard County arranges for the staffing. Kabekona Lake Association through funding through the Kabekona Lake Foundation funds has paid for 706 hours of the 1,100 hours.
- I-Lids camera system will be installed tomorrow. A new mag sensor system will be installed the first week in May to try to improve correct video captures.
- Veliger testing will occur again this season at a cost of \$200-300. This is sometimes funded by the KLF. A new net will be ordered.
- Oxygen Testing will occur again, as managed by committee member Dave Loch. Results will be forwarded to the DNR office.
- Hubbard County SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) plans to mitigate cattle in the Kabekona River was briefly discussed. No committee action on this was taken. However, additional testing and discussion seems warranted.
- Michael Cross, the new district Conservation officer based in Lake George, will potentially take on additional patrolling on Kabekona.
- A new committee chair and members are needed for this committee. Gary's term is ending.
- Ingrid Bey presented information to the committee from MN Lakes & Rivers on the Spiny Water Flea, an invasive aquatic invasive specie which could threaten our lake, if present.

#### F. COLA

- Ingrid Bey presented information on Shoreline Advisors, a program offered through Hubbard County
  - Shoreline Advisors stresses "Restore the Shore" and planting natives to improve Kabekona water quality, among other positive benefits for our lake
  - Ingrid and Sue Schiess have taken the training and offer their informal services to interested Kabekona Lake property owners
- Rolf Smeby's report:
  - Secchi Disc reading of lake water clarity from last Thursday is 22 feet!
  - No information on height of lake given.
  - Rainfall for the calendar year is 26.28." Average is 23.8"
  - Snowfall for the calendar year is 33" Average is 41"
  - March 7th was ice out on the lake

#### G. KLF: Sue Schiess

- KLF donated \$15,000 to fund inspectors at the public landing. Not only could we pay our usual share, we could make up the shortfall from Hubbard County.
- KLF donated \$2500 contribution to a Soil and Water Conservation District project to reduce the amount of E. coli entering the lake from the Kabekona River.
  - A cattle farmer along the River allows cattle to cross the river and the project is proposed to prevent that from happening.
- KLF donated \$1500 to fund our share of a study of Kabekona Lake vegetation for which Ingrid Bey secured a matching grant from Hubbard County COLA.
- KLF donated \$3000 to pay for ongoing maintenance of lake management equipment
- KLF is talking to Northern Waters Land Trust about helping to raise \$100,000 over the next two years to purchase 640 acres of forest that The Conservation Fund acquired from Potlatch Corporation.

- *NWLT has about \$1,000,000 in grants to purchase the land but can spend it only if there is a 10% match.*
- KLF certainly won't be asked to contribute all of that, but since Kabekona Lake will benefit more directly than any other, we should contribute.
- KLF will need a new committee head and members next year as terms for some are timing out

#### H. Membership - Rosy

- Rosy reported that it was a banner year for new members joining the KLA
  - New members included: Joe and Carolyn Arndt, Per Anderson, Chad and Peggy Malm, Hedi Moussavi, Deb Bauler, Raul and Dana Escobar. The Malms live on Cty 39 and the Escobars live on Cty 93. The remainder live on Cty 37.
- Rosy reported that she includes the year membership dues are paid through on the address labels she sends out
- 80% of lake owners are members

#### **Old Business:**

- **Streamlining Service Groups:**
  - A number of these have expired/ing leads and supporting members including: KLF, Lake Management, Information Systems, Historian, Social & Community,
  - It was suggested that if no one volunteers, perhaps the Board should discuss doing away with that committee/social group
- **Fundraising:**
  - Sarah Carlson will work on a fundraising cookbook project named "Kabekona Cooks" for the KLA.
  - Recipe suggestions are welcome until August 1st

#### **New Business**

- Mike has accepted the position of Vice President of COLA.
  - The Board should recognize Kris Bateman for her service and dedication to the board, now that she is in the ex officio position.
- Many thanks to Maddy Lawrence, with an assist from Martha Vetter for their wonderful job with the tree orders.
  - Maddy said that she would do it again next year.

The motion to adjourn was made by Gary Roberts second by Maddy Lawrence. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21.

The next Board meeting will be June 7th, 8:30am, Zoom.

**Kabekona Lake Association**  
**Statement of Income and Expenses**  
**January 1 - December 31, 2020**

**Beginning Balances (January 1):**

Checking	\$11,134.88
Savings	<u>\$ 1,124.36</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,259.24</b>

**Income:**

Interest	\$ 1.15
Membership	\$ 8,080.00
Trees - Sales	\$ 1,787.00
Grant (Kabekona Lake Fund)	<u>\$ 3,619.18</u>
	<b>\$13,487.33</b>

**Expenses:**

Printing (Newsletter and Currents)	\$1,504.27
Printing (Kabekona History Books)	\$ 459.16
Postage	\$1,260.55
P.O. Box - 1 year	\$ 76.00
Portable Restroom at Public Access	\$ 623.48
Oxygen Sensor	\$1,247.61
I-LIDS Security System (Monitoring Fee 2019 and 2020)	\$3,619.18
Trees - Purchase	\$1,787.00
COLA Water Testing	\$ 365.00
COLA Membership Dues	\$ 600.00
MLR Advocates Membership Dues	\$ 300.00
KLA Sponsored Honorariums	\$ 125.69
KLF (Redirect Member Contribution)	\$ 125.00
KLA Septic Assistance Program	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	<b>\$12,092.94</b>

**Income less Expenses:** \$1,394.39

**Ending Balances (December 31):**

Checking	\$12,528.12
Savings	<u>\$ 1,125.51</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,653.63</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,394.39</b>