



2026 KLA Annual Member Meeting Minutes – July 11

9:00am Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Brenda

9:05am Reports

1. Financial Update - Liz Stockwell
 - a. The vote to approve KLA's grants was unanimously approved
 - b. We have a strong operating profit and cash balance. Operating expenses were higher in 2024 and came down in 2025. We had lower Courtesy Boat Inspector expenses than we budgeted. MCF balance is doing well. We are working on liability insurance costs and there has been an increase in the cost of dam insurance.
2. Vote to approve Treasurer and Secretary reports
 - a. Unanimously approved
3. Membership - Paige Nalipinski
 - a. Dues and donations at end of 2025 were a record - 135 memberships
 - b. This year 65 members so far, approximately \$1,160 in donations along with membership
 - c. We want to push younger membership
 - d. Bill asked for a flyer with a QR code to bring to campground sites.
4. Update on online payment system demo - Liz Stockwell
 - a. You can pay for memberships and donate at the same time. There is a \$1 processing fee.
5. Merchandise - Joanne Eaton
 - a. \$3,363 in merchandise revenue in 2025. Looking for someone to take over responsibility. There are gift certificates available.
6. Communications - Brenda Hambleton, Melissa Tarbell, Bob Spencer
 - a. We are looking for more staff to support social media, newsletter, and website editing.
7. Water Safety - Andy Tabour
 - a. Loons got on the nest early this year and then left. A pair started late.

9:15am Election of Board Members & Officers

1. Directors with terms ending in 2026 seeking renewal:
 - a. Jim Flynn
 - b. Tom Hammett
 - c. Bill Robichaud
 - d. Elizabeth "Liz" Stockwell
 - e. Unanimously approved
2. New nominations:
 - a. Bill Eaton
 - b. Unanimously approved
3. Officers needing election in 2026:
 - a. Jonathan Hasson, President
 - b. Bill Robichaud, Vice President
 - c. Elizabeth (Liz) Stockwell, Treasurer
 - d. Riley Hasson, Secretary
 - e. Unanimously approved



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9:20am Maine DEP

1. Scorecard for Keoka Lake - Brenda Hambleton
 - a. Maine DEP gives a four-part scorecard
 - i. Water quality (LEA monitored) - we are doing okay for the most part- we have no algae blooms (this is good)
 1. Phosphorus (big dot to the left is ideal) - good and trend is decreasing
 2. Secchi depth (big dot to the right is ideal) – good
 3. Chlorophyll (big dot to the left is ideal) - good and stable
 - ii. Invasive plants (CBI and Plant Patrol monitored)
 1. There was a 2024 survey, none of the plants were dangerous
 2. CBI is finding more invasives this year than last year and most come from out-of-state and fishing boats
 3. Early morning fishing boats are our biggest threat.
 - iii. Shoreland habitat
 1. We are part of the Portland water district. They review water quality, land cover, and land conserved. We are 3s on most rankings, meaning Keoka is stable.
 2. Lakes overtime tend to go bad. Stable is not a bad thing. Our land covered trend score is lower - common as we build more and populate more around the lake.
 3. The shoreland condition is fair for Keoka. Habitat assessments have not yet been conducted.
 - iv. Lake vulnerability (septic systems, runoff) - we are at the top of the charts in terms of quality
 1. Sediment chemistry – good
 2. Runoff pollution – good
 3. Lake loop road, old septic systems
 4. Oxygen score – fair
 - a. Lake is shallow, warm temps, not a lot of rain - puts us at risk
 - v. Three zones as property owners around the lake that we should be aware of:
 1. Natural Resource Protection Act - 75 feet from lake or pond - need state and town permits to do anything. Ex: fire pit, add steps, add a pathway. This is a horizontal measurement. (Enforced by DEP)
 2. Removing trees - vegetation under 3 feet is protected
 3. Branches on lower 1./3 of the tree can be trimmed
 4. New view corridors are not allowed, nor are re-opening closed ones
 5. Cannot disturb duff
 6. New structures are not allowed wider than 4 feet.



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1. Plant Patrol - Arne Klepinger
 - a. Pretty healthy. We have a new plant patrol member representing the campground.
 - b. Went to the invasives summit on May 1st.
2. Stream Project – Brenda Hambleton for Mark Lennasi
 - a. We emailed people who have property on streams that flow into Keoka. Working on getting them as part of the community to educate what they can do to protect the lake.
3. Dam Management - Jonathan Hasson
 - a. Checking the dam once or twice a week. They check for obstructions and debris. They flush it in the fall and spring. Adjust it periodically depending on the weather. Needs to be adjusted from the high side and down. We cannot shut the dam per state law. There has to be a minimum amount of flow from edge to edge. We have it down to about an inch right now.
 - b. The dam needs some periodic maintenance. We will be able to get it evaluated in late summer.
 - c. Question: Are there state resources available if the evaluation indicates there will be a lot of money involved in improvements? Answer: there may be from state funds.
4. Kedar Brook Improvement Project - Jonathan Hasson
 - a. Kedar is the major supplier to the lake.
 - b. Working with Trout Unlimited.
 - c. This is relevant to the health of the lake and the fish population.
5. LakeSmart - Larry Griffith
 - a. Got 4 more families
 - b. McWain is starting to outnumber us on Keoka!
 - c. LakeSmart only makes recommendations, there is no reporting to authority.
 - d. If you got it 7 or more years ago or have done any changes to your property, you should get it done again.
6. Get Pumped - Mike Nalipinski, Brenda Hambleton
 - a. The goal is to help Waterford protect the lake and property values by ensuring septic system maintenance. We want to create a database so KLA can track aging systems. And we want to develop programs to help property owners ensure their systems are working.
 - b. Everyone should **GET PUMPED!**
 - c. The ask: Have you had your septic system serviced every 3-5 years. Send the receipt to KLA via post or email.
 - d. The town is not ready to put in an ordinance in to mandate this



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9:50 Events

1. Watershed Event - Watersheds are larger than you think!
 - a. The goal is to raise awareness about how important they are.
 - b. The Watershed Fest is today - Drop in event at Town Beach
 - c. Tom is planning a trip to LEA's Highland Forest in late August.
2. Regatta is on the 25th!
3. Boat Parade is on August 1st!
 - a. We need more KLA boats in the parade!
 - b. **NEW EVENT:** Marshmallow Paddle on Keoka Lake - 8/10 5:30-7:00pm - kayak, canoe, paddleboard launching from Town Beach.

9:55 Member Introductions & Questions

1. Sara Stockwell will be going around the lake to count the loons on Saturday
2. Al Struck - there are 4 camps participating this year! We want more kids from around Keoka Lake to sail in Bud Lazzott
3. Bill Stockwell - so grateful for the heat pumps and the effort that went into getting them there.

Meeting ended at 10:08 am