



2026 KLA Spring Board Meeting – May 22

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

- Meeting Location: Waterford Library
- Board Attendees: Al Struck, Tom Schafer, Joann Eaton, Jim Flynn, Bill Robichaud, Andy Tabor, Brenda Hambleton, Liz Stockwell, Riley Hasson, Jonathan Hasson, Arne Klepinger
- Guests: Tom Schaefer, Adam Stockwell

Secretary's Report – Riley Hasson

- Minutes from 2025 Fall Board meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report – Liz Stockwell

- [KLA 2025 Financial Statement](#)
 - 4k operating profit, strong cash balance
 - Operating expenses are back down to \$15,800
 - CBI (Courtesy Boat Inspector) costs were lower than we budgeted for
 - Dues and donations were at a record level - \$10,460
 - At the end of Q1, MCF had \$256,301, which is +10.9% YoY
 - Dam Liability Insurance quote is about \$500 higher this year
- The following 2026 were approved by the Board:
 - \$100 to the Waterford Fire Department
 - \$100 to Stoneham Rescue
 - \$100 to The Lake Stewards
 - \$100 to the Wilkins Community House
 - \$200 to Maine Lakes
 - \$1,200 to LEA
- Update on online payment system:
 - Goal: To be able to take memberships and donations at the same time
 - The Board was given a demo of the website mockup by Adam Stockwell
 - Board members will test this for our own annual memberships prior to July 11 annual meeting. To access the online payment system please go to <https://www.keokalake.org/membershipdues>.
 - If the test goes well, we will announce the online payment system to the membership at the annual meeting

2026 Plans

Charlie Tarbell's parting shots and action items:

- Execute an engineering review of the and evaluation of the dam structure
 - Dam is 20 years old
 - Jonathan is working with 2 engineering firms for RFP
 - Dam Committee is taking ownership (Jonathan, Jim, Bill, Nick Archer)
 - Standardizing measurements on the dam to help determine the appropriate open level
 - Nick and Jonathan are checking it every other day
 - Andy Tabor will provide damn documentation and advise the Dam Committee
 - Dam control plan
 - Dam project proposal (2004)
 - Maine DEP dam regulations
 - Maine DEP Permit by Rule requirements
 - Maine DEP Permit by Rule application for dam (2004)
 - Eagle Scout leadership project workbook (Kilton Tabor, 2004)
- Ensure that Waterford's Comprehensive Plan addresses water quality in lakes and streams town-wide
 - Letters sent to all mailboxes and post office box
 - Selectboard is picking who is on the planning committee and subcommittees
- Engage stream-side property owners – Mark Lenassi
 - No update from Mark
 - We don't know the scope of the task yet
- Appoint an official KLA liaison to the Town of Waterford for CBI, boat ramp maintenance, etc.



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- Bill Eaton helping with CBI
- Jonathan is on the Select Board and will be the KLA liaison
- Appoint a LEA liaison
 - Bill Eaton volunteered
- Address drainage hot spots at the Boat Launch and Sucker Brook
 - Jim Flynn volunteered
- Find an apprentice to work with Andy Tabor of KLA hazard, navigation, and loon buoys
 - Potential volunteers include Quentin Stockwell, Robichaud grandchildren
- Engage with the Town of Waterford on a septic system inspection plan
 - Mike Nalipinski is doing this - suggestion was put to the town and it was not accepted
 - Plan was regular testing on 3rd or 5th year. Brenda will attend June 17 Planning Board meeting.
 - Brenda asked Mike to speak about his work on Waterford's emergency preparedness plan. Liz suggested that we ask Mike about the septic checking pills and, if they work, hand them out at the annual meeting. Brenda will follow-up with Mike.

2025 LEA Water Monitoring Summary

- Total phosphorus is decreasing
- Secchi depth is stable
- Chlorophyll is stable
- All is stable or improving

LEA Advanced Testing Proposal

- 2 water samples analyzed over the summer to determine and document algae (\$350)
- 2 winter monitoring trips for ice and water quality conditions (\$750)
- Deploy, retrieve, and analyze data from temperature sensor buoy (\$200)
- Obtain 5 fluorometric chlorophyll profiles and analyze data (\$200)
- Total cost for all above recommendations \$1500 and was unanimously approved

Invasives - Arne Klepinger

- MDEP - another lake has water chestnut - first time in Maine
- 30 lakes (less than 1%) have invasives
- 10 Most Wanted Invasives chart available at www.lakes.maine/invasives
- 1.2 mill inspections since 2001, and 4000 of those inspections had invasives

Plant Patrol Plan - Arne Klepinger

- We have someone from the campground to patrol
- Sarah Stockwell is no longer available to do the paddleboard patrol

Stream Survey Plan (volunteers needed)

- Health of the streams flowing into the lake
- 6 inflows
- Check for blockages and things in the water that shouldn't be

Membership Report and 2026 Plan - Paige Nalipinski (with Liz Stockwell reporting for her)

- 25 members have paid
- \$900 in unrestricted donations

Communications Plan - Brenda Hambleton

- Need volunteers: Editors, content gatherers, newsletter formatting and publishing, website management

Merchandise Sales Plan - Joanne Eaton

- Wants apprenticeship
- Brenda has a volunteer – Riannon Hambleton to do online merchandise



Water Safety Plan & Loon Nest Update - Andy Tabor

- Installed last Sunday

KLA Stream Project Plan (both Kim & T'ing have retired from the Board)

- No update – volunteers needed

Kedar Brook Improvement Plan - Jonathan Hasson

- Jonathan will give an update at the annual meeting
- Partnering with Trout Unlimited
- Potentially organizing a brook cleanup

Watershed Engagement and Improvement - Tom Hammett (with Jim Flynn reporting for him)

- Tom or Jim needs to check with the town about a permit for use of the Town Beach
- KLA will sponsor if town approves

Board and Officer Nominations

If you are not currently serving as an officer or committee chair, please consider volunteering for one of the open roles. KLA's success depends on active participation from all Board members. The Bylaws require us to have “a Board of Directors consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) Directors.” With recent retirements, we currently have a Board of 13 members.

	Member	Term	Activities
1	Brenda Hambleton	2025-2028	President, Communications Committee (website, newsletter, marketing)
2	Jonathan Hasson	2024-2027	Vice President, Dam Committee, Waterford Liaison, Kedar Brook Action
3	Liz Stockwell	2023-2026*	Treasurer, Online Payment System
4	Riley Hasson	2023-2025	Secretary
5	Arne Klepinger	2024-2028	Plant Patrol, Invasives
6	Al Struck	2024-2028	Regatta
7	Joanne Eaton	2024-2027	Merchandise
8	Andy Tabor	2024-2027	Water Safety, Loon Nest, Dam Advisor
9	Melissa Tarbell	2024-2027	Communications Committee (social media)
10	Jim Flynn	2023-2026*	Watershed Day, Dam Committee, Hot Spots
11	Tom Hammett	2023-2026*	Watershed Day
12	Bill Robichaud	2023-2026*	Boat Parade, Dam Committee
13	Bill Eaton	2026-2029*	LEA Liaison, Water Quality, CBI
	Retiring		
	Charlie Tarbell		
	Ginger Eaton		
	Kim Struck		
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	Active Members		
	Paige Nalipinski		Membership
	Mike Nalipinski		Septic System Improvement
	Nick Archer		Dam Committee
	Robert Spencer		Newsletter editor
	Larry Griffith		LakeSmart Coordinator
	Adam Stockwell		Online Payment System Developer
	Tom Schaefer		Advisor

* Expected to be voted in for a term of 2026 to 2029 at the upcoming annual meeting.



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Jobs that need filling:

Job	Responsible for...
Newsletter Editor	Editing newsletter content prior to publishing
Newsletter Content	Soliciting content for the newsletter
Newsletter Publisher	Publishing blogs and newsletter
Website Manager	Maintaining and updating website content
Stream Surveys	Walking Keoka streams to evaluate health, trash, flow, pollutants, wildlife, etc.
Merchandise	Creating and selling KLA merchandise
Education Committee	Creating and executing annual education events for water quality and safety

Directors with terms ending in 2026 seeking renewal:

- Jim Flynn
- Tom Hammett
- Bill Robichaud
- Elizabeth “Liz” Stockwell

New nominations:

- Bill Eaton

Officers needing election in 2026:

- Jonathan Hasson, President
- Bill Robichaud, Vice President
- Elizabeth (Liz) Stockwell, Treasurer
- Riley Hasson, Secretary

All nominations for renewal of terms, new Board members, and officers were approved.

2026 Event Calendar

- June 12, 8 am-4:30 pm: Lake Conference at UMaine, Orono
- June 18: Lake Association Symposium, Maine Lake Science Center, Bridgton
- July 4: KLA float in parade (volunteers needed)
- July 11, 9:00 am: KLA Annual Members Meeting, Wilkins House
- July 11, 1-4:00 pm: Watershed Festival, Townhouse Beach (pending permit)
- July 25, 1:00 pm: Bud Lazott Memorial Regatta - Al Struck
- August 1: Boat Parade – Bill Robichaud
- August 10: Marshmallow Paddle for kayaks & paddleboards (sponsored by the Waterford Congregational Church)

Adjourned at 8:05