

Keoka Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2021
Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom

Board Members present: Joe Abbiati (Zoom), Ginger Eaton (Zoom), JoAnne Eaton (Zoom), Jim Flynn (Zoom), Brenda Hambleton (Zoom), David Johnson, Jo Lynne Johnson, Arne Klepinger (Zoom), Richard Orr (Zoom), Ginny Raymond, Kim Struck (Zoom), Andy Tabor (Zoom), Charlie Tarbell, Melissa Tarbell, Dan Treadwell (Zoom)

Guests present: T'ing T'ing Doore (Zoom), Doss Hasson (Zoom), Charlie Mason (Zoom), Tom Schaefer

Board Members unable to attend: Tom Hammett, Bill Robichaud, Al Struck

The meeting was called to order by (new) President, Richard Orr, at 7:04 p.m.

Given the hybrid meeting structure, Rich asked for introductions of all in 'attendance'.

Secretary's Report:

Jo Lynne Johnson moved to waive the reading of the May 28, 2021 minutes as they are posted on the KLA website. Motion seconded by Dan Treadwell. Vote: unanimously approved. Jo Lynne moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Dan Treadwell; Vote: unanimously approved. The minutes will be posted to the KLA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Treadwell summarized the Treasurer's report he had distributed prior to the meeting and reiterated that KLA is in good financial shape. Charlie Tarbell spoke to the need for a motion to authorize the President and the Treasurer to adjust reserve balances at the end of the year (as allowed by tax regulations).

Motion made by Jo Lynne Johnson; seconded by David Johnson. Vote: unanimously approved.

Dan explained his memo regarding "KLA50 2019 & 2020 donations on deposit at Maine Community Fund" (MCF) (copy of resolution attached).

A motion was made by Dan Treadwell to transfer \$4,874.44 from the KLA unrestricted funds to the KLA50 fund at MCF; seconded by Jo Lynne Johnson. Vote: unanimously approved.

Invasives:

- Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI):
 - 400 hours charged for CBI hours in 2021.
 - Charlie Tarbell reported that the CBI program is supported by a grant from the town of Waterford plus a grant (\$1,600) from Maine DEP with the remainder coming from KLA. He will apply for the Town's support (on the town warrant) in November 2021.
 - Currently, the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) is on 'auto-pilot' as it hires/trains/supports KLA's CBI efforts. In addition, LEA handles the payroll so there are still 2021 budget transfers not yet completed.

- Currently, there are two nearby lakes that of concern – Long Lake and Cobbosseecontee which has Eurasian milfoil. No invasives have been found in Keoka.
- Plant Patrollers - Arne reported that there a couple of areas that are being monitored by two people, which he feels is fine – two sets of eyes are better than one! He is grateful to have two new Plant Patrollers – Brent McCarter and Sarah Stockwell – and he feels that ‘no news from Plant Patrollers’ is good news!

Water Quality:

- 2021 water testing – Charlie Tarbell reported that he had checked with Maggie @LEA this morning and she indicated they are still gathering data for the various lakes. She indicated that lake waters warmed early so there was lots of gloeo and algae. Initial reports for Keoka indicate the dissolved O2 is good, likely from the winds, but the SECCHI disk readings have been variable, likely due to the rain and wind. She anticipates that Keoka will come in as ‘average’ when the data is complete. Arne indicated that in shallow/slow moving waters, there are green blobs of algae.
- Stream Surveys – Kim Struck and T’ing T’ing reported that they have physically surveyed all streams except Young’s Brook (which is on their fall stream survey list!). Their detailed report is attached. There were questions about the sand that is ending up in Keoka at the mouth of Kedarbrook. The beaver ‘situation’, which has been mitigated, likely contributed to the ‘less than sightly’ appearance of the sand at the mouth of the brook. Likelihood is that the conditions will improve, but there’s nothing that KLA can do to hasten the changeover. In other places on the lake, the sawgrass does help with run-off and helps to keep the streambanks from eroding away.
- LakeSmart:
 - Ginger Eaton reported that the LakeSmart team (Priscilla Treadwell, Doss Hammett and herself) surveyed 6 properties this summer. There were two new LakeSmart awards (the Lenarssi camp and Kim Struck’s camp). Two more properties are lined up for 2022.
 - The focus of the LakeSmart Team is to provide the information to lakeshore owners and offer resources, etc. for the team 1) to educate the lakeshore property owners re: those items that can be mitigated and 2) to provide resources to help get those issues addressed. Ginger Eaton spoke to the focus of the team being to educate on how shoreowners can help eliminate issues that affect lake health.
 - Furthermore, she urged board members (and all shoreowners) to reach out to their neighbors as it is a community effort that is needed to maintain the health and safety of Keoka Lake.

Education and Outreach:

- Educational opportunities were curtailed again this summer due to COVID-19 but word is that Chris Searles at Keoka Beach Campground (KBCG) is eager to have another educational opportunity at KBCG in the summer of 2022. Tom Hammett is currently out of the country, so stay tuned for plans for 2022.
- Membership – Ginny Raymond reported that current membership is at 74 whereas the total membership for all of 2019 (pre-KLA50 Capital Campaign) was 93. While likely reflective of COVID-19 distractions and the lack of Point of Sale (POS) opportunities this summer, she is hopeful that the fall newsletter appeal will boost this number. She brought up a list of 25 names of people who have only donated once or have not donated for a number of years. There was a discussion of 1) whether to drop people from the membership rolls, 2) have board members reach out to encourage past members to bring their memberships current

and 3) how to address gift memberships, initially given by parents/grandparents, but the recipients have not 'stepped up' and paid their own memberships. After going through the list, a number of people will be contracted directly by board members. Ginny will continue to monitor the list and drop people who have not given for a period of time.

- Website/Social Media:
 - Melissa indicated she is constantly looking for photos for Facebook and Instagram.
 - Brenda Hambleton reported that approximately 180 monthly 'newsletters' are sent electronically each month. Of those, about 120 get 'opened' and about half of those (60) are 'clicked through' to read the article. Compared to industry standards, Brenda reported we are 'doing well'.
 - The photo contest was successful with submissions from around the lake, but nothing from KBCG! (maybe a factor of COVID-19 restrictions during 2020??).
 - Charlie Tarbell observed that the electronic 'newsletters' had a "COVID-19 surge" with monthly postings. He recommended that a committee (Brenda, Priscilla Treadwell, Claire Pendergast and Charlie) review the format/name/strategy for the future of this type of posting to the website. Ginny Raymond suggested the committee discuss another moniker so as not to cause confusion with the current November and June KLA newsletters that transmit KLA business information. In addition, she asked what email distribution list was used. Charlie indicated he provided Brenda with the membership spreadsheet twice a year but that an updated spreadsheet should be provided more frequently as Ginny gets updates on the Dues Forms that she receives.
 - Brenda indicated the KLA website would get a 'facelift' over the winter!
- Sales:
 - JoAnne Eaton expressed a frustration that POS opportunities were limited this year, especially with the cancellation of the Fall Foliage 5k (and its KLA POS opportunity for sales) for which she had done some stocking up with merchandise.
 - JoAnne and Brenda will be working together to try to create a merchandise 'page' on the KLA website to handle potential on-line/special order sales.
 - A question was raised about having a booth at the Waterford Farmer's Market – which was not allowed in 2020 but would have been possible in 2021 except JoAnne taught a class that afternoon.
 - The problem is staffing a booth and there was a discussion of finding back-ups for JoAnne at POS opportunities.
- LEA Landowners Guide – Charlie reported that KLA was given 100 copies of the Guide and about 50% have been distributed – so if anyone has not received a copy, please contact Charlie.

Water Safety

- Dam – Charlie reported that the water level is low and the dam has been essentially shut down since July. Despite some heavy rainstorms, the water level in the lake has not risen significantly. Charlie and Al Struck currently shoulder the responsibility of monitoring the dam and hope to add another person soon.
- Dam Signs – Andy Tabor reported (from the road) that once KLA took title to the dam/land around the dam, he put up warning signs and buoys around the mouth of the dam.
- Town Beach Dock Seasonal Removal – Scheduled for 1 pm on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the dock party is looking for strong backs and legs to help pull the boat docks from the Town Beach area. Richard Orr thanked Andy (in advance) for his work of pulling all the buoys on the lake before ice in!

- Boat ramp project update – Charlie reported that ‘we are on the list’ to get the asphalt apron completed this fall.
- KLWA Wake Boat document:
 - Ginger has been tasked with coming up with a ‘brochure’ to deal with the wake/no wake issue on Keoka Lake. She indicated a concern with identifying who exactly was the audience for this ‘brochure’ and with not wanting to come down hard, but instead educating the offenders.
 - Charlie suggested that the brochure focus on highlighting the areas of the lake that are both deep enough and far enough from shore (200’) to allow wakeboarding – i.e., address the problem with positive information rather than coming across as a police agency.
 - There was discussion about putting No Wake signs up at the Town Beach Launch area as well as at KBCG. Wake boat(s) exist on Keoka and there are some who flaunt or are ignorant of the laws.
 - There was a suggestion to post the brochure at KBCG.
 - Jim Flynn suggested putting up swim buoys in areas where wake boarding is disrespectful of the 200-foot clearance/personal swim areas.
 - Ginger will work on the brochure for review by the board.
- Regatta & Loon Update:
 - Al Struck was unable to attend so there was not an update on this summer’s regatta.
 - Tom Schaefer reported that there was no mating pair of loons on Keoka this summer but on 10.8.21, he saw three loons on the lake – an adult pair and a juvenile.

Newish Business –

- KLA50 Update – Jo Lynne Johnson referenced a memo that was sent to all board members ahead of the meeting that updated the various aspects of the KLA50 Committee activities.
 - THE BOOK was published and received in June 2021. All pre-orders have been delivered and additional books available at the Waterford Library.
 - Waterford Historical Society retrospective exhibit – on track to be open summer, 2022.
 - Quilt Raffle – ongoing and the winning ticket will be drawn at the Anniversary Celebration next summer.
 - KLA50 Capital Campaign – continues to accept pledges and donations. The total monies pledged/received will be revealed at the KLA50th Anniversary Celebration.
 - KLA50 Anniversary Celebration – currently scheduled for July 9, 2022 (pending reevaluation in light of COVID-19). The Committee is working to secure solid quotes for all parts of the Anniversary Celebration. Despite pricing having increased significantly, the Anniversary Celebration Committee (ACC) is committed to keeping the ticket price at \$25 and has begun exploring sponsorships to offset the fixed costs of the event. This process will continue through the fall and the ACC hopes to augment food options if sufficient sponsorships are received.
- Richard Orr introduced his memo and resolution: “Board Authorization of Expenditures for KLA 50th Anniversary Celebration” (copy of resolution attached). He explained the need for the authorization because some contracting and/or disbursement of funds could likely take place before the May 2022 board meeting. He indicated that the Celebration budget is a work in progress as we are awaiting 2022 numbers from the caterer, portapotties vendor, etc. Charlie Tarbell moved to accept the resolution; Brenda Hambleton seconded. Vote: approved unanimously.
- Maine Community Fund (MCF) – David Johnson reported that the MCF manages over 2,000 funds with a value in excess of \$650 million. He has no reservations about the safety

and quality of the investment services KLA is receiving from MCF. This summer, the long-term president, Steve Rowe, retired and was replaced by interim CEO, Sterling Speirn, who is the past CEO of the Kellogg Foundation. MCF is currently interviewing for Steve's permanent replacement.

- KLA50 – THE BOOK – Over ½ of the books have been sold; approximately 150 more need to be sold to 'break even'. Book sales at the library have been steady!
- Dam Insurance:
 - Richard reported that at the spring 2021 KLA meeting, the Board approved purchasing liability insurance covering the dam at a cost of \$1,000 for coverage of \$1 million per occurrence.
 - A question was raised at that meeting as to whether the limits should be raised to \$2 million per occurrence. Research by the insurance agent indicated that higher limits would be hard to obtain and that for an increase in the coverage to \$2 million per occurrence, the cost would be \$3-5k per year.
 - Based on the insurance information, Charlie and Rich discussed the issue and decided that the cost of the \$2 million coverage was out of proportion to the risk and out of the KLA budget.
- Safe deposit box:
 - Richard relayed that no one had accessed the safe deposit box in 10 years and that the safe deposit bill hadn't been paid in 3 years because of non-forwarded mail.
 - Several years ago, Andy Tabor had scanned the contents of the box for KLA reference.
 - There was only one key for the box, so with assistance from Chip Mason (who had a key), the past due bill was paid; the box was emptied and closed.
 - The contents seem to be better held at the Waterford Historical Society as most documents are historical in nature. KLA now retains one relationship with one bank – Key Bank

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jo Lynne Johnson; seconded by Brenda Hambleton. Vote: unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Lynne J. Johnson

Jo Lynne J. Johnson, Secretary

Attachments:

1. KLA50 2019 & 2020 donations on deposit at Maine Community Foundation
2. Stream Survey Report – KLA Brook Walk Oct. 8, 2021
3. Board Authorization of Expenditures for KLA50 Anniversary Celebration

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION – KLA50 2019 & 2020 donations on deposit at Maine Community Fund:

RESOLVED that the President or his designee direct the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) to transfer \$4,874.77 from the KLA “Unrestricted” fund to the KLA50 fund.

2. Stream Survey

LABrookWalk Oct8,2021

Rainfall for the contiguous US this summer was above average for the NorthEast among other states at 3.36 inches, .58 inches above average ranking. This is the 6th wettest historical period. (NOAA website)

Rainfall inches

June 1.11

July 14.31

August 3.78

September 5.67

Oxford County continues to be classed under drought condition (South Turner Maine Weather)

Kedar Brook

Starting from the Struck's walking down stream at the first bend one of the bank trees has come loose and is hung up on a tree across the brook. None of the root systems is blocking the brook flow. I presume this incident is from the storm on 9/24. The third bend in the brook has more sand dump then in the past, I didn't see where that might come from off the bank as that is more dirt then sand. The rocks continue to be mossy. Further done the brook on the Tingley camp road the bank is severely undercut. Right after that the pool that forms in this section has grown in size.

The mouth of the brook is slow moving as expected, no sign of beaver activity.

Starting from the bridge moving upstream the water tends to dry up quickly by mid to late summer. Again due to recent storms the flow is higher. Moss continues to grow on the rocks moving up towards the dam, some tiny fish observed.

The dam is overflowing. Now that Ted no longer has his horses the run off from the pasture is no longer a concern. Island Channel just above Ted's property is dry, the brook is running slower in it's usual bed. Closer to the Huffman's another Channel Island is still flowing on both sides. I had a conversation with Charlotte about the health of the brook, their rock wall helps to retain soil runoff. A couple trees came down from the storm, they are working on clearing them.

Once at the bridge facing upstream there is surprisingly very little garbage, right at the culvert there is a small stream on the left. This could be a walk to do. Through the culvert there was a big piece of garbage I pulled off the bank, not much else noticed. The brook continues to flow clear next to the Murch property.

Sucker Brook

Starting at the culvert from the top of the camp ground road the brook is running higher than normal and looks darker than normal. This time I observe great runnels starting from the road leading down to the brook, again presumably from the 9/24 storm, I have never seen this before. Fortunately the stone wall helped decrease the amount of soil entering the brook and

further downstream the road is further away from the brook and there is enough duff to soak up the water before it reaches the stream. There are defined high water markers and some of the smaller rocks have been displaced. Surprisingly not many trees have been dropped into the brook. Some of the pools are now

knee to thigh deep. After the Amy Trail culvert garbage starts appearing closer to the campground that I pulled out. Some toys I took out of the brook I brought up to the basketball court and left them there. The mouth is wide as it empties into the lake with a larger deposit of sand.

Johnson Brook

Walking from the lake up the stream there is defined bank erosion most likely from the big storm in September. The water is running clear with frogs and water skeeter bugs. There are a couple small rock dams, one creates a large pool closer to the lake. Moving over the road and checking out the culvert, there are noticeable runnels leading down to the stream bank, again likely by the storm runoff. Very mossy as per usual.

Stone Cove

Stagnant pool close to the lake where there is a huge tree that has been down over the brook. This tree has been there for a long time and is not in the brook. Overgrown bank which secures the soil. Despite the rain in the last month there isn't any moving water. Very very mossy, small pools of standing water. No change by the clear cut further upstream noticed.

Youngs Brook

I was able to paddle up to the first bend of the brook, unusual for this time of year. The water is stagnant with a marshy bottom. The downed trees are in the same place on the first pile of boulders, surprisingly so with the flash storm in September. Further upstream there are downed trees with only a few actually blocking the brook. Lots of undercuts and more root exposure from the heavy rain. The brook is flowing faster for this time of year, the water is clear. I did not see any noticeable runnels as the road sits far above the brook and the surrounding forest floor is rather flat. I could see how high the water went.

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Struck
T'ing Doore

3. RESOLUTION – Board Authorization of Expenditures for KLA50 Anniversary Celebration

BE IT RESOLVED By the KLA Board of Directors that

1. The Board authorizes the President to enter into contracts or approve the payment of bills for the KLA 50th Anniversary Celebration in a total amount not to exceed \$ \$7,400, which amount includes expenses of \$2,305 that were previously paid.

2. In the event projected income is lower or estimated expenses are higher than the amounts specified above, the Celebration Committee may access up to \$1,000 from KLA.

3. In the event that, despite the \$1,000 contribution from KLA, it appears the projected income will not be sufficient to pay all expenses, the Committee, in consultation with the President, will use its best efforts to adjust the expenses to reduce or eliminate any projected deficit, recognizing that certain expenses are fixed and are not contingent on the number of tickets sold.

4. In the event that it appears that the income will exceed expenses, the Committee, in consultation with the President, will apply the projected surplus according to the following priority:

a. First, to pay the additional per person food cost for additional attendees above the projected 140 ticket purchases.

b. Second to repay the KLA contribution specified in paragraph 2 of this resolution.

c. Third, to make reasonable and prudent enhancements to the Celebration itself (for example, increased quantity or variety of food). The President is authorized to approve such expenditures in addition to the expenditures in paragraph 1 above.

d. Any surplus beyond these amounts will be retained by KLA as a part of the KLA operating funds.