

Fall 2024 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Jonathan Hasson at 7:02 pm

In Attendance: Joanne Eaton, Jim Flynn, Ginger Eaton, Melissa Tarbell, Jonathan Hasson, Kim Struck, Tom Hammett, Charlie Tarbell, Andy Tabor, Tom Schaefer, Ting Doore, Liz Stockwell (via zoom)

2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to waive reading and approve minutes.
- 2024 minutes are available on the website. The motion to waive reading is approved.
- Andy asks if KLA newsletters since 2016 can be added to the KLA archives page on the website, instead of being in a separate area of the website. He offered to help update everything. Jonathan will check with Brenda about this. It was also suggested to make sure that bylaws and meeting minutes are current on the website.

Fall 2024 Treasurer's Report:

- Income and expenses are similar to last year – we are in a steady state of spending and revenue.
- Action item – move \$1,875 (from KLA50) from the operating account to the MCF fund. Motion to approve was unanimous.

2025 Proposed Plans:

- **KLA Day** - An idea to possibly hold an event the same day as the boat parade. Potential events at the campground, town beach, and throughout town. Suggestions to have stations and presentations, with board members sharing what they are doing to protect the lake.
- **Lighted Boat Parade** - There was a proposal from Tom Hammett to start at 7:30 so that lights are visible, and it's still safe for boaters. Another suggestion is to possibly to take out the word "lighted" and just have a "boat parade" if we are planning on holding it during the day. There were proposals to change the weekend so that we get more boats – maybe have it earlier in the season? Also, questions on how to increase engagement?

How do we get more boats involved? Do we involve campers from the local camps in the boat parade?

- **Watershed Engagement** - Tom Hammett would like for 2025 to be “the year of the watershed.” He would like to hold a field trip at the Highland Research Forest with LEA to learn more about what they do. This could be a possible kickoff to KLA day - maybe this happens in the morning, and is followed by more events throughout the day. Tom says he will head it up and requests help from a couple people to plan. This could be an opportunity to work with partners in the community. There were questions about our target audience for the event, and how we communicate our intention for watershed engagement.

New Business

- Andy requests help at 1:00 for town dock removal on 10/12.
- Joanne says that Claire Pendergast wants help with newsletter article contributions. Requests that more people contribute articles, stories, etc.
- Ginger requests a volunteer to drive a truck with the KLA banner for the 4th of July parade. Her son-in-laws truck will not be available this year.
- Boating safety. There are concerns about unsafe boating on Keoka. If you witness this, you can get the registration number, time of day, location of the boat, what was occurring, and call the warden. We will post information on socials and in the newsletter about who to call when you see unsafe boating. Questions - Should we look into requesting warden presence during the regatta? Should we find a way to educate people on who to call in these situations? Fridge magnets with the information for the “Report It” program were suggested. Charlie will look up the information we have distributed about this in the past.
- Charlie wants to reach out to the people who live up the streams, and increase awareness and education in upland areas of Waterford. Charlie will create a database of these homeowners over the winter, and will work on outreach to them.
- There was discussion on whether we should change the name of “KLA day” to “Watershed Day.”

- Andy mentions that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has now outlawed lead fishing gear. It is now illegal to possess, use, or sell lead fishing gear. This will help protect the loons. Post this in newsletter and social media.
- The no-wake zone is now 300 feet. Headway speed within 200 feet. Post this in newsletter and social media.
- Ginger proposes collaborating with Bear Pond people who are interested in working together – maybe for the KLA day.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18. Motion approved.