



Kushog Lake Property Owners Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting June 15, 2024

Held at Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall

1095 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands

- 8:45am, Gathering prior to the meeting with coffee and baked goods from Country Bakery, one of our calendar advertisers.
 - Tables with information from Stanhope Fire Department, Ontario Provincial Police, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (Invasive Aquatic Species), Grounded Gardens (one of our calendar advertisers), and Emilew Designs selling Kushog Lake apparel and merchandise.
- 9:31am, Tribute to Aboriginal Peoples and Meeting Opening, Susan Harvey
- The President's Welcome, Susan Harvey, President, welcomed everyone to our AGM.
 - Susan spoke of the loss of Norma Goodger this year and how much she will be missed. She mentioned the Celebration of Life being held June 22nd at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall from 1:00-4:00pm.
 - She introduced the KLPOA Board of Directors: Jere Pike, Ron Bobbie, Rita Moore, Carol Puttock. Absent directors are Rob Rick and Jacqueline Baptist.
 - Spoke briefly on communications - the website, the new e-newsletters and new calendar mailing, plus the sale of Kushog Lake merchandise since the 2023 picnic.
 - She covered our involvement in community organisations (FOCA, CHA, etc.)
 - Then talked about all upcoming events including a new/returning golf event being held this year and the revamped photo contest. Also, the other work of the association over the past year including water testing, mystery snails, Flemming students, new lake signage and ONCA regulations.
- Presentation to Dagmar Boettcher, Environmental Consultant, Susan Harvey
 - Susan thanked Dagmar for her many years of assistance with the Flemming student program and all things science related with water testing and presented her with a framed certificate for an acre of the Dahl Forest, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.
- 9:52am, Susan Introduced our Keynote Speaker, Bruce McClennan, vice-chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF)
 - Bruce gave us an overview of the CEWF and their position working between the TSW and the 33 lake associations within the feeder basin for Peterborough and the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW).
 - Spoke of the many challenges to balance between the requirements of the lake associations, the MNRF (fish spawning, loon nesting, etc.) and the operating of the TSW,

- and of the effects of climate events, such as an El Nino year, and climate change in general. He also gave specifics of the worrying start to 2024, saved by the April/May rains.
- o Bruce introduced fellow CEWF board member and web master, Will L'Heareux
 - o Will gave a thorough rundown of the updated CEWF website (cewf.ca) and all the information to now be accessed there, including links to lake specific water levels and forecasts.
 - o Susan thanked Bruce and Will for the informative presentation and gifted them each some Kushog Lake apparel.
- Susan then introduced our second Key Speaker, Morgan Daniels, intern at Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).
 - o Morgan gave a short presentation on aquatic invasive species and how to control the spread through the Clean.Drain.Dry program. More information is available at invasivespecies.com
 - o The ways to report invasive species: 1-800-563-7711, isap@ofah.org, and EDDMapS.org
 - o Susan thanked Morgan and gifted her some Kushog Lake apparel.
 - 10:43am, A short break taken
 - 11:00am, Susan introduced Jere Pike, Director and Past Vice President
 - o After a warm-up joke, Jere presented the minutes of the 2023 AGM and
 - o made **MOTION #1, moved that the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.** Seconded by Joyce Gibson and carried.
 - Susan then introduced Ron Bobbie, Treasurer
 - o Ron gave his report of the financials, proposed that the requirement for audited financial statements be waived, and then answered questions.
 - o made **MOTION #2, moved that these Financial Statement for the year ended April 30, 2024 be approved, and that the requirement for an audit financial be waived.** Seconded by Gary Walker and carried.
 - Jere Pike then spoke about the election of the Board of Directors for a two-year term.
 - o Ron Bobbie, Robert Rick and Jere Pike all agreed to stand for another term.
 - o **MOTION #3, moved to elect the slate of Directors recommended by the KLPOA Nominating Committee, as presented.** Seconded by Nicole Warner and carried.
 - o **MOTION #4, moved that the actions of your directors be ratified for the past year.** Seconded by Gary Walker and carried.
 - After the draw for five raffle prizes of Kushog Lake hoodies and wine coolers,
 - Susan concluded the meeting, and Elizabeth Mahr moved to adjourn the 2024 KLPOA Annual General Meeting at 11:18 a.m.
 - Joyce Gibson kindly thanked all the Board of Directors for the hard work that they do, which was met by applause.