Kabekona Lake Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026

The Kabekona Lake Association Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Laporte, MN.

Board members present: Kirki Charlson, Nadene Davidson, Ann Kern, Peggy Larson, Linda Pouliot, Sue Schiess, Paul Ulring

Board members absent: Nick Rogge

Committee members present: Kathy Brown, Pete Fullerton, Ingrid Bey

Welcome & Introductions

- Board Members and Committee members were welcomed and introduced.
- President Ann Kern reviewed board meeting protocols.
- Select Secretary – Kirki Charlson agreed to accept this position.

Secretary's Report –

- A motion to approve the August 25, 2025 KLA Board Minutes was made by Linda Pouliot to approve with a second by Kirki Charlson. The minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Schiess

- A current financial statement was not available.

Committee Updates

KLF: Pete provided an update, noting the following

- two meetings per year with first meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 23.
- plans to relaunch the Heritage Society with a newsletter scheduled for mid-May
- and a thank you event planned for August 22nd at Kona Kona.

The Board discussed the possibility of future joint efforts between KLF and KLA, including potentially sharing the picnic event.

Lake Management: Ingrid Bey
The meeting covered updates from the Lake Management Committee including the following:

- plans for stocking lake with walleye fry and fingerling,
- upcoming lake surveys,
- efforts to combat invasive species like starry stonewort in Garfield and Benedict lakes.
- ongoing initiatives like the "Eyes on the Water" program for zebra mussel detection
- water testing through Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HCCOLA)
- Mark Larson agreeing to serve as an alternate representative.

The Board explored ways to better communicate lake management activities to members, including using Facebook and email blasts to share information about upcoming surveys and events. Board also discussed possibly opening the presentation at the Annual Meeting to non-members to hear educational presentations at the annual meeting and closing the meeting after the presentation.

Septic: Kathy Brown
The septic rebate program was reviewed, noting a trend of decreasing requests (fewer than five) although it is believed that members continue to have septic systems cleaned. The possibility of increasing the rebate amount was discussed as a potential incentive to have members report when they have their septic cleaned.

Membership: See summary in 2026 Spring Newsletter.

Proposed 2026 Budget
The Board discussed a proposed budget, with Sue presenting the details and explaining it serves as a framework for comparing actual spending rather than constraining flexibility. A motion to adopt the 2026 Budget was made by Linda and a second was made to the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Board discussed recommendations to establish a savings account with a target balance of $10,000 to earn interest and potentially provide excess funds to KLF for mitigation efforts. A motion was made by Linda to authorize the treasurer to invest KLA's money in interest-bearing financial instruments and a second was made to the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. A policy for use of the credit card and debit will be developed by a committee consisting of Nadene, Sue, and Ann and present to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Linda to remove Lee Weineman as a signer on the KLA checking account and add Ann Kern as president to the accounts. A second to the motion was made. Motion was approved unanimously.

KLA Logo Usage Agreement Finalization
The Board discussed the proposed logo usage agreement for the KLA. Nadene presented a draft agreement that included a 10% fee structure for using the KLA logo on merchandise, with the board discussing and agreeing to remove the word "minimum" from the fee description to make it clearer. The board also decided that future logo usage requests should be sent to the KLA president and brought to the Board for approval. The approval of the Board could be at a regularly scheduled meeting or through an email vote. A motion was made by Linda to approve the proposed logo usage agreement with the changes as discussed. A second to the motion was made. Motion was approved unanimously.

KLA Annual Picnic
The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Picnic. The decision was made to serve box lunches instead of individual trays, and volunteers were assigned to handle vendor coordination, layout planning, publicity and door prizes. Linda agreed to contact vendors and ask to arrive to set up at 10:30 a.m. and bring their own table.

Board discussed the requirement for a one-day gambling permit for the 50-50 and Ann will follow up with Sue who agreed to obtain the permit.

July 4th Boat Parade
The Board discussed location for the starting point for the 4th of July boat parade. Finalization of parade procedures will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

2026 Draft Spring Newsletter – Ann will finalize newsletter and plan to send via email blast on or around May 10.

Website - Ann discussed plans to work with Peggy to conduct a KLA member survey to understand how members use the website.

KLA Board moving forward – two board positions will be open for the 2027 year due to term limits and resignation. Encourage members to apply – contact Ann Kern (kernann484741@gmail.com

The board discussed strategies for promoting information beyond electronic channels, acknowledging the need to reach non-electronic users. A committee was formed, including Linda, Kirki, and Peggy to brainstorm and propose realistic ways to promote events and information, with plans to present findings at the next board meeting.

KLA Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 2 with Guest Speaker Carl Pedersen. DNR, Park Rapids Area Fisheries Supervisor. Planning for meeting at June and July Board meetings.

Ann shared Prairie Sportsman on Pioneer PBS – featured Ingrid Bey in "Adopt a Drain and AIS Detectors."

Next meeting June 1, 8:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Laporte – (agenda to include review of planning for Annual Picnic and begin planning for Annual Meeting)

Adjournment
A motion was offered by Nadine to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by a board member. The motion passed unanimously.
Sign off by Secretary:
Kirki Charlson