Kabekona Lake Association
Board Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 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: Ann Kern, Linda Pouliot, Sue Schiess, Nadene Davidson, Paul Ulring, Nick Rogge (via Zoom), Peggy Larson, Kirki Charlson

Board members absent: None

Committee members present: Pete Fullerton – Kabekona Lake Foundation (KLF), Ingrid Bey - Lake Management

Welcome & Introductions

- Board Members and Committee members were welcomed and introduced.

Secretary's Report –

- A motion to approve the May 4th, 2026 KLA Board Minutes was made by Sue Schiess to approve, motion was seconded then were unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Schiess

- Treasurer Sue Schiess provided a financial statement (see attached) and briefly summarized. Linda Pouliot moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, a second motion was made and the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Committee Updates

KLF: Pete Fullerton provided an update, noting that the KLF Newsletter is being sent to all KLA members via email this week.

Lake Management:

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

- Discussed ongoing concerns anticipating the need to combat invasive species if or when we begin seeing anything in Kabekona. Nearby lakes Garfield and Benedict have various amounts of invasive species currently.
- Funding to combat invasive species will come from KLF.
- Paul Ulring suggested we alert lake residents to what is currently being done – Meander project, etc. by putting on the KLA website, email blasts, etc.

The Board asked Pete and Ingrid to make presentations at the "Annual Meet Your Neighbor Picnic," then later in the summer to hear educational presentations at the annual meeting.

Membership:
Committee Chairman Catherine Holmgrem provided numbers: 155 current KLA members with 101 paid through 2027– (See summary in 2026 Spring Newsletter for further detail). Discussions included letting people know what we are getting for our membership to encourage more participation – although percentage-wise we have a healthy number of property owners on the membership rolls.

Suggestion to contact local realtors to provide them with brochures/information about the benefits of joining KLA to give to prospective buyers around Kabekona lake was floated and all agreed it was a worthwhile undertaking with a few members agreeing to speak with realtors they know who most often sell properties on the lake.

KLA Annual Picnic
The Board discussed status of planning and execution of tasks for the upcoming annual picnic.

July 4th Boat Parade
The Board discussed the 4th of July boat parade. Steve and Linda Pouliot will lead the parade and provide the starting point for other boats to follow.

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

KLA Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 1st with Guest Speaker Carl Pedersen. DNR, Park Rapids Area Fisheries Supervisor.

An Extended presentation on the loons will be held at Nadine and Gary Davidson's home on August 15th at 10 a.m.

Next KLA Board Meeting: July 6, 8:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Laporte

Adjournment
A motion was offered by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by a board member. The motion passed unanimously.
Sign off by Secretary:
Kirki Charlson