

**Kabekona Lake Association
Board Meeting
Minutes
May 5, 2025**

The May 5, 2025, KLA Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Ann Kern, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Laporte, MN.

Board Members present: Ingrid Bey, Nadene Davidson (Zoom), Ann Kern, Jill Pottenger, Linda Pouliot, Sue Schiess (Zoom), Paul Uling, and Stef Westphal

Board Members absent: Nick Rogge

Committee Leads: Kathy Brown, Tim Werner (Zoom), Catherine Holmgren (Zoom), Rolf Smeby (Zoom – Audio – Phone).

Committee Leads absent: Jenna Walker – Website, and David Wee – Archives

Introductions of Board Members

- Members introduced themselves starting with members on Zoom. President Ann Kern noted the transitioning of two Board members.
- Ingrid Bey from KLA president to KLA board member and Stef Westphal from KLA Secretary to KLA board member.

Secretary's Report – Stef Westfal

- Clarification was made of one item.
- A motion to approve the September 9, 2024, board minutes was made and seconded by board members. The minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Schiess

- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded by board members. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Management – Tim Werner - Chair

- Lake Management Team had their kickoff - Monday, April 28th.
- Focus was on AIS prevention/detection and readiness, as well as fishery management and monitoring lake activities.

Highlights:

- Last fall 2024 double stocking of walleye was completed.
- Landing Inspectors will start May 10, 2025
- I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) was installed at the landing
- There have been regional infestations in other lakes, which the management team is watching.

New Business:

- Watercraft Operator's Permit - New law in MN passed in 2023 requiring a Watercraft Operators Permit. It will go into effect starting July 1, 2025. Anyone 21 years of age and under will need a permit with a payment of \$34.95.
- The law has a phase-in process beginning this year, and over the next 3 years will include older age groups. We want to ensure that everyone on Kabekona Lake is aware of the new law.

Communication Plan: (Prior to July 1, 2025)

- Email Blast with links
- Reinforcement Announcement at KLA Picnic

Wake Boats

- DNR offers a petition process to create a group ordinance in determining how wake boats can be used on a lake. So far, the ordinance is just implemented on Caribou Lake. It took a year and a half for the ordinance to be passed.
- It was recommended that the board make suggestions to people owning wake boats with a friendly statement identifying guidelines for safety.

Communication Plan:

(KLA position is to educate vs enforce)

- KLA Newsletter
- Email Blast
- Notify Kona Kona Resort

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Holmgren – Chair

- Dues reminder notices will be sent out in May
- Memberships increased last year over 2023

KLF – Catherine Holmgren – Chair

- KLF made a \$2,500 donation to the First Responders (Volunteers) at Laporte
- KLF meets twice a year – Memorial Day and Labor Day

WATER QUALITY

- Steve Pouliot and Luther Nervig will be back-ups for Rolf Smeby.

HC COLA

- Dividing up Rolf Smeby's duties was decided at the lake management meeting.
- Ingrid Bey will attend meetings and be the voting member.
- Luther Nervig and Steve Pouliot will do water quality sampling and take samples to Park Rapids.

MAISRC MINUTE - Ingrid Bey

- (Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center)
- Ingrid Bey was asked to serve on the MAISRC Board. Ingrid is the only AIS inspector on the board.

SEPTIC - Heidi Soneson and Kathy Brown

- Two rebates last fall for septic cleaning
- \$1.11 interest on the account
- \$4,379.06 is the balance of the account
- They are sending general reminders – not specific statements of cleanings due
- \$75.00 rebate for members

WEB MANAGER – Jenna Walker

- Jenna was not present

ARCHIVES – David Wee

- David was not present
- David has been actively adding items to our archives

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL PICNIC

- June 21, 2025 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Friday the 20th at 2:00 PM early set up (Board Members)
- Communication Plan:**
- Newsletter notification regarding KLA picnic/invite vendors to picnic
 - Facebook
 - Email Blasts 2x – mid May and early June

JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

- A list will be sent out for safety and organization
 - Tim Larson and Steve Pouliot - possible parade leads
- Communication Plan:**
- Newsletter Notification
 - Notification at KLA Picnic
 - Email blast

KLA NEWSLETTER – PAPER COPIES

- Ann Kern will print paper copies of the KLA Newsletter and 4th of July Boat Parade info for KLA Coffees

KABEKONA CHRONICLE - WINNE DAUSCHMIDT – PERMISSIONS TO COPY

- Tabled until next meeting

KLA BOARD CHANGES

- Stef Westphal and Ingrid Bey will be leaving the KLA Board at the end of this year

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

- Two board positions are available

KLA ANNUAL MEETING

- Saturday – August 2, 2025 - 10:30 registration – 11:00 AM meeting begins

- Tim Mitchell, DNR Loon Restoration Coordinator – featured speaker
- Timeline and tasks to be determined at the June 2, 2025, KLA Board Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Newsletter

- Stef Westphal

Fall Newsletter

- Volunteer needed for Fall Newsletter

Topics for Future Meetings

- Vice-President would be beneficial – this must be brought up at our annual meeting for a vote
- Developing an annual budget
- Ways to include people in activities to develop community
- Possible happy hours with guitar – check with talent around the lake

Adjourn

A motion was offered and seconded by KLA board members to adjourn the May 5, 2025, KLA board meeting at 10:29 AM. It was unanimously passed.