

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Annual Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2017—6 p.m.

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Greeting and Call to Order

President Barb Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed the forty-six people in attendance. Eleven board members present, (Allison Kirsch absent) and seven of the beach representatives were in attendance. Also present were Bill Smith and Zach Bower of the St. Joseph County Marine Patrol.

Barb introduced each of the Board members and offered an overview of their responsibilities on the Board. She welcomed and introduced the beach representatives and thanked them for their help and support.

Approval of last year's annual meeting minutes: Copies of the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were provided by Debbie Doe and distributed. **Sharon Snyder made a motion to approve last year's minutes. It was seconded by Suzi Puckett, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Don Riach, KLA treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2016 and then went over the yearly income and expenses from this report, including fireworks, membership, publishing, weed control and insurance. **Julie Stutesman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mike Needham seconded the motion; all members approved, and it was accepted.**

Don Riach also presented an amendment to form an audit committee to review the KLA books yearly. The membership approved the amendment request. An Audit Committee will be appointed at the next KLA meeting.

SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Testing and Treatment: Mike Needham presented his report with the following highlights:

- Weed treatment costs have been down this year—under five acres of the lake was treated this year
- Water quality monitoring continues with weekly checks of water transparency (using the Secchi Disc), monthly tests for chlorophyll, and twice a year tests for phosphorus content
- Water clarity is conducted in the deep basin of the lake (72 ft) and water clarity is a bit above last year's clarity—25.5 ft. visibility in May, 12 ft. visibility in July, mid-teens visibility in October
- KLA actively participates with Michigan Lakes and Streams Association and Mike suggested all
- KLA members should access <http://www.mymlsa.org/> because it offers many helpful ideas to help protect our lake

- Julie Stutesman attended the Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting at Crystal Mountain, where 33 lakes were represented. There will be another meeting at a different location in October if any member would like to attend

Directory: Barb Montgomery Nelson explained that overall, the 2017 Directory was well received and added the following:

- The biggest issue was small font size which will be changed for the 2018 Directory
- The number of advertisers is up from last year
- All members are encouraged to keep contact information current—contact Don Riach or Debbie Doe with any changes they would like made to their contact information

St. Joseph County Marine Patrol and DNR: Barb Montgomery Nelson introduced Bill Smith and Zach Bower, (a new conservation officer) from the St. Joseph County Marine Patrol. Bill's report included general comments along with a summary of the patrol's activity on the lake as of July 1, 2016, and he shared the following:

- Zach replaced Brad Brewer
- There are four patrolling members, whose purpose it is to try to communicate instead of ticket residents and guests
- Copies of *The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities* are available at the county sheriff's office, should the board want any for distribution (he brought some to preview and to share)
- Up through July 14, there have been 61 hours of patrol. There were 251 contacts, 5 citations for careless and negligence, and 2 citations for no life jackets issued, and 11 warnings for kayaks with no PFD issued.
- There have been no major accidents or drownings this year
- If you are hosting guests, please educate them on boating safety rules before letting them drive a boat or PWC
- The fireworks went well, and he thanked Warren English and Andy Reith for all of their help, and he mentioned the extra lighting at the public access made it much easier to direct boaters out of the water after the fireworks

Real Estate: Debbie Doe distributed copies of the current sales for lake property and noted that both sales and inventory are up since last year. Indications are that values are slowly recovering.

Fireworks: This year was the third year that the KLA sponsored the fireworks. Warren English reported that all went well, and that the lighting at the public access was very helpful. Also, having marine patrol around after the fireworks kept things orderly. He recommended hiring Tom Fudge to place and to remove hoists again next year. He mentioned that the time for the fireworks was reduced because more barrage fireworks were set off instead of individual fireworks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by Barb Montgomery Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Doe

