

# THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



## **KLA Annual Meeting Minutes**

July 10, 2016—6 p.m.

KLCC

President Barbara Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed the seventy-five people in attendance, including twelve KLA board members and seven beach reps. Also present was Bill Smith of the St. Joseph County Marine Patrol.

Barbara introduced each of the board members and gave 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 2015 annual meeting were provided by Debbie Doe and distributed. **Mark Kirsch made a motion to approve last year's minutes. It was seconded by Carol Preble, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Riach, KLA treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2015 and then went over the yearly income and expenses from this report. As of today, KLA has 335 members. (compared to 337 this time last year). John Nelson asked the board to confirm the amount in the Dam Control Fund. Warren English acknowledged and confirmed the amount. **Doug Van Meter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Needham seconded the motion; all members approved, and it was accepted.**

**Recognition of retiring board members:** Barbara Montgomery Nelson thanked Carol Preble and Trudy Harnell for their service on the board, and both received a gift bag to thank them for their service.

**Presentation of slate of new board members:** Barbara Montgomery Nelson of the nominating committee presented the following slate for approval:

Sharon Snyder

Julie Stutesman

There were no nominations from the floor. **Allison Kirsch made a motion to accept the slate. Julie Lavidge seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried. The slate was approved by unanimous vote.**

## **SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Water quality monitoring includes weekly checks of water transparency, monthly tests for chlorophyll and twice a year tests for phosphorus content.
- Aquatic Weed Control of Syracuse, Indiana maps the lake each year, and this year treated 5.5 acres for Eurasian Milfoil, down 1/2 an acre from last year. Overall, the cost for KLA was less than what the majority of Michigan lakes have to pay.
- The water clarity testing using the Secchi Disc has been completed, and Mike noted that clarity is good throughout the lake.
- KLA actively participates with Michigan Lakes and Streams Association.
- Mike reminded members that if they fertilize their yards, make sure that the phosphorous number (which is the middle number on the fertilizer bag) is 0.

**Directory:** Barbara Montgomery Nelson explained the changes in the 2016 directory from the 2015. She passed around a sample of the 2017 directory for all to preview and comment on. She emphasized that the board will continue to work to improve the 2017 directory. All comments collected will be noted and considered by the board to help improve it.

- This year's directory has eighty advertisers, ranging from restaurants to home improvements.
- Edgar Reihl is working to upload the directory to the FB Klinger Lake Group with a photo album

Questions/Comments: Mark Kirsch—questioned if it would be possible to add email addresses and cottage names to the directory, and the board agreed to add it to the agenda for the next regular meeting.

**St. Joseph County Marine Patrol and DNR:** Barbara Montgomery Nelson introduced Bill Smith 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:

- This is his eighth year patrolling.
- 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 until July 1, there have been 39 1/2 hours of patrol, 8 hours a week, 241 contacts, 5 citations for careless and negligence; 2 citations for no life jackets, 11 warnings, mainly for operating a watercraft in the wrong direction.
- Many Indiana boaters are stopped for navigating in the wrong direction because Indiana does not have the counterclockwise navigation rule—they may travel in any direction.
- There have been no major accidents or drownings this year.
- The officers don't normally issue tickets to anyone under 17 years old.
- Home owners should be proactive and educate their guests on boating safety rules before letting them drive a boat or PWC.
- If a Boater's Safety Certificate is lost, another may be obtained from where it was issued.
- Four cycle engines seem to help the lake; Smith stated that he does not notice as much oil on the water's surface.

- The fireworks went well, and he thanked Warren English and Andy Rieth for all of the help.
- It is possible to set up a Boaters' Safety Course and KLCC—it runs from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and he needs twelve for a class to be held, must be at least 12 years old and 16 years old for PWC.
- Skiers can ski one hour after sunset.
- Boaters may navigate near or inside of diving docks as long as there is no wake (no visible white curl); if the boat produces a wake, it must remain 100 feet away from docks and other boats

**Real Estate:** Allison Kirsch distributed copies of the current market conditions for lake property and explained current market conditions; she noted that inventory is up. She noted that Geno's is now for sale by owner. Mark Kirsch reported that the Minnie Tucker has been sold, and it will be opening in the future as a micro brew.

**Communication/Website:** Edgar Reihl shared that the KLA page on FB has over five hundred followers, and the Klinger Lake Group has over one thousand followers. The KLA Website is available also, and it shares information and links relevant to Klinger Lake and Michigan Lakes issues. It also provides online payment options and a copy of the new directory to view.

**Dam:** Warren English reported that the dam is working well, and the lake level is currently at the court ordered level. He reminded members to make an effort to keep trash, leaves, and yard clippings out of the lake because, ultimately, it ends up at the dam. He urged members to remind neighbors and lawn maintenance workers of this as well.

**Fireworks:** This year was the second year that the KLA sponsored the fireworks. Warren reported that all went well this year, with many helping. He will look into hiring someone to drop the hoists in place and to remove them for the fireworks next year. He thanked the many volunteers. Contributions were significant in both number and amount this year. Barbara Montgomery Nelson noted that there have been many positive comments.

**KLCC Update:** Julie Lavidge informed the members that the KLCC is hosting an outdoor concert on Saturday, July 16, 2016, with food trucks providing barbeque and crepe food options. Also, on September 3, 2016, there will be a Geno's Pizza Night, with Geno preparing the pizzas. Both events are open to the public. Contact Megan Yoder at KLCC to make reservations.

## **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

- Steve Diehl voiced concerns about the speed on Klinger Lake Road; he asked the road commission to install curve signs with speed recommendations on the road, and he received a bill for them. The KLA Board suggested that he go to the township to ask for reimbursement.
- Warren English stated to call Brad Balk, and he may provide a car; however, they would need to obtain permission from a homeowner to park.
- Edgewater Beach residents voiced concerns about speeding on their road as well.
- Annual Meeting signs—it was noted that signs are difficult to read because of colors; Julie Lavidge offered to help Mike Needham with them next year.
- Doug Van Meter announced that we have more *Klinger Lake, It's Origins and Growth* books for sale; call him for information.
- Many positive comments about the fireworks.
- When asked about the change in the date for the Annual Meeting, from the end of August to mid-July, members agreed that they were in favor of it.

- Sue Yuska and Carol Wilson suggested holding the annual meeting on a Saturday or Sunday morning, instead of at 6 p.m. Sunday evening.

At 7:23 p.m., **Don Riach made a motion to adjourn. Mike Needham seconded; all members approved, and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Doe, Secretary