

# THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



## **KLA Annual Meeting - Saturday June 26, 2021 10:00 A.M. at the KLCC**

**Attended:** Board Members: Mike Needham, Julie Stutesman, Katie Kitchen, Allison Kirsch, Sharon Snyder, Chris Bowers, Andy Rieth, Barb Pancoast, Kirby Baker, Ashley Vercler, Edgar Reihl

KLA Members

**Absent:** Debbie Doe **Guest Speakers:** Chuck Bishop, Tyler Royce

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**Mike Needham called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.**

### **President's Welcome & Opening Remarks:**

President Mike Needham called the meeting to order and welcomed 37 Klinger Lake residents and 12 board members. He also thanked all the residents for the tremendous work and for the donations to the KLA.

Mike Needham started the meeting off by introducing the members of the board and their specific duties. Mike also mentioned and thanked the 20 Beach Representatives along with Beach Rep Coordinator Sharon Snyder.

### **Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

Ashley Vercler delivered the annual meeting minutes and requested approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. **Chris Bowers requested a motion to approve the 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Sharon Snyder, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Kirby Baker reported on the 2020 annual meeting treasurer's report. He stated Fireworks are the largest expense including other miscellaneous expenses that generated total expenses of \$31,210. Kirby noted that the KLA is looking to help reduce some expenses by lowering printing and distribution costs by using email and web postings. He also reported that \$12,408 were received for membership fees in 2020 that was from 329 members but YTD we are currently at 350 members. **Andy Rieth requested a motion to approve the 2020 treasurer's report. It was seconded by Julie Stutesman, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

### **Election of New Board Members & Retiring Members:**

Chris Bowers reported on the renewal of current member's terms and the replacement of Ashley Vercler. He reminded all KLA members that each membership is entitled to one ballot per membership per household. Chris Bowers reintroduced the current KLA members listed on the ballot and introduced Glenn Taylor as a new member.

### **Water Quality/Weed Treatment:**

Chris Bowers reported on the water quality of Klinger Lake. The clarity of the lake is tested once per week on Tuesday mornings, in the Spring the clarity is higher but through Summer that number will change. As of this week the lake is at 17 feet of transparency. Total Phosphorous is tested twice per year and Chlorophyll is tested once a month to see how our lake is compared to other surrounding lakes and to monitor long term trends.

Mike Needham reported on the weed treatment. He noted the KLA uses Aquatic Weed Control. They are experts in treating invasive species. He noted that both the KLA and Aquatic Weed Control work in a joint effort to keep the lake clean and in its natural habitat.

#### **Real Estate:**

Allison Kirsch reported on the real estate. She noted that the market is very tight, there have been 5 homes that sold, 2 are currently pending and 2 currently for sale. The inventory is still very low, but the price growth for properties is starting to slow and level out. The median house price is up about 12% from last year.

#### **Law Enforcement Update:**

Andy Rieth reported on law enforcement. He noted the KLA has historically sponsored the boater's safety course, but have been unable to do so in the last two years due to Covid. He stated in the past the KLA has cooperated with the MSU hot water boat wash. This event is held at the Klinger Lake public access and it is an opportunity to educate boaters on their responsibility to help prevent invasive species being carried by boats.

Chuck Bishop from the St Joseph County Marine Patrol informed the residents of Klinger Lake that they have extended their evening hours and the main purpose of this is to educate boaters and ensure safety on the lake. He noted a few major points:

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) must be worn by kids <6 years of age
- PFD required on Stand Up Paddleboard
- Personal Watercraft operators must be 16 AND have a boaters safety certificate and be carried with them
- If you were born after July 1995 you must have a boaters safety certificate with you at all times.

#### **Miscellaneous Announcements:**

- The Boat Parade is July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. starting at the Marina
- Kirby Baker reported to the board regarding the White Pigeon Township
- Dave McBride won the cover photo contest for the directory
- 49 ballots tallied all current members on the ballot will return and Glenn Taylor will be replacing Ashley Vercler on the board
- The boat wash will be held July 31<sup>st</sup>
- The paving of the boat ramp is on the schedule for the fall of 2021
- Tyler Royce of the White Pigeon Food Pantry spoke about the history of the pantry and how members can assist with donations and deliveries

**11:18am Bob Battkjes moved we adjourn, Wayne Ducharme seconded the motion, all members approved and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Vercler, Secretary KLA