

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Annual Meeting - Saturday June 25, 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, Debbie Doe,

KLA Members

Absent: Edgar Reihl **Guest Speakers:** Lindsay Richardson

Mike Needham called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

President's Welcome & Opening Remarks:

President Mike Needham called the meeting to order and welcomed all of the Klinger Lake residents and board members. He also thanked Josh and The Klinger Lake Country Club for letting us hold our meeting at the club.

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 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes:

The annual meeting minutes were posted on the website and a request for approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes was made. **Bob Battjes 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 2021 annual meeting treasurer's report. He stated Fireworks and weed control are the largest expense including other miscellaneous expenses that generated total expenses of \$31,528.45. Kirby noted that in the 2021 year KLA increased its members by 23 from 2020, we decreased fireworks participation by 17 people from 2020. We are still collecting money for the 2022 year. We had a rebate from our directory printing of \$1821.9. Our income was \$38,946.67 for a net of \$7,418.22. Our biggest concern is the cost of weed control and we expect the cost of weed control to go up for 2022.

Election of New Board Members & Retiring Members:

- Board members are elected for three-year terms, so each year 1/3 of the board either asks to be renominated or requests to leave the board
- Each KLA membership is entitled to one vote in the election process

- On your ballots, you will see 3 new candidates and 2 incumbent candidates. In addition, there are spaces for write-in candidates.
- As stated in the KLA By-Laws, it is the intent to have a board which represents all beaches around the lake, with no beach having more than 3 members of the board.

We thanked Sharon Snyder and Julie Stutesman for all their work while serving on the board.

Mike Needham and Andy Rieth were re-elected to the board and John, Dresser, Rick Knoedler, and Mary Vogt are our new board members.

Water Quality/Weed Treatment:

- This season, we're enrolled in (3) testing programs:
 - Total Phosphorus – once in the spring, once in the fall
 - Total Chlorophyll – monthly
 - Water Transparency – 'Secchi' disk check – weekly
- As residents, we continue to be blessed with excellent water clarity and limited 'invasives'
- Primary concern right now is 'Starry Stonewort' which is present in 3 very small areas in Klinger Lake

Real Estate:

For the period from July 1, 2021 thru June 15, 2022

- Total properties sold = 11
- Average days on the market – 41 for waterfront; 183 non-waterfronts
- Change in selling price over previous year = ~16%
- Average price per square foot for waterfront homes = \$323 above grade
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Law Enforcement Update:

Due to a call Law Enforcement was unable to come to our meeting as planned.

The KLA Transition into a 501(c)(3) Entity:

- In December, the Membership voted unanimously to transition the KLA into a charitable organization
- Benefits:
 - We're now eligible for state-wide grants
 - All contributions to the KLA go into the **Klinger Lake Area Conservancy Fund**, managed by the Sturgis Area Community Foundation and are fully tax deductible
 - The KLA can accept legacy gifts / bequests

- We're able to receive better investment returns on our funds
- We have access to grant writing expertise
- We receive administrative assistance, including processing of contributions and sending tax receipts

The Sturgis Area Community Foundation is a \$30M foundation committed to serving the charitable needs of our community and enriching the quality of life for all people in the Sturgis area.

- The Sturgis Area Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax-deductible.
- Lindsay Richardson told us the foundation can help with grant writing and donor resources. The foundation has been around for 60 years.
- Thanks to Andy Rieth, Chris Bowers, Kirby Baker, Debbie Doe and Mike Needham for all of their work on this. We would also like to thank John Dresser, Bruce Gosling, and Lindsay Richardson for all of their help.

Local Government Liaison:

- Following the suggestion of many residents, Kirby Baker has been regularly attending meetings of both the White Pigeon Township Board and the White Pigeon Township Planning Commission for the last few years
- Kirby summarizes pertinent information for the KLA board
- Minutes of these meetings are available on the township web site at whitepigeontwp.com

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- The Boat Parade is July 1st at 1 p.m. starting at the Marina.
- The boat wash will be held July 10th starting at 11:00.
- Jamie Kasey gave the dam a thumbs up this year.
- Please make sure you mark anchors left in the water so that boats do not hit them.
- Klinger Lake Yacht Club is looking for sailors. This is low key and they race on Sundays.
- The carp are stressed because of the heat during spawning season.

Chris Bower moved we adjourn, Sharon Snyder seconded the motion, all members approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pancoast, Secretary KLA