

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA August Board Meeting

Monday, August 8, 2018

7:00 PM at KLCC

Attended in Person: Chris Bowers, Debbie Doe, Allison Kirsch, Mike Needham, Barb Montgomery Nelson, Don Riach, Sharon Snyder, Julie Stutesman, Doug Van Meter, Ashley Vercler

Attended via phone: Andy Reith

Absent: Warren English

President Barbara Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Kirby and Erin Baker, KLA members were in attendance as well.

President-Welcome and Remarks

Barb Nelson welcomed returning Board members and visitors Kirby and Erin Baker. She welcomed new Board members Chris Bowers and Ashley Vercler and thanked them all for their time and dedication to the KLA.

KLA Annual Meeting Recap/Notes

Barbara Nelson reported that we had a 20% increase in attendance of the Annual KLA Meeting over last year's attendance. The feedback has been positive about the meeting. All members agreed that the Saturday, 10 a.m. time worked well. The weekend after the 4th of July seems to be positive as far as attendance because many residents are at the lake for the holiday. The Board plans to hold the next annual meeting on July 6, 2019 at 10 a.m. Julie Stutesman and Debbie Doe will check on the availability of KLCC for next year's meeting and get it on the calendar.

Wind Turbine Discussion

Kirby Baker brought to the Board's attention that wind turbines (wind farms) and solar energy farms are new topics of concern for St. Joseph County. A couple of these farms are in place in Branch County. Any leases for these types of farms in our area must be filed with the County Clerk's office. Kirby provided information on the environmental concerns that these types of farms present. He also informed the Board that Mottville is a possible target site for a future farm. The Board agreed that we need to stay abreast of this topic, and some members will attend the October 1, 2018 White Pigeon Township meeting. Kirby agreed to contact Don Gloy, WP Township Supervisor, to get the agenda for the meeting and share it with the Board.

Slate of officers

The KLA Membership elects the Board every 3 years, and the KLA Board elects its officers yearly. Ashley Vercler and Chris Bowers were elected as new KLA Board Members by the Membership, at the July Annual Meeting. At the August Board Meeting, the KLA Board elected the following to fill the 4 elected positions:

President: BARBARA MONTGOMERY NELSON—Debbie Doe nominated Barbara Nelson as president; Julie Stutesman seconded; all members approved

Vice-president: MIKE NEEDHAM—Julie Stutesman nominated Mike Needham as vice-president; Chris Bowers seconded; all members approved

Treasurer: DON RIACH—Sharon Snyder nominated Don Riach as treasurer; Chris Bowers seconded; all members approved

Secretary: ASHLEY VERCLER—Sharon Snyder nominated Ashley Vercler to fill the Secretary position. Julie Stutesman seconded; all members approved.

2019 Open KLA Board Positions—Julie Stutesman's, Andy Reith's, Warren English's, and Sharon Snyder's terms will be up. The 2019 Nominating Committee is Chris Bowers, Allison Kirsch, Barb Montgomery Nelson, Sharon Snyder, and they will present nominees to the Board at April/May 2019 meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Don Riach reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He reported that there are 358 paid members. He noted that there was not a lot of activity in July. Expenses for July were related to fireworks and the Annual Meeting. After review of the income and expenses, **Mike Needham moved for approval to pay the July expenses; Sharon Snyder seconded it, all members approved, and the motion was approved.** The total contribution to 2018 fireworks is \$17,230. Don Riach offered to supply a list of the \$100 or higher fireworks donors, to Julie Stutesman, so that she can write them thank you notes. After review of the of the Treasurer's Report, **Julie Stutesman moved for approval of the report; Debbie Doe seconded it, all members approved, and the report was accepted**

Role Assignments 2019

Audit—Sharon Snyder, Doug Van Meter, Andy Reith

Beach—Sharon Snyder

Boat Parade—Doug Van Meter

Communications Coordinator—Mike Needham / Edgar Riehl will assist

KLA FB page KLA website—Edgar Riehl will continue to manage these and Mike Needham will provide Edgar with current communication updates

Dam—Warren English

History—Doug Van Meter

Database—Don Riach, Allison Kirsch, Debbie Doe, Ashley Vercler

Michigan Lakes and Streams—Julie Stutesman, Debbie Doe, Mike Needham

Real estate - Allison Kirsch and Debbie Doe

Road Liaison—Andy Rieth

Water and Safety Rules—Andy Rieth

Water Quality—Mike Needham

Committees 2019

Newsletter—Don Riach, Barbara Montgomery Nelson and Ashley Vercler (start in January)

Fireworks Committee—Warren English (Charlie Stutesman and Mike Doe will assist); Debbie Doe (permits); Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Ashley Vercler (flyers)
Annual Meeting —Julie Stutesman/Debbie Doe
Annual Beach Rep Picnic—Sharon Snyder
Directory: Allison Kirsch, Don Riach, Chris Bowers, all members to review and edit
By Laws—Don Riach
Nominating Committee—Chris Bowers, Allison Kirsch, Sharon Snyder, Barb Montgomery Nelson

Fireworks

2018 Fireworks went well—Sharon Snyder will look into the possibility of LED flares for future fireworks. The Board discussed how to pay for them. Proposed dates for 2019 fireworks are Thursday, July 4, 2019 with a rain date of Friday, July 5, 2019. Barb Nelson will check and secure dates with RKM.

Weed Discussion

Mike Needham reported that water testing was conducted on July 11, 2018 and they will return soon to retest. There is a Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting October 4-5, 2018 and the Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids. Mike encourages any KLA member to attend. Mike Needham, Julie Stutesman and Debbie Doe plan to collect upstream water samples before September 1, 2018. They will also collect one in the spring 2019 and another in the fall of 2019. The three collection points will be Thomson Lake, Tamarac Lake and Klinger Lake. The water will be tested for—conductivity, nitrates, suspended solids, and phosphorus.

Old/New Business

Audit Committee reminder—Doug Van Meter, Andy Reith, and Sharon Snyder will set up a date with Don Riach to audit the KLA books.

CAFOs—The Board agreed that it is important to stay informed on CAFO activity and progress in the area. Mike Needham reported that he continually checks the DEQ website for any new permits that could affect Klinger Lake and also checks on the progress on the Shimmel Road project.

Boater Safety—Andy Rieth asked that members please send boaters safety class feedback to him to share with Bill Smith. He reported that the KLA sponsored class was full the past 2 years, and they would like to continue to work together to offer it.

Doug Van Meter motioned to adjourn the meeting; Don Riach seconded the motion; all members approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held September 10, 2018, 7 pm at the KLCC

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Doe, Secretary KLA