

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Annual Board Meeting - Saturday June 29, 2019 10:00 A.M. at the KLCC

Attended in Person: Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Mike Needham, Don Riach, Chris Bowers, Julie Stutesman, Sharon Snyder, Andy Rieth, Allison Kirsch, Debbie Doe, Ashley Vercler

Guest Present: Klinger Lake Residents, Don Gloy, Jean Taft, Chuck Bishop **Absent:** Warren English & Doug VanMeter

President's Welcome and Opening Remarks:

President Barbara Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and welcomed the 56 people in attendance along with 8 beach representatives and 10 board members. Also in attendance were Chuck Bishop from the St. Joseph County Marine Patrol, Don Gloy and Jean Tefft from the White Pigeon Township.

Barbara Montgomery Nelson started the meeting off with all board members introducing themselves and stating their roles they take on for the board. Sharon Snyder introduced herself as the Beach Rep Coordinator who in turn introduced the 8 Beach Reps that were in attendance. Sharon Snyder stated that Klinger Lake has a total of 20 Beach Representatives.

Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were provided by Ashley Vercler and distributed. **Mark Kirsch made the motion to approve the 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Suzi Puckett, all members approved, and the motion was carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Don Riach distributed copies and reviewed the details of the Treasurer's Report for 2018. **Barbara Montgomery Nelson requested a motion to approve the 2018 Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Chris Bowers, all members approved, and the motion was carried.**

Election of New Board Members & Retiring Members:

Barbara Montgomery Nelson reported that she will be stepping down after 7 years of service along with Warren English who will be stepping down after 10 years of service. The nominating committee presented Kirby Baker and Barbara Pancoast as candidates to fill the vacant seats. Along with the vacant seats, 3 board member terms are up for renewal. The members that are up for renewal are: Mike Needham, Andy Rieth, and Sharon Snyder. Julie Stutesman and Chris Bowers distributed ballots to all residents in attendance and reminded everyone that voting was 1 ballot per household. Mike Needham thanked both Warren English and Barbara Montgomery Nelson for all their years of service and dedication to Klinger Lake and the Association. Mike Needham presented Barbara Montgomery Nelson with a parting gift and a gavel as a thank you for serving as President of the KLA.

Presentation of Board Members:

Barbara Montgomery Nelson presented the following elected members and thanked Katie Kitchen (write-in) for her interest in becoming a board member:

- Mike Needham – Renewal
- Andy Rieth – Renewal
- Sharon Snyder – Renewal
- Kirby Baker – Open Vacancy
- Bar Pancoast – Open Vacancy

Guest Speakers:

Chuck Bishop – St. Joseph County Sheriff’s Department – Chuck Bishop has been a part of the Marine Patrol Division for 4 years, he is a professional scuba diver instructor and is on the Public Safety Divers Rescue Team. Chuck Bishop reported that Klinger Lake is the only lake that sponsors a boater’s safety class in the area. Chuck Bishop reported general comments and a summary of the patrol’s activity on the lake as of June 28th, 2019 he also noted the following:

- There are 2 patrolling members, whose purpose is to communicate instead of issue tickets, but will enforce safety
- Individuals on a boat under 6 without a life jacket will result in a ticket
- Hanging off the boat or outside the gate will result in a ticket
- Fisherman can no longer dump live bait in the lake and all water wells need to be emptied prior to leaving/entering the lake
- Public accesses that are managed by the DNR (like ours at Klinger Lake) require a Michigan Recreational Passport – they can be purchased through the SOS
- Floats and buoys are allowed to be placed out as long as they are not impeding traffic
- Slow/No wake is required within 100 ft. from all shores – weed beds are also considered shores
- Individuals born after 12/31/1978 are required to have a boaters safety certificate in order to operate a PWC

Don Gloy – White Pigeon Township – Don Gloy thanked the KLA for the invitation to speak again at the annual meeting. Don Gloy reported upcoming road construction around Klinger Lake and amenities and services that the White Pigeon Township can offer Klinger Lake residents. Don Gloy informed members of the following:

- The township can assist with the Weed Control budget by doing a special assessment
- The township offers 2 dump passes per year per property
- Road construction around the lake will start in 2019 and carry through 2023
- There are 2 types of road repair options: HMA (Hot Mix asphalt) which is \$200,000 per mile and single/double prime and seal which is \$20,000 per mile
- In 2019 Klinger Lake Road (from Airline Rd. to Marina) and the public portion of Hill St. will get HMA, the private portion of Hill St will also get HMA but will be paid for by assessment through the township
- Both Jackson and Spring St. will get HMA in 2019
- Both Benham Beach and Wilder Rd. will get single prime and seal in 2019
- In 2020 North Shore, Edgewater Beach and Saunders Rd. will get HMA
- The bridge on Klinger Lake Rd. will be replaced in 2020
- In 2021 Hillandale will get HMA and in 2023 Oak St. subdivision will also get HMA

2019 Fireworks:

Sharon Snyder reported that fireworks are scheduled for Thursday July 4th and requested that all LED flares be turned on by 9:45 p.m. Sharon Snyder stated that the KLA does have extra flares available for purchase if more are needed. All Beach Representatives received their flares as of June 28th and delivery to members will begin soon. Barbara Montgomery Nelson noted that the average cost for the fireworks has been \$10,000. This year they are estimated to cost \$13,000 plus tariffs and other additional fees. The overall total for the fireworks is about \$18,000 so the support is needed in order to keep the tradition alive.

Committee Updates:

* Chris Bowers asked all lake residents to report any changes and errors regarding the directory to their Beach Reps; and also noted that the KLA will be requesting emails next year to generate a stronger communication channel for all members and residents of Klinger Lake.

* Andy Rieth announced Sunday July 7th will be the clean lake event. MSU will have a mobile hot water boat wash that is offered to all boaters for free. The intent is to remind all boaters to clean off their boats prior to going in and out of the lake. Klinger Lake will also be hosting the Aquatic and Invasive Species Extravaganza where interns from the DEQ will come to talk to the boaters to educate on the safety and concerns of maintaining Klinger Lake.

* Allison Kirsch and Debbie Doe reported that there are 4 listings up for sale and a total of 18 properties have sold. The market is turning around and properties are increasing by about 10% while values are up and stabilizing.

*-Mike Needham reported that Jamie Kasey raises and lowers the gates for the Dam. The lake is maintained according to state requirements. Mike Needham stated that beaver infestations are causing a diversion and damage to the Dam. Early repairs will need to be done to prevent larger scale damage.

* Julie Stutesman reported that a water test was done in September of 2018, but another one will need to be done again in 2019. Thompson, Middle and Klinger Lakes are all tested.

* Mike Needham reported the boat traffic and algae are very sparse this year compared to last year. In May of 2018 the water temperature was 84 degrees while May 2019 it was 62 degrees. As of 6/28/2019 the water temperature was reported at 82 degrees. Mike Needham also stated that Klinger Lake has had two water survey tests done year to date. Klinger Lake's weed treatment is less than \$20 a year per household compared to other lakes that have assessed fees of over hundreds of dollars.

* Mike Needham discussed the concerns of a possible increase of Canada Geese. Mike Needham reported that he has done some research and there are websites that offer different methods and ideas that help to keep the population down.

* No other Committee updates were mentioned

Old/New Business & Miscellaneous Announcements:

* The Boat Parade is July 4th at 1 p.m. starting at the marina

* Karen Zona and Mike Thatcher won the photo contest for the cover of the 2019 directory

* KLCC is celebrating their 99th year and offer social memberships and special events. Megan Yoder is the main contact for the club

* Ted Combs has announced that he would like to restart the Yacht Club on Klinger Lake. Sunfish races will be the 2nd Saturday of the month with races starting at 1p.m.

At 11:31 Barbara Montgomery Nelson moved we adjourn, Mike Needham seconded the motion, all members approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Vercler, Secretary KLA