



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting North Pigeon Lake Association (NPLA), July 17, 2021**

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**Please note:** The NPLA AGM took place via zoom this year and this is the record of deliberations on that day. As per the NPLA Constitution, the quorum is set at 15 voting members (one per household) membership. As we did not reach quorum during the meeting, the business of NPLA can carry on throughout the 2021/2022 year. However, decisions made at the 2021 Annual General Meeting will need to be ratified at the 2022 AGM.

**Warren Dunlop**, President of NPLA opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgment. Here is the text:

"We respectfully acknowledge that the North Pigeon Lake Association is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations. NPLA respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come. NPLA supports those stewardship efforts by, as stated in our constitution, striving to preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and waters of North Pigeon Lake and its catchment area."

Ed Leerdam, Vice-President of NPLA presented the agenda and informed zoom participants of the procedure for voting. All motions have been moved and seconded in advance of this meeting and members have only to vote. The procedure for voting via zoom was explained as follows: only those opposed to the motion should vote (either by raising their hand in person or via the Chat function). The vote was then to be tallied while online.

The agenda:

1. Quorum acknowledgment
2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM
3. Overview of Past Two Years
4. Approval of actions taken
5. Financial statement for 2019/2020; financial statement for 2020/2021
6. Liability Insurance
7. Election of Board of Directors for 2021/2022
8. Other business or motions
9. Presentations by Line Pinard, Erin Smith and John Kintare (KLT)



**1. Quorum**

Brenda Wall reported that at the start of the meeting, quorum was not established and therefore all decisions would need to be ratified at the next AGM in 2022.

**2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM**

Brenda Wall noted that the minutes were circulated and are available in the Chat function. Brenda moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded ahead of time by Marie Windover. The motion was moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C)

**3. Overview of Past Two Years**

Warren Dunlop gave an overview of the activities of NPLA over the past two years. The following items were reported on by Warren:

- A) The Water Quality Monitoring Program. The Lake Partnership Program (joint FOCA, Ministry of the Environment, Parks Canada project) was not continued in 2020 due to COVID 19, but sampling continued this year. The Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association (KLSA) e-coli testing continued in 2020 and 2021 - and there is a new nearshore program in place this year. In 2020, KLSA began an Oxygen and Temperature Sampling Pilot program, a pilot for assessing the effects of climate change and this is continuing this year as well. Some NPLA Board members will test out a new phosphorous and nitrate sampling App this year too.
- B) Monitoring of Municipal Council Activities. Having the Council meetings available live electronically (via zoom) has meant better access by all residents. In late fall, 2019, the Board of NPLA supported a proposal regarding noise mitigation - to improve policies and by-laws related to quarry development. NPLA were part of a Public Engagement Phone Survey on how better to communicate with the public - and some of the suggestions have been implemented. NPLA has commented on various Plans, surveys, from Parks and Recreation and also a survey on Culture.
- C) Regarding Provincial and federal issues, NPLA has commented on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry, the Aggregate Resources Act, proposing revisions, etc. NPLA provided input to the Canada Water Agency Plan as well. Warren noted that unfortunately this current provincial government has been making many decisions without public consultation. Board members have sent letter to the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources on skeet and target shooting being too close to residential areas and public walking areas. NPLA has also given input on the protection of the Catchacoma Old Growth Forest.
- D) Communication with Members. The website has been continually updated with information for members. For example, the water chemistry page has a water sampling map, there is information on hiking trails in the area, and a brand new fish and fishing page. We send out email updates and also FOCA e-lets.



**4. Approval request of Actions Taken.**

It was moved ahead of time by Warren Dunlop that the Overview of Past Activities be approved, seconded by Line Pinard. There were no questions or comments and the motion was moved, seconded and carried.

**5. Financial Statements.**

Janet Kelly presented the financial statement for July 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020; The balance as of May 31, 2020 was \$2,752.97. The statement was sent out ahead of time and was made available in the Chat function during the zoom meeting.. Moved by Janet Kelly and Seconded by Don Wilcox (ahead of this meeting) that the financial statement for 2019/2020 be accepted. There was still no quorum, no comments or questions and the the vote was conducted. Moved, Seconded and Carried.

Janet Kelly presented the financial statement for 2020/2021. The balance as of May 31, 2021 was \$2,440.06. The statement had been sent out ahead of time and was available in the Chat function during the zoom meeting. Moved by Janet Kelly and seconded by Don Wilcox (ahead of this meeting) that the financial statement for 2020/2021 be accepted. There were no comments or questions and the vote was conducted. Moved, Seconded, Carried.

Janet Kelly showed a slide of the NPLA profit and losses going back to 2017. It shows that the principal means of support for the NPLA is in membership fees and that membership needs to be revived again after a lapse due to COVID. Janet appealed for participants to renew they memberships and encourage others to join.

**6. Adequacy of Liability Insurance**

Janet Kelly summarized this issue and explained that we are required by the NPLA constitution to conduct an annual review. Janet circulated the information previously and the link was provided in the Chat function. NPLA is part of FOCA's insurance program and there has been no change to our coverage. Moved by Janet Kelly and Seconded by Don Wilcox (ahead of time) that the membership accept this report and review.

**7. Election of 2021/2022 Board of Directors**

Brenda Wall conducted the election process. Brenda established again that there was still no quorum and that this and all other business would need to be ratified at the next AGM in 2022. The list of Directors nominated to date (in alphabetical order) is as follows:

Warren Dunlop, George Hewison, Janet Kelly, Janet Klein, Ed Leerdam, Jacqui Milne, Line Pinard, Brenda Wall, Don Wilcox, Marie Windover

All those nominated have been asked ahead of time and confirmed that they will stand for election. And, there were no other nominations presented. Brenda Wall asked for any questions or comments. A member noted that we had the wrong date on the slide (it is for 2021/2022, not 2020/2021). The correction was noted.



As there were no more than 12 people nominated, the 10 people nominated were declared acclaimed. (If there had been more than 12 nominate, according to the constitution we would have had to conduct a vote).

#### **8. Other Business or Other Motions.**

Warren Dunlop reported that there had been no more motions submitted ahead of the meeting. There was no New Business. Warren did present an information item on the issue of short term rentals in this region. Ron Elliot had copied in NPLA on a letter re: this issue, reporting that there had been some issues of trespass, late-night parties, fireworks out of allowed dates, etc. NPLA responded that Trent Lakes had looked at the issue in 202 and they plan to revisit it with better public consultations in the fall of 2021.

Francis Grant asked a question re: quorum. At the conclusion of the meeting, there was still no quorum - never more than 14 on the call. Although there were two people on Francis' screen from two different households, even counting them in, there was an insufficient number (maximum 14) to make quorum (15 required).

That concluded the formal part of the NPLA Annual General Meeting. Participants were invited to stay and watch two short presentations.

#### **9. Presentations**

- a) NPLA Water Quality Sampling Programs - presented by Line Pinard, NPLA Director and sampler on North Pigeon Lake; and Erin Smith, Ph.D candidate at the Ontario Tech University
- b) Update from John Kintare, Executive Director of Kawartha Land Trust.