



**North Pigeon Lake Association (NPLA)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Saturday, July 23, 2022**

1. Meeting convened at 10:10 am. Welcome and Opening remarks delivered by Warren Dunlop, President, NPLA.

Warren delivered a Land acknowledgement which recognized that the NPLA 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 includes Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations. NPLA respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaty First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain the responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come. NPLA supports these stewardship efforts by, as stated in our constitution, striving to preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and waters of Pigeon Lake and its catchment area.

2. (Agenda item moved up to accommodate Pat Warren's schedule). Greetings on behalf of Environment Action Bobcaygeon (EAB) brought by Pat Warren. Pat summarized much of the work EAB has carried out in recent years, including support for community gardens, the Wilderness Park, in Bobcaygeon, preparation of an Active Transportation Plan for the area, participation in Communities in Bloom, Kawarthas Naturally Connected, Kawartha Lakes Healthy Environment Plan, Trail Town, the Village Walking Tour, input into the Beaches Master Plan and most recently the Dry Stack Wall Project. Pat Warren also informed us that she is also running for a position on the City of Kawartha Lakes Council in October, 2022.

3. Brenda Wall, NPLA Secretary confirmed that the meeting did conform to requirements for quorum. Brenda Wall called for a motion to ratify decisions made at the AGM in 2021 as there was no quorum for the AGM via zoom in 2021. A motion to confirm decisions made for the 2021/ 2022 year moved by George Hewison, seconded by Sherry Hillman - Moved/Seconded and Carried (M/S/C).

Brenda Wall called for approval of the minutes of the 2021 AGM. Moved by Marie Windover, seconded by Jacqui Milne - M/S/C.

- 4.1 Janet Kelly, NPLA Treasurer, outlined the Financial Report for 2021/2022. Due to COVID and the inability to conduct business in person, membership numbers did decline and therefore revenue is significantly less than previous years. As of May 31, 2022, the balance in the NPLA account is \$1694.11 Moved by Janet Kelly and seconded by Ed Leerdam, to approve the Financial Report for 2021/ 2022. M/S/C.



4.2 Approval of adequacy of liability insurance. Janet Kelly moved a motion to approve the adequacy of NPLA liability insurance, seconded by Ron Elliot, M/S/C.

5. Warren Dunlop presented an overview of the activities of the NPLA during the 2021/2022 year. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, NPLA has not been able to carry out normal activities such as workshops or gatherings. However, we have continued to be part of many outdoor activities centred on lake water quality and have participated in zoom meetings on municipal issues and other key issue for this area. Examples include: the Lake Partnership program with the Federation of Cottagers Associations (FOCA) and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is up and running again in 2021 and 2022; through Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association (KLSA) we have continued the E.coli testing on North Pigeon Lake and Bass Lake; we continue to support the temperature and oxygen testing and surface monitoring in North Pigeon Lake; we have supported the Catchacoma Old Growth Forest and Marie Windover is on the Catchacoma Stewardship Committee; we monitor Trent Lakes Council meetings and stay abreast of municipal issues in general; the website has continued to be a key resource for information on the region, e.g. giving updates on the E.coli levels in the lakes, and information on fish and fishing; and finally the Facebook page gives timely updates.

Moved by Jenny Davidson and seconded by Sherry Hillman to approve all of the actions and decisions taken by the Board from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. M/S/C.

6.1 Confirmation of current Board members for the year 2022/2023.

Jacqui Milne, NPLA Board Member, confirmed that all current Board members have agreed to stay on for the 2022/2023 year. They are as follows: Warren Dunlop (President), Ed Leerdam (Vice-President), Janet Kelly (Treasurer), Brenda Wall (Secretary), Janet Klein (Past President), George Hewison, Jacqui Milne, Line Pinard, Marie Windover, Don Wilcox. Moved by Jacqui Milne and seconded by Ron Elliot to confirm the current Board membership. M/S/C.

6.2 Call for Nominations for additional Board members for 2022/2023.

Jacqui Milne explained that there are currently 10 Board members and there are vacancies for two more members. A call went out to the membership for nominees but none was received. Jacqui called for nominations from the floor for additional Board members. However, no nominations were presented so the Board remains as is for the upcoming year.

7.1 Ed Leerdam, Vice-President, was called on to introduce the organizations who had set up exhibits. As Janet Klein was unable to be at the AGM, Ed read out Janet's summary of the activities of the Dewdney Mountain Quarry group. The history of this



quarry and the struggles of the community goes back to 2012 with an application by the company to open up a quarry near Quarry Rd./Ledge Road. A public meeting was held in 2013 and presentations made to the Municipality of Trent Lakes to oppose a zoning change and to present research confirming that endangered species (e.g. the Blanding's Turtle) were at risk, etc. but all of this failed. A group of 14 people challenged this decision and hearings were held from 2015 to 2018 when a judge ruled that it should not go ahead, primarily because there was no protection for area residents from the hazards of truck traffic and noise levels along the roads. In the past two years, the company has tried to get a reversal of this decision and NPLA has supported the group of residents. Janet encouraged people to register with the municipality to attend a public meeting to be held on August 10 at 9:00 am (via zoom) to discuss the Dewdney Mountain Quarry haul route.

7.2 Ed Leerdam, Chair of the KLSA, summarized their work in the past year. KLSA is a group of volunteers concerned about the quality of water in our lakes and rivers and the general health of these waterways. The organization returned to "normal" operations in 2021. The stewardship of the lakes includes checking the quality of the water regularly and KLSA coordinates the testing. KLSA has also been working to increase the profile of climate change and its potential impacts upon the lakes. In 2020 it initiated a pilot program to track water temperatures and dissolved oxygen concentrations in our nearshore and offshore waters. A warming climate is expected to result in warmer water temperatures and lower dissolved oxygen which could have consequences for life in and around the lakes. A special project to monitor the spread of starry stonewort (an invasive species) was initiated by KLSA in our area and is now part of an Ontario based group to share research, encourage cooperation between groups dealing with this issue. The annual KLSA Water Quality report is invaluable for cottagers and residents of this region.

7.3 Ed Leerdam called up current Trent Lakes Municipality Mayor and Councillors as well as candidates for positions in the upcoming municipal elections (October, 2022) to introduce themselves. Those present included: Peter Franzen, Harvey Ward councillor (running for Councillor-at-large); Mayor Janet Clarkson (not running for re-election); Terry Lamshead, Councillor-at-large; Carol Armstrong, Galway-Cavendish Ward Councillor (running for Deputy Mayor and County Council); John Braybrook (running for Council in Harvey Ward) Beverley Matthews (running for Mayor). Those who brought regrets: Peter Raymond (running for councillor in Harvey Ward).

Other information tables: Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA); Environment Action Bobcaygeon (EAB).

The formal part the NPLA meeting closed at 11:25 a.m.



Warren Dunlop introduced the guest speaker for the AGM.

“Climate Change in Cottage Country: Becoming Part of the Solution” - Presentation by Terry Moore, from Planet Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society.

Highlights from Terry Moore’s presentation:

- * Prevention is important. My forte is in translating what scientists say to the language of ordinary people. “Climate emergency” is my preferred term. We can do something about climate emergency but at present there are louder voices who want to extend the life of fossil fuels.
- * My life, like yours, is dependent upon fossil fuels - at my home, for transportation, the internet, etc. Fossil fuel addiction does not happen by accident however. (Read “Tar Sands” and “The Energy of Slaves” by Andrew Nikiforuk). The average Canadian consumes 24.7 barrels of oil annually.
- * CO2 in our atmosphere is increasing at a rapid rate. Society is pumping more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and although the IPCC summit in 1992 committed to reducing greenhouse gases, they have gone up.
- * There has not been enough public actions even after 6 rounds of assessments since the IPCC was created.
- * Despite 3 major Working Groups making recommendations to world politicians (the State of Physical Science; Impacts, adaptations and vulnerability; Mitigation of Climate Change), it has been a litany of broken promises.
- * In Canada, the Liberal Climate Action Formula is a recipe for failure (see “A discussion paper on the Liberal Government’s Climate Action Plan”, by Terry Moore and David Robertson, Seniors for Climate Action Now - SCAN).
- * In Ontario, Doug Ford has reversed what the previous government had done (even though that was lacking in real change) and embraced fossil fuels. All this with just 40.8 % of the votes, etc.
- * In cottage country, there are some issues which are common across the board - e.g. water quality concerns. But there are other ways to take action.
- * Declaring a Climate Emergency is a first step. Of 2200 jurisdictions which have declared one, 647 are in Canada, 525 in Quebec alone.
- * Trent Lakes has not declared a Climate Emergency but Peterborough has, Muskoka has as well. There has to be a plan on how to deliver and outline what community measures will be put in place.
- * As individuals and/or organizations and municipalities, you can endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty.
- * FOCA’s “Managing your Waterfront Property in a Changing Climate” is a good step and will assist in preventing damage to the environment, flooding, erosion, tree falls, etc.
- * Emulate the Community Carbon Challenge initiated by Climate Action Muskoka - a challenge to lowering our footprint.
- * Finally, the vast majority of people cannot afford to implement all of the actions necessary to limit the use of fossil fuels in our economy; it has to be governments implementing these initiatives, and this includes local municipalities. And it is imperative that all of us join together to demand action now on this climate emergency.