



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, July 22, 2023**

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1. Meeting convened at 10:01 am. Welcome and Opening remarks delivered by Warren Dunlop, President, NPLA. Land acknowledgement recognized that we are gathering 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, 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. Brenda Wall, NPLA Secretary confirmed that the meeting did conform to requirements for quorum. Brenda Wall called for a motion to approve the previous AGM minutes. Moved by Ed Leerdam and seconded by Line Pinard. Motion carried (Moved/Seconded/Carried) - M/S/C.

3.1 Janet Kelly, NPLA Treasurer, outlined the Financial Report for 2022/2023. As of May 31, 2023, the balance in the NPLA account is \$1299.76. Moved by Janet Kelly and seconded by Petra Unger, to approve the Financial Report for 2022/2023. M/S/C.

Discussion ensued after a question: What is the NPLA Board doing to attract more members? There was a fruitful discussion and the Board recognizes that it is their responsibility. A good suggestion was put forth to have a Working Group of members to do a blitz to try to attract more members. The Board encouraged anyone who is willing to sit on such a group to contact the President/ Board members after this meeting. Janet Klein clarified that under the NPLA Constitution, the Purpose outlined in article 2.1 states: " To consider all subjects and issues that tend to preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and waters of north Pigeon Lake and its catchment area ... See Appendix A for a map."

3.2 Approval of adequacy of liability insurance. Janet Kelly moved a motion to approve the adequacy of NPLA liability insurance, seconded by Line Pinard, M/S/C. Discussion ensued regarding whether we have a legal responsibility for reporting high levels of *E. coli* in our testing program. We responded that although we do not have a legal responsibility, we do inform the local Health Unit and carry out re-testing within a 48 hour period if counts are high. It is a program of Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association (KLSA) and Ed Leerdam clarified (pot-meeting) that since we aren't talking about drinking water here, there is no "duty to report" if the values are high. It's really just an indication of increased risk of waterborne infection, especially with kids who tend to ingest a little water when they're swimming.

4. Warren Dunlop presented an overview of the activities of the NPLA during the 2022/2023 year. We have continued to be part of many outdoor activities centred on lake water quality and have participated in municipal issues and other key issues for this area. During previous municipal elections NPLA has either hosted all candidates meetings, or interviewed individual candidates. For the 2022 municipal elections, NPLA took a different approach. We



sent a questionnaire to all candidates and collated the answers (for both municipalities). We sent out the results to all members and other cottage associations in the area.

We continue working with the Lake Partner program of the Federation of Cottagers Associations (FOCA) and the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Together with the KLSA we have continued the *E. coli* testing on North Pigeon Lake and Bass Lake. We monitor activities associated with Climate Change/the Climate Crisis; we work with FOCA on surveillance of invasive aquatic plants; 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, information on fish and fishing, on hiking trails, etc. and the Facebook page gives timely updates.

Moved by Ron Elliott and seconded by Dave Klein to approve all of the actions and decisions taken by the Board from July 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023. M/S/C.

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

Brenda Wall, NPLA Board Member, reviewed the current Board members who have agreed to stay on for the 2023/2024 year. They are as follows: Warren Dunlop (President), Janet Kelly (Treasurer), Janet Klein (Past President), George Hewison, Jacqui Milne, Line Pinard, Don Wilcox. These Directors are part way through their term and are put forward as a slate of candidates to continue their terms. Moved by Brenda Wall and seconded by Sherry Hillman to confirm the current Board membership. M/S/C.

Thanks were expressed to Ed Leerdam, Marie Windover and Brenda Wall for their service as NPLA Board members.

#### 5.2 Call for Nominations for additional Board members for 2023/2024.

Brenda Wall explained that there are currently 7 Board members and there are vacancies for up to 5 more members. A call went out to the membership for nominees but none was received. Brenda called for nominations from the floor for additional Board members. However, no nominations were presented so the Board remains as above for the upcoming year. Brenda reminded people that the Board can accept new Board members on an interim basis (to be ratified at the next AGM in 2024) and therefore if anyone should decide to join the Board after this meeting, they should contact president, Warren Dunlop.

6.1 Warren Dunlop-President, introduced the organizations who had set up exhibits or who had information pamphlets on display. KLSA, Kawartha Land Trust and FOCA set up information tables. The eDNA Project with FOCA, information regarding the Help Protect our Lakes project and the Yard Waste Dumping issues (Trent Lakes Municipality), the Dewdney Quarry update, information on the Mishkodeh Centre for Indigenous Knowledge - all had leaflets out for members.

Janet Klein gave an update on the fight against the mega quarry (Dewdney Farms). Dewdney still wants to change the zoning and there is a preliminary hearing at the Ontario Land Tribunal on August 18. The Official Plan is clear that the quarry would have to have a signed haul route agreement and they do not have it. The proposed route is on a "forced road" which is one used



by everyone but it is on private land (i.e. residents own part of the road). Dewdney would have to buy this from the residents which will not happen. NPLA will keep members updated on this continuing struggle.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.

Warren Dunlop introduced the speakers:

- Lyn Simon, Rogers representative
- Tanner Liang, Kawartha Conservation (via video presentation)
- Ed Leerdam, KLSA