



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Saturday July 20th, 2024**

1. Land Acknowledgment, Welcome and Opening Remarks: The meeting convened at 10:04 am. Welcome and opening remarks were delivered by Warren Dunlop, President NPLA. He read the Land Acknowledgement that recognized that we are gathering in the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaty First Nations which includes Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity and that they continue to maintain responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come. NPLA supports these stewardship efforts as stated in our constitution, "striving to preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and waters of Pigeon Lake and its catchment area". Warren welcomed guests and introduced the NPLA Board of Directors, special guests Pat Warren, Peter Franzen, Carol Armstrong as well as regrets from other invited guests.
2. Approval of 2022-23 Minutes: Janet Kelly NPLA treasurer and secretary read the NPLA mission statement. She confirmed that the meeting did conform to the requirements for a quorum. Janet Kelly made the motion to approve the previous AGM NPLA minutes from July 22, 2023. She was seconded by Brenda Wall. The motion was moved, seconded and carried.
- 3.1 Financial Report: Janet Kelly NPLA treasurer and secretary outlined the NPLA 2023/2024 financial report. As of May 31 2024 the balance in the NPLA account is \$901.51. Janet Kelly moved to approve the Financial Report for 2023/2024. The motion was seconded by Don Wilcox. The motion was moved, seconded and carried. Janet Kelly also encouraged members in attendance to try and bring in new members to the NPLA and noted that NPLA brochures had been left on their seats for that purpose.
- 3.2 Approval of Adequacy of liability insurance: Janet Kelly explained that the NPLA was able to get a reduction in insurance rates this year of approximately \$300. Janet Kelly moved to approve the adequacy of NPLA liability insurance. Ed Leerdam seconded the motion. The motion was moved, seconded and carried.
4. Overview and Approval of Activities and Actions of past year: Warren Dunlop presented an overview of NPLA activities during the 2023/2024 year. He reviewed such activities as water quality testing which include *E. coli* testing on Pigeon Lake and Bass Lake as well as phosphorus testing, oxygen profiles and near shore water temperature testing. NPLA continues to work with FOCA, as well as the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Conservation and Parks. NPLA continues to monitor and support the Catchacoma and Old Growth Forest Project. Warren mentioned the Memorial Celebration to recognize the contributions of former NPLA members Ross Morton and Shelly Wild which took place on Boyd Island on Friday June 21st of this year. The NPLA also continues to monitor CKL and Trent Lakes council meetings, public consultations, member engagement and municipal and local issues in general. The NPLA Facebook Page strives to give members timely updates. Warren noted that this year the NPLA family membership increased by \$5 to \$50. Approval was requested for all actions and decisions made



by the NPLA Board of Directors in the past 12 months. This motion was made by John Bush and seconded by Brenda Wall. The motion was moved, seconded and carried.

5. Nomination of 2024/2025 Board of Directors: Janet Kelly explained that there are currently 7 NPLA Board Members and that there are currently vacancies for up to 5 more members. No nominations were presented so the NPLA Board will remain the same. Board members for 2024/2025 are Warren Dunlop, Janet Klein, Janet Kelly, Line Pinard, Don Wilcox, George Hewison, Jacqui Milne. A motion by Janet Kelly was put forth to accept the current board including Line Pinard who was at the end of her three year term. The motion was seconded by Peter Thachuk to accept the NPLA board for 2024/2025. The motion was moved, seconded and carried. A special recognition was made to recognize the service of Board member Don Wilcox who has been part of the NPLA Board for 38 years.

6. Organization updates: Warren Dunlop introduced the organizations who had exhibits and information on display: FOCA, KLSA, SCAN, KLT and TRC Bobcaygeon.

- Ed Leerdam spoke on behalf of the KLSA: Kawartha Lake Stewards and encouraged people to join and support the important work the group continues to undertake.
- David Rapaport spoke on behalf of SCAN: Seniors for Climate Action Now. He reminded them of a meeting at the Bobcaygeon Community Centre on July 28th at 12:30 pm with lunch included.
- Warren Dunlop spoke on behalf of the KLT: Kawartha Land Trust and the new properties they have acquired in particular the Hammer Family Nature Preserve which sits on over 1395 acres bordering Pigeon Lake.
- Brenda Wall spoke on behalf of TRC Bobcaygeon: Truth and Reconciliation Bobcaygeon and recent activities of the group including a special commemorative garden recently planted in the Bobcaygeon Beach Park.

7. Guest Speaker Presentations: Warren Dunlop introduced Guest Speaker and Master Gardener Anne Craig who shared many interesting gardening insights with the group about invasive plants species as well as including more nativar and native plants in our gardens. She will make her slides and presentation available to NPLA members.

Warren introduced Ted Spence Chair of the Municipality of Trent Lakes Environmental Action Committee. He spoke of the important work the group was working on to address many environmental issues in Trent Lakes. Finally Warren introduced Pat Warren Councillor from the City of Kawartha Lakes who updated members on the activities of the EAC: Environment Action Committee and their activities.

8. Draw Prizes and Wrap up. Janet Klein handed out draw prizes.

9. Barbecue and Social Time outdoors commenced at 12: 16 pm. The AGM was adjourned at this time.