

KASZUBY COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday July 17, 2022 at 11:30 am
Rear of Outdoor Chapel

1.0 Call to order:

Meeting called to order by President Sophia Sudnikowicz at 12 noon.

1.1 Welcome and introduction of special guests:

Sophia welcomed members and several new members for attending for the first time (attendees list attached). She advised that Mayor Kim Love, who usually attends as a special guest at our AGM – could not be present because there are within her immediate family a few health issues and she has avoided meeting with groups during this COVID alert period. Sophia advised that Vice President – Secretary Mark Wieckowski could not attend due to a medical procedure in BC and Treasurer Richard Naranowicz is sick.

She thanked Peter Bruck for posting meeting notices and his assistance with the Meeting. She acknowledged the help that John Ciosk has provided with the KCA| website.

The customary KCA Newsletter is delayed and will be sent out shortly. The Newsletter will be posted along with the AGM Minutes on the KCA website.

Guests attending were Mary Blank – who is running for TMV Council and Polish Scouting representatives thanking members for donations to the Camps. They reported that over 500 scouts attended this year.

.2 Establishment of quorum:

Quorum was established with 31 KCA members present at the meeting.

1.3 Rules of order:

The rules of order for the AGM were stated that, when a member wishes to speak, raise an issue, make or second a motion, they must raise their hand and state their full name for recording in the AGM minutes.

2.0 Additions to and Approval of agenda:

There were no additions to the Agenda. Approval Motioned by Mark Milan. Seconded by Barbara Mirecki - Carried

3.0 TMV Update -

The following issues raised by members last year were updated:

1. Fireworks allowed from dusk to 11pm – report address to bylaw officer if after 11 pm
2. Dogs must be leashed at all times
3. Fire pits max size 2ft x 2ft a fine of up to \$1500 if larger
4. Permanent washrooms are now operational at public beach –Porta toilets can be set up at boat launch – if requested.

4.0 KCA Executive Requirements

President Sophia again this year stressed the need for Members to step up and take on roles on the KCA Executive. A Vice President is needed as Mark Wieckowski has relocated to BC and Sophia herself, is overdue for the coveted role of Past President. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Sophia directly.

Our Association has worked hard to gain a presence and voice in the community. Moving forward, we need to keep this up with renewed enthusiasm and vision.

Anna Nitoslawska, added that it is time for younger people to keep it going for the next generation. There is an obligation to keep and grow what KCA has achieved over 50 years .

4.1 Vice President/ Secretary

Needed 2022

4.2 President

Needed 2022

4.3 KCA- The Way Forward

A discussion and exchange of ideas between Members ensued, regarding the need to revisit

the Mission Statement, Vision and objectives of the KCA.

5.0 Approval of 2021 AGM minutes:

Motion by Anna Nitoslawska to approve 2021 AGM minutes was Seconded by Hania Sokolska Carried

6.0 Business arising from minutes:

6.1 Signage

KCA meeting signage has increased and attendance is up thanks to Peter Bruk's effort.

6.2 Dangerous Boating

There are only 3 marine certified OPP Officers in this area to monitor lakes for dangerous boating. One officer lives locally and has "kept an eye" on our lakes. OPP Marine is working with MNR to increase monitoring. To report dangerous boating –Get # on boat/seadoo or picture of watercraft and report specifics to OPP. Reporting that the operation of a watercraft is "unsafe" is not specific enough; they need to know details, e.g. the blue and red boat (# if seen) was speeding (estimate speed if possible) towards the boat launch at the public beach and came within x feet of hitting young swimmers at the floating dock – this is specific enough for action to be taken. KCA member Ewa Sieniawski expressed her disappointment in the lack of action by the authorities when she reported an incident where a jet ski nearly ran over her husband while he was swimming in the lake at her cottage. At the close of the meeting. Marian Grys made an observation that wearing a colorful swim cap or tethering a life jacket or kayak to make oneself more visible while lake swimming may be helpful to avoid situations like that.

6.3 Wadsworth Public Beach Water Testing

Renfrew County Health Unit tests lake water for bacteria at the public beach every week and if not up to acceptable standard, warning signs are posted.

6.4 FOCA Lake Partner Program

Jan Naranowicz will be doing lake water testing according to the Lake Partner Program

6.5 Website Update

John Ciosk is continuing to add to website and would like input as to what else cottagers want on it

7.0 Private Road Grants- Township of Madawaska Valley:

Since 2015 the Township has provided grants to repair and maintain Private Roads (a bit of a return of our Tax money). It used to require a contribution and signature from property owners fronting on the Private Road. This year no contribution is required but signature of 66% of property owners on a Grant Application to be submitted to the Township by September .

Steve Carrick was doing this for Dombroskie Rd has moved; Mark

Wieckowski arranged for 2022 road work to receive this year's grant. Mark has since relocated to BC and going forward, a KCA Member living on the private portion of Dombroskie Rd will be required to take over this administrative function. Let's not miss out on this Grant.

8.0 Lake stewards' reports:

8.1 Dam Lake: No representative – Kathryn Morin will be new Representative

8.2 Long Lake: No representative

8.3 Wadsworth Lake- No Representative – Mark Milan has volunteered to Assist

8.4 Kuiack Lake: No Representative

8.5 Frank Lake : No Representative

9.0 Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Rick Naranowicz forwarded a Financial Report which was presented by President Sophia Sudnikowicz. The report was acknowledged as presented.

10.0 2022 Community donation recommendations:

President Sophia gave an update from BBay Library thanking the KCA for the 2021 donation which will be used to offset price increases for a children's workshop this summer

Donations proposed for 2022:

Barrys Bay Library \$100

St Francis Hospital \$100

Girl Scouts Mural Refurbishment -\$100

Motion to accept Proposed Donations -Moved by Anna Nitoslawska –Seconded by Hania

Fedorowicz -Carried

A question came up regarding potential restart of membership in FOCA and benefits. Estimated cost for 82 members is \$420/yr. Proposed and Moved by Peter Bruck that a Cost/ Benefit review be done for presentation at next AGM. Seconded by Mark Milan – Carried

11.0 Other business:

11.1 Vision/Mission Statement

Hania Fedorowicz observed that as we have a very good **Dos and Donts** of Good Cottaging Statement, we should extend that to be part of our Vision on how to be a good neighbor- kind, helpful and understanding of each other's needs. We all need to sustain that effort (“pracuj nad soba”) This suggestion was well supported by many. Ralph Recoskie added that ideas like this should also be communicated as they come up during the year, so they can be acted upon prior to AGM.

11.2 Invasive Species

Sophia made a presentation – available on website – on the invasive species Phragmites (European Common Reed) and the local campaign with 2 other cottage associations to remove to remove a stand in TMV. Information was also presented on the Eurasian Water-Milfoil, recently seen in Wadsworth Lake. This is a widely distributed invasive aquatic plant which reduces oxygen levels in the water and can cause stagnant water.

12.0 Next Meeting

July 17, 2023 following mass 11:45 – Rear of Chapel. Rain date July 24, 2023

13.0 Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm

Kaszuby Cottagers Association Annual General Meeting- Attendees

Sophia Sudnikowicz, Kuiack Lake
Peter A. Bruck, Wadsworth Lake
Hania Fedorowicz, Wadsworth Lake
Ralph and Rosie Recoskie, Wadsworth Lake
Malwina Rewkowska and Marcin Rewkowski, Long Lake
Stef Pilacinski, Wadsworth/Halfway
Liz Morgan, Long Lake
Ryszard & Margaret Buczek, Wadsworth Lake
Anna Nitoslawska, Wadsworth Lake
Iwona Hawryluk, Wadsworth Lake
Mark & Bea Wolnik, Wadsworth Lake
Peter Zdanowicz & Jane Barratt, Wadsworth Lake
Barbara Mirecki, Wadsworth Lake
Mark Milan, Wadsworth Lake
Hania Sokolska, Dam Lake
Christine Murphy, Wadsworth Lake
Jan Czerwinski, Dam Lake
Agnieszka & Slawek Bledowski, Frank's Lake
John & Krystyna Zasowski, Wadsworth Lake
Andrzej Manitius, Wadsworth Lake
Benny & Brenda Dombroskie, Wadsworth Lake
Andrew Ruckemann, Wadsworth Lake
Ewa Sieniawski, Wadsworth Lake
Stefan Nowak, Halfway Lake
Bozena Balut, Wadsworth Lake
Izabella Gart
Jan and Susan Adamowski, Wadsworth Lake
Marian Grys, Wadsworth Lake
Edwin & Theresa Echavarry, Wadsworth Lake
Mary Blank, Barry's Bay
Jerry Kaplon, Kuiack Lake