

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

A booklet was mailed to all 2020 KLA members containing the following:

1. Introductory Letter from Dennis Carlson with the Meeting Agenda
2. New Board Member Bios
3. How to Access the KLA Meeting
4. Nominations
5. Treasurer's Report
6. KLA Financial Review Recap
7. KLAeidoscope of Keuka Calendar
8. Alexander & Esther Wahlig Scholarships
9. KLA Navigation & Recreation Report
10. Sheriffs' Navigation Report Update - Boating Season 2019
11. Update on our Watershed Management Plan - called the Nine Element (9E) Plan
12. Watercraft Steward Program (WSP)
13. Shoreline Monitoring Program (SMP)
14. Water Quality Testing Programs
15. Lake-Friendly Living for Homeowners: 15 practices to help protect and improve water quality
16. Lake Level & Other KLA Activities for 2019-2020
17. Proxy Vote—to be completed and mailed back to the KLA

Agenda for this Meeting will be as follows:

1. Welcome and Introduction of Current Officers and Directors
2. Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Overview of the KLA's activities for the past year.
4. Recognition of Retiring Board Members
5. Nominating Committee Report and approval of Board slate
6. Questions
7. Adjournment

### **I. Welcome & Introduction of Current Officers and Directors – Dennis Carlson**

Dennis Carlson introduced himself and stated that as the Keuka Lake Association's President and at this time, as mandated by our By-Laws, he called the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Keuka Lake Association to order. He also wanted to state for the record that we have the quorum to conduct the KLA's business. He called on Doug DeFranco to comment on how questions will be handled.

He stressed that this organization is very fortunate to have a committed, engaged and active **working** Board of Directors, whose efforts allow the KLA to carry out its wide range of activities that you as members count on. Being a Board of Directors Member is something that indicates a **passion** for Keuka Lake and a desire to **diligently work** to protect and preserve it.

At this time, he recognized the KLA Board of Directors and Officers.

Your Board of Directors:

For Barrington –Diane Edwards and Scott Drake

For Jerusalem –Tim Cutler

For Milo – Michele Rowcliffe and Dick Osgood

For Pulteney – Maria Hudson and Thom Love  
For Urbana – Sam Pennise and Ellen Maceko  
And For Wayne – Nancy Feinstein and Wayne Hand  
Your At-Large Board Members are –Doug DeFranco Steve Hicks, Nonie Flynn, John Hagreen & Steve Brigham  
The KLA's Officers are – Ray Dell - Vice President  
Steve Tomlinson – Treasurer  
Ira Goldman – Secretary  
Bill Laffin - Past President

Dennis recognized the very dedicated technical advisors to the Board of Directors:

- Dr. Tim Sellers, Associate Provost for Academic Innovation, Professor of Biology and Environmental Sciences, and Director of the Keuka College Center for Aquatic Research on water quality issues.
- Mark Morris, Ex Officio Board Member for the 9 Element Plan Development.
- Laura Bailey, Invasive Species Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Yates County
- Scott Demmin, of DSD Webworks on web design and internet issues which includes the real time lake level and water temperature displays on our web site. Scott was unable to attend.
- Colby Peterson – Technical Advisor regarding Water Quality – Yates County Soil and Water
- Arlene Wilson, Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension Yates County, who, also could not attend.
- Dennis stated that no activity of the Keuka Lake Association would be possible without the total dedication of our Office Administrator – Margo McTaggart.

Dennis thanked them all for their tremendous support and efforts.

In our continual communications, the KLA Board strives to keep you informed of its activities via the KLA printed quarterly newsletter, monthly e-newsletter, web site and our Facebook Page.

One continued message that you hear is about membership and knowing that each of you that are here today are members, we thank you. The overall health of the association (as you have read and will hear more later), is strong with the main source of revenue coming from memberships. With only about 50% of the lake property owners represented in our 1700 membership base and the demands growing for areas of our involvement, membership renewals and new members are important. So, again we thank you for keeping your membership up to date and through your day to day contacts neighbors helping us grow our membership base.

With it being very easy to become distracted, I am very pleased that the KLA has maintained its direction and commitment to its overall mission to Preserve and Protect Keuka Lake and the Watershed for Future Generations. I would also like to state that the financial health of the organization is strong which gives us a sound foundation to work from.

We will have an update on the Lake Patrol providing Stats on this last season. We will introduce you to the Alexander F. and Esther N. Wahlig Keuka Watershed Endowment Scholarship Recipients, the winners of the Annual Kaleidoscope Photo Winners as well as carry out mandated KLA business.

Via the USPS, you should have received a copy of the 2020 Annual Meeting Booklet containing updates and copies of information being covered today.

We continue to actively communicate with the 2 Sheriff's Departments, the local DEC officers, the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative and the Keuka Lake Outlet Compact on issues of concerns to our members. We participate in the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance and The Land Use Leadership Alliance. The KLA was a founding sponsor for these groups and we support their efforts to develop informational outreach to municipal leaders in the watershed.

There is one point that I believe is important for all of us to understand. While there are many vital and noble causes around Keuka Lake and in the Finger Lakes region, our activities and those that allow us to maintain our status as a 501C3 organization are spelled out in our Certificate of Incorporation. "The KLA is organized to promote the understanding, preservation and improvement of the water quality, natural habitat, and general environmental conditions of Keuka Lake and its watershed by sponsoring or undertaking scientific research, by collecting, preserving, publishing and disseminating information concerning Keuka Lake and its watershed and by encouraging and supporting the enforcement of laws and regulations and patterns of development and technology aimed at preserving and enhancing the water quality of the lake. You will hear much about these activities.

The past year, as with any year in a volunteer based organization, has been a busy one with more still on the plate

to accomplish. Your Board of Directors and other volunteers do a tremendous job in representing the needs of Keuka Lake. Over the last 63 years, there have been hundreds of committed volunteer Board Members and Officers that have laid a solid foundation for lake preservation and protection and the fore sight of those people.

Thank You all for your continued support.

**II. Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were distributed in the September 2019 newsletter as well as being posted on the KLA Website. Dennis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. There was a motion from Scott Drake, seconded by Diane Edwards to accept the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. As there was no discussion, Dennis asked for a vote. The motion was passed.

**III. Introduction of 2020 Scholarship Winner** – Dennis introduced Meg Cole to award the 2020 Alexander and Esther Wahlig Keuka Lake Watershed Scholarships to Kayla Anderson and Mickelvie Jensen both Penn Yan Academy Graduates. Winners of this award will each receive \$1,000 to support their education in the area of environmental sciences.

Kayle will be attending SUNY Geneseo and Mickelvie SUNY Potsdam.

Please join me in offering the best to both of these fine young people. And thank you to the Wahlig Family, the Scholarship Committee and best wishes to this year’s recipients.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Tomlinson** – included in written reports. Dennis thanked Steve for all his years of service to the KLA, both as a Board Member and the Treasurer for the past 5 years.

**V. Recognition of Retiring Board Members – Dennis Carlson**

Dennis stated that one of the duties of the KLA President is the recognition of those members of the Board of Director who have reached the end of their elected term. It is bittersweet to say farewell to any Board members who have been great volunteers and who have given tirelessly to the KLA over the past several years. He recognized the following retiring Members of the Board of Directors: Diane Edwards and Dick Osgood. The commitment of these individuals to the KLA has been phenomenal and should be a lesson for all current and future Board members. They will receive a pottery wine cooler with the KLA logo on it.

Dennis stated that just as Board members reach the end of their allowable terms, we elect new Board members at this meeting. I'd like to introduce Ray Dell, KLA Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

**VI. Nominating Committee Report – Ray Dell**

Ray reported that we had several very good candidates. The committee met numerous times in making their decisions. The biographies of the proposed new board members were in the booklet sent out prior to the Annual Meeting. Ray introduced the following to the KLA Board of Directors:

At-Large	Dieter Busch
At-Large	Michael Thomas
At-Large	Wayne Hand
At-Large	Catherine Gueli

And to re-elect:

Scott Drake	Ellen Maceko
Nonie Flynn	

Bill Laffin made a motion, seconded by Maria Hudson to accept the propose candidates to the Board. Proxy cards have been distributed and received from members who are eligible to vote and will be voted by President Dennis Carlson and Treasurer, Steve Tomlinson.

Dennis thanked Ray and the members of the Nominating Committee for their fine work and congratulated the new and re-elected Board members.

**VII. KLAeidoscope of Keuka – Calendar Photo Contest – Candy Dietrich**

Candy commented on the beautiful 70 entry photos for the 2021 calendar, which have been showing on the screen. She announced the winners of the monthly selections and prize winners. Candy encouraged people to submit photos for the next calendar.

**VIII. Special Reports** – Dennis introduced the next portion of agenda and asked that questions be limited until the completion of the meeting.

**A. Navigation & Recreation – Ira Goldman**

Due to Covid-19, the KLA was unable to hold its annual luncheon with the Sheriffs, DEC personnel and local police. However, their annual report is in the booklet. Prior to that, they were able to hold a “roundtable” at which the 5mph – 200 feet from shore Keuka law was discussed.

**B. State of the Lake** – Due to the COVID 19 Virus and the management of the closure issues at Keuka College, Dr. Sellers will not be presenting his state of the lake data at this time and hopefully will be sharing the data for 2019 in the very near future as things settle down.

**C. Water Quality Committee and AIS Reports:**

1. **Laura Bailey** – She showed and explained the 15 practices from their “Lake-Friendly Living for Homeowners” guide. She explained the Water Steward Program and Shoreline Monitoring program.
2. **Maria Hudson** – Maria thanked all of the KLA volunteers. She described the CSLAP (Citizen’s Statewide Lake Assessment Program) program, testing twice a month for 4 months, funded by the DEC. We get reports that compare us to other lakes. The other testing programs are PEERS and WAVE and shoreline monitoring (described in the booklet).
3. **Mark Morris** – Mark added that there will be a public meeting Aug 24.
4. Dennis thanked them all, including Colby Peterson.

**D. Lake Level – Dick Osgood** – He stated that the level is moving. He complimented KLOC on doing a good job with the gates.

**E. 5.200 Program – Scott Drake** – Doug DeFranco designed a “logo” for this program. Decals are available at many outlets. They and signs are available at the KLA Office.

**F. 2020 KLA Directory – Margo McTaggart** – Due to Covid restrictions on businesses, the Directory has been delayed. Work will continue in the fall.

**G. Volunteers** – Dennis thanked all of the KLA volunteers.

**X. Questions/Comments followed.**

1. Hoping rental companies tell renters how to behave around the lake
2. What to do about dead fish – contact the DEC
3. The D of H can assist renters as to water quality
4. How close to docks can fishermen be? No limit

**XI. Adjournment** – At 10:05, Dennis asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Bill Laffin, seconded by Dieter Busch and approved by all.