

**Keuka Lake Association
2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Keuka College, Lightner Library

I. Call to Order

President Rob Dintruff officially called the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Keuka Lake Association (KLA) to order at **9:00 AM**, in accordance with the organization's By-Laws

II. Quorum Confirmation

Corporate official, Bill Laffin confirmed that a **quorum was present**, enabling the KLA to conduct official business.

III. Opening Remarks & Recognitions

- Rob Dintruff thanked KLA members for their continued support.
- Acknowledged Steve Brigham's resignation at the end of the 2024 season, expressing appreciation for his leadership and contributions as Board Member, Vice President, and President.
- Praised the **Board of Directors** for their dedication and unpaid service.

Board of Directors Recognized:

- **Jerusalem:** Steve Heller, Bob Lambert
- **Milo:** Bill Laffin, Bob Karczewski
- **Pulteney:** Jim Howitt
- **Urbana:** Darryl Heckle, Nolan Smith
- **At-Large:** Jeanne Estep, Steve Sosik

Open Positions: Barrington and Wayne (call for interested individuals with relevant expertise)

Officers Recognized:

- **Treasurer:** Jim Horner
- **Executive Assistant & Corporate Secretary:** Kate Parsons

Technical Advisors Introduced:

- **Nadia Harvieux** (Finger Lakes Institute)
- **Dr. Dominique Dermino** (SUNY)
- **Alex Koeberle** (PhD Candidate, Cornell University)
- **Colby Peterson** (Yates County Soil & Water / KWIC)
- **Scott Demmin** (DSD Webworks)

Former Board Members and Officers in attendance were also recognized and thanked.

IV. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Rob Dintruff honored the following individuals for their dedicated service:

- **Wayne Hand**
- **Sue Oliver**

- **Doug DeFranco** (*not present; serving 12 years on the Board and continuing as a volunteer*)
- **Special acknowledgement was given to former KLA President, Steve Brigham.**

V. Board Elections

Steve Heller, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following:

- **New Candidate for Election:**
 - **Steve Sosik** – At-Large (Jerusalem resident, process engineer, KLA volunteer)
- **Candidates for Re-Election:**
 - **Darryl Heckle** – Urbana
 - **Jim Howitt** – Pulteney
 - **Bob Karczewski** – Milo
 - **Bill Laffin** – Milo

Motion to elect all five candidates:

- **Moved by:** Nolan Smith
- **Seconded by:** Bob Lambert
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of 2024 Meeting Minutes

The **2024 Annual Meeting Minutes** were previously distributed and posted on the KLA website.

Motion to Approve:

- **Moved by:** Darryl Heckle
- **Seconded by:** Bill Laffin
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Treasurer's Report- Jim Horner, KLA Treasurer, presented the financial report.

VIII. President's Report

Rob Dintruff highlighted:

- Ongoing communication with members via newsletters, website, and Facebook.
- Efforts to **expand membership**, especially beyond lakefront properties to the broader watershed.
- Strategic outreach to **visitors and short-term renters**, leveraging over 100,000 annual visits to Keuka Lake State Park.
- Promise of new initiatives to be discussed later in the meeting.

IX–XIII: Special Reports

1. **Lake Friendly Living** – Darryl Heckle presented the re-launch of KLA 'Lake Friendly Living', highlighting the regional effort of seven other area lake associations. He introduced the updated KLA LFL Guide and outlined steps homeowners can take to help protect the lake. Members were invited to take the 'LFL Pledge' in exchange for a LFL Medallion sign.
2. **Communications & Outreach** – Bob Karczewski shared that in 2024, the KLA was 1,424 members strong. He noted several KLA-sponsored events that had been planned or executed, including, an Earth Day Event with CCE, the Golf Tournament, Yates County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, the Downtown Fall Festival and

summer concerts in Penn Yan and Hammondsport. Bob also highlighted a updated website experience coming in the early winter.

3. **Lake Level & Navigation/Recreation** – Nolan Smith discussed the role of the recently combined committee as: 1. A liaison between the KLA and the Keuka Lake Outlet Compact (KLOC) to encourage appropriate lake level management, 2. To promote safety and recreation related programs on Keuka Lake; act as liaison with law enforcement and conservation officials; and educate and inform the membership on safety and recreation related matters regarding Keuka Lake.
 - It was noted that the Village of Penn Yan gate operators and KLOC have done a good job maintaining the lake level within or close to agreed objectives, despite weather events.
 - He shared that team published updated Boating Laws in the Summer Newsletter and continue to support efforts of reminding the public about the 5.200 law.
4. **State of the Lake** – Dr. Dominique Derminio (Introduced by Bob Lambert)
 - o **PDF Slides can be found on our website**
5. **Fishing Update** – Alex Koeberle (Cornell University PhD candidate)
 - o **PDF Slides can be found on our website**
6. **Panel Discussion on Safety & Enforcement** – Moderated by Rob Dintruff and Nolan Smith

Participants:

- o **Yates County:** Sheriff Ryan, Marine Patrol Officers Housel and Fingar
- o **Steuben County:** Lieutenant Lock and Deputy Dininny
- o **NYS DEC:** Lieutenant Matthew T. Lochner

XIV. KLAeidoscope Calendar

Kate Parsons presented the annual calendar photo contest winners and associated updates.

XV. Summary and Q&A

Rob Dintruff summarized the meeting highlights and opened the floor to questions from the membership.

XVI. Meeting Adjourned at: 11:10 AM

Submitted by:

Kate Parsons

Corporate Secretary, Keuka Lake Association