

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2019
Keuka College – Lightner Library

A packet of written reports were handed put at registration. They included the following and are attached at the end of these minutes:

1. Today's meeting agenda
2. Minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report – Steve Tomlinson
4. Lake Level Report – Dick Osgood
5. Scholarship – Meg Wahlig Cole
6. Nominations – Mark Morris
7. Communications Committee – Scott Drake
8. Financial Review – Diane Edwards

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 2019 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.

Dennis stated that since we last convened, the Association has been very active on many fronts and that he wanted to personally thank all of our members for their support.

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. He asked them to stand when their name was called:

Your Board of Directors:

For Barrington –Diane Edwards and Ira Goldman

For Jerusalem –Ray Dell

For Milo – Michele Rowcliffe and Dick Osgood

For Pulteney – Meg Cole and Thom Love

For Urbana – Sam Pennise and Ellen Maceko

And For Wayne – Candy Dietrich and Bob Young

Your At-Large Board Members are –Scott Drake, Nonie Flynn, Tim Cutler, John Haggren, Nancy Feinstein and Maria Hudson

The KLA's Officers are – Mark Morris - Vice President

Steve Tomlinson – Treasurer

Steve Hicks – 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.
- Laura, 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.
- Arlene Wilson, Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension Yates County, who, also could not attend.
- Dennis added that there are several past officers and Board Members in the audience. He asked them to raise their hands and thanked them for their past work on behalf of the KLA.
- 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.

Dennis proceeded to highlight recent KLA activities and concerns:

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.

Today, we will update you on recent activities to include reports on the State of the Lake, New Invaders & New Strategies and Aquatic Invasive Species. We will have the opportunity to hear from law enforcement officials whose Patrol Officers do an excellent job on Keuka Lake. We will introduce you to the Alexander F. and Esther N. Wahlig Keuka Watershed Endowment Scholarship Recipient, the winners of the Annual Kaleidoscope Photo Winners as well as carry out mandated KLA business.

Upon check in you received copies of reports from the Treasurer, and the Audit and Financial Review, Lake Level and Communications Committees. There will not be live presentations for these areas in an attempt to reduce the number of times we hand over the baton.

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 of both 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."

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. .

Dennis thanked the members for their continued support.

II. Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting were distributed in the September 2018 newsletter as well as being posted on the KLA Website. Dennis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. There was a motion from Howard LeVant, seconded by Bill Feinstein 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 2019 Scholarship Winner** - Information included in written reports.

IV. **Treasurer's Report – Steve Tomlinson** – included in written reports

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 asked the following retiring Members of the Board of Directors to come forward: Candy Dietrich, Wayne and Meg Cole, Pulteney. Meg was unable to attend. The commitment of these individuals to the KLA has been phenomenal and should be a lesson for all current and future Board members. They received a pottery wine cooler with the KLA logo on it. Dennis asked for a round of applause.

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 Mark Morris, KLA Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Proxies will be voted by KLA Secretary, Steve Hicks and me.

VI. **Nominating Committee Report – Mark Morris**

The Nominating Committee would like to thank the KLA Members who responded to our call for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. The biography of the proposed new Board Member was in the letter announcing the annual meeting. Proxy cards have been distributed and received from members who are eligible to vote and will be voted by President Dennis Carlson and Secretary Steve Hicks.

Mark made a motion to elect the following to the KLA Board of Directors:

At-Large	Steve Brigham
At-Large	Doug DeFranco
At-Large	Wayne Hand
At-Large	Steve Hicks

And to re-elect:

Rowcliffe, Michele	Feinstein, Nancy
Hudson, Maria	Young, Bob
Cutler, Tim	Love, Thom
Pennise, Sam	

The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. The Nominating Committee thanked the membership for their support. Dennis thanked Mark 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 entry photos for the 2020 calendar, which have been showing on the screen. She thanked the winners of the monthly selections and prize winners, showing each as she progressed. 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. **Lake Patrol Report –**

1. **Sheriff Ron Spike**

Sheriff Spike highlighted these topics:

- Boaters are mostly ticketed for reckless operation, no PFDs, operating a boat while intoxicated.
- Bass fisherman too close to shore
- There are dogs on the lake that expect us to stop as we hand out dog biscuits!

- You will soon be able to text 911
- NYS Parks & Rec owns our boats & jet skis – they are on loan to us.
- He emphasized that both county departments work together when necessary.
- He thanked the KLA for offering the dock plates
- Spike added that they also hand out whistles.

2. Sheriff Jim Allard:

- He stressed that tickets are only given when they have been “earned”!
- They are very interested in educating boaters as to the state and local regulations.
- They offer boat inspections weekly at the Keuka Yacht Club.

3. Josh Crain – DEC Conservation Officer

- He can be contacted at the Section 8 DEC Office and through the Sheriff’s Department.
- He discussed the stocking of 100,000 cisco and more this fall. Fish study may result in buoys placed in the lake at different places.

B. State of the Lake – Dr. Tim Sellers - The KLA is very fortunate to have Dr. Tim Sellers as our Science Advisor. As I stated previously he is the Associate Provost for Academic Innovation, Professor of Biology and Environmental Sciences, and Director of the Keuka College Center for Aquatic Research. Tim will now report on the state of Keuka Lake.

Basically, the lake is strong. Tim explained the nutrient levels, water clarity & algae levels using comparison tables. His slides referred to the two topics below:

- **Keuka Lake Looking Back and Looking Ahead**
- **State of the Lake 2018 – Tim’s complete slide presentation will be available on the KLA website.**

Water Quality Committee and AIS Reports:

1. Mark described the 9 Element(9E) Plan – Mark Morris

- HAB’s (Harmful Algal Blooms) continue to be major threat for the Finger Lakes & Keuka.
- NYS/DEC →only way to get funding from DEC & EPA for projects to solve HAB problems is to have a 9E Plan.
- 9E Plan=Water Shed Management Plan (our last was ‘97)
- KLA & Keuka Watershed Improvement Coop (KWIC) are working w/ SL Pure Waters Assn. (SLPWA), & Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Org (SWIO) with assistance from Finger Lakes Inst (FLI) & others received approval for DOS CFA grant for ~\$350K (75% by DOS/ 25% match--KLA & KWIC -5K each match; 3yrs duration); This \$ gets us the plan, then we are eligible to apply for funds to solve the problems.
- Consensus view is that we must reduce nutrients going into the lake; SL hired a Watershed Mgr. (Ian Smith); KL is using YC Soil & Water Director (Colby Petersen) as our Watershed Mgr.
- Key Steps of 9E preparation process: Engage Consultant-Ecologic/Anchor QEA—7/19; Community outreach/ Communication meetings—3; Quality Assessment Plan (QAP); Updated watershed assessment (since our ‘96 plan); Modeling, Watershed Recommendations, Implementation Strategy, Tracking & Monitoring Plan, 9E Draft & Final
- KLA & KWIC key partners are YC & StC Soil & Water, CCE, Keuka College, Yates & Steuben Counties, FLI, DEC, Regional Planning Offices, FLRWA, NYSFOLA

2. KLA’s Four Programs for Water Quality Monitoring and HABs– Maria Hudson

- Maria described the sampling and analysis methods and results for each of the KLA’s water testing programs: Open water testing, Citizen’s Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), Stream testing and Shoreline Monitoring. All testing is done by trained volunteers.
- She illustrated and described harmful algal blooms.

3. Lake Friendly Living for Homeowners – Laura Bailey

With the cooperation of the KLA and Cornell Cooperative – Yates Co., Laura created a booklet available to all that describes the 15 practices for homeowners to help achieve these goals:

Minimize Runoff – runoff carries pollutants; **Eliminate Pollutants** – reduce and avoid use; **Capture & Infiltrate** – any potential pollutant-carrying runoff; **Manage & Prevent** – aquatic plant growth and invasive species.

X. Questions/Comments followed.

XI. Adjournment – At 11:10, Dennis asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Candy Dietrich, seconded by Don Wright and approved by all.