

## KLHA Annual Meeting | September 5, 2020 | 9:00 AM | Virtual On-line Meeting via Zoom

### Agenda

- **Welcome / Your Board / New Residents**
- **Board's Report**
  - **Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting (approved via mail-in ballot)**
  - **Access Monitoring Program Update**
  - **Treasurer's Report**
    - **Review: 2019/2020 Budget and Final Results**
    - **2020/2021 Budget (approved via mail-in ballot)**
    - **Dues Increase Recap**
    - **Liability Insurance Update**
- **Board Member Appointment and Election**
- **Thank You Volunteers and Adjournment**

KLHA President, Jim Rusch, called the Annual Meeting to order. The Zoom meeting was well attended; up to 30 connections were reflected with many connections having more than one person attending.

Jim introduced KLHA Board members Jan Lodico, Ric Rowe, Dave Rysdam and Tom Mahoney who were also in attendance.

Jim thanked retiring board member, Ric Rowe, for his many years of service, noting that he has set a great example and high standard for volunteer service to Kimble Lake.

Jim briefly spoke to the KLHA Vision and Purpose as well as to KLID / KLHA Coordination information, included in the meeting materials. .

**Welcome to New Kimble Lake Residents** – Jim Rusch welcomed new residents since the last annual meeting:

- Tim & Kristen Kurtz
- Lou & Lindsay DiLorenzo
- Mark & Jan Berthiaume
- Kevin & Nancy Buntrock

**Minutes of the 2019 KLHA Annual Meeting** – Rusch noted that the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting had been distributed for review and approval in conjunction with the annual mailing. The minutes were approved with 70 votes for and none against with 8 ballots returned without indicating a vote.

**Access Monitoring** - Dave Rysdam provided an update on the Access Monitoring program as outlined in the meeting materials. The program provides coverage for high traffic periods – primarily weekends and holidays - from fishing opener through the weekend following Labor Day. The program is staffed primarily through paid Access Monitors with a number of volunteers also helping with coverage. .

All program funding is provided through KLHA member donations along with contributions from the Kimble Lake Improvement District and Starr/Bass homeowners. As previously reported, the County withdrew financial support for our program in 2019, allocating funds to higher traffic boat landings.

With current levels of funding, the program is operating at a sustainable level through at least the next five to seven years.

We continue to employ a DNR approved video camera and related video surveillance signage at the landing. Dave commented that the camera and signage promote increased boater awareness and good behavior with respect to AIS requirements. In addition, the camera helps collect access usage data, which supports optimal scheduling of Access Monitors.

Rusch commented that the KLHA and KLID boards continue to support the Access Monitoring program in light of ongoing AIS threats. We believe an active program yields a number of benefits including boater education and awareness and violation detection while conveying a heightened

sense of vigilance. All of these things promote better boater behavior and help safeguard Kimble Lake. The KLHA board, along with the KLID will continue to closely monitor the cost/benefit of the program.

Dave wrapped up by summarizing how people can learn more about volunteering to be an Access Monitor as well as how to make extra, tax-deductible contributions ear-marked for Access Monitoring.

**Treasurers Report**—Jan Lodico reviewed the 2019/2020 financial results, including contributions and expenditures and ending balances in the general and lake improvement funds. Contributions continue to be in line with forecasted levels and expenses continue to be managed in line with the member-approved budget. KLHA general and lake improvement balances remain sufficient to support Association needs with a small cushion for unexpected expenses as they may arise.

Jan also walked through the 2020/2021 budget. This budget includes an increase in annual dues from \$25 to \$40. The Board, acting in accordance with KLHA bylaws, concluded an increase was necessary to better match dues with ongoing expense levels that have grown over time.

Increased expenses include Access Monitoring costs and Liability Insurance. This is the first increase in dues since the inception of the KLHA in 2002. Jan noted that this increase, along with supporting rationale, was included in 2020/2021 budget materials sent to association members for review and approval.

Jan summarized voting results, reporting that members approved the 2019/2020 financial results and 2020/2021 budget, including the increase in annual dues, with 69 votes for and 1 vote against with 8 ballots returned without indicating a vote. The 1 “No” vote cited opposition to the Access Monitoring spend.

Rusch also provided a brief update regarding liability insurance coverage established during the prior year. Liability coverage was approved by the membership as part of prior year budget and is also reflected in the 2020/2021 budget. The coverage was established to protect KLHA members and directors against potential liability claims arising from various activities sponsored by the Association, including social committee events, access monitoring related activities, communications, and KLHA finances. The coverage is similar to policies maintained by the KLID.

Rusch noted that members were asked to vote on prior year financial results and the proposed 2020/2021 budget with the understanding that there would be an opportunity for further discussion during the annual meeting. Accordingly, Rusch opened the meeting for discussion. Members did not have any further questions or comments regarding the 2019/2020 financial results or the 2020/2021 budget.

### **Board Member Appointment & Election**

Tom Mahoney led this segment of the meeting, noting Ric Rowe had elected to retire from the Board. Tom echoed Rusch’s earlier comments, thanking Ric for his years of service to the Association.

Tom announced that the Board, in accordance with Association by-laws, appointed Dave Bliss to fulfill the remainder of Ric’s term. Dave and his wife Lisa have been lake residents since 2015. Tom welcomed Dave to the Board and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Tom then shifted discussion to Board Member elections. Jan Lodico and Jim Rusch were each standing for a third and final two-year term. Tom asked for other nominations. There were none. Tom then asked for motions to approve Jan and Jim for an additional term. Tom Hansen made motions and Karen Olsen provided seconds. Jan and Jim were approved for an additional term by voice vote with no objections noted.

Jim Rusch and KLID President, Tom Hansen, then discussed joint efforts to create succession pools for KLHA and KLID board positions. Given the number of board roles that must be filled – 5 for KHLA and 9 for KLID - and the limited number of lake residents, this is an ongoing challenge. Jim and Tom thanked a number of people who have expressed interest in serving on the boards in the future.

### **Thank You Committee Leaders and Volunteers**

Tom Mahoney recognized Committee Leaders and Volunteers, thanking them for their invaluable

contributions. Kimble Lake enjoys a strong sense of community and stewardship through these various volunteer led activities:

- **Social Committee** – Kathy Mohr, Jean Larson, Karen Rysdam
- **Lake Improvement Support**
  - **Access Monitoring Coordination** – Tom Mahoney, Dave Rysdam
  - **Fish Stocking Program** – Larry Knutson
  - **Water Clarity** – Arlen Johnson (outgoing) / Mike, Henry and George O’Neil (incoming)
- **Sunshine Committee** – Barb Rowe
- **Newsletter** – Dave Rysdam (interim)
- **Directory** – Jan Lodico
- **Access Monitors/Access Video Reviewers** – Jim Schultz, Richard Bredehoft, Jan Federer, Gary Schwartz, Dave Rysdam, Ed Sisola, Tom Mahoney, and Jim Rusch
- **Lake Apparel** – Maxine Knutson (outgoing) / Jesse & Debbie Brekke (incoming)
- **Safety Buoys**
  - Mathewson’s (shallow water buoys)
  - Rusch’s (Kimble Creek navigation buoys)
- **Garage Sale Coordinator** – Sally Baumgartner
- **Website Coordinator** – Gary Schwartz
- **NEW! Social Media** – Kendall Baumgartner

Jesse Brekke then provided a brief update on progress to create a new Kimble Lake logo/brand for use on various apparel and other merchandise. Jesse also discussed a new website that will facilitate ordering, payment, and delivery of Lake Apparel and other merchandise. He expects things to be in place so that orders can be placed and received in time for the holidays.

Jim Rusch then asked if there was any other business for discussion.

Karen Olsen took the opportunity to thank the KLHA and KLID Board Members for their leadership and efforts on behalf of all members.

There being no further business, Rusch adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Rusch