

# KLIA MEETING Minutes

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## 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Board Members present at the meeting:

Al Candido, Bill Miller, , Aaron Labella, Cameron Teachout, Carrie Kifner and Bill Smith, Ira Smith, John Rosky , Karin Brinkerhoff, Mark Murphy

Absent: **Sarah Teachout**

Meeting called to order at **9:33** AM

Previous Minutes from 2020**2021** was motioned to be accepted by **Wink Doolittle**,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by **Dave Wallace**.

### 1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

2021 audited balance: \$12,673.54

As of the transition from former Treasurer Dave Wallace to Current Treasurer

Carrie Kifner the account balance was \$11,517.88

2022 audited balance \$ (Audit has not Occurred,

. Current Non-Audited Balance is \$9,345.88

Net Change for 2021, Loss of \$3,371.81

### 1.1 Annual Audit

The audit to be completed on ~~TBD~~ **June 23rd**

A.C. had requested that one non-board member be part of audit. ST volunteered to Be part of audit committee.

## 1.2 Membership

Total Membership last recorded in 2021 was 88 Paid Members

Memberships can be paid online by visiting [www.kayutalake.org](http://www.kayutalake.org) or by mailing a check payable to Kayuta Lake Improvement Association, PO Box 112; Alder Creek, NY 13301.

06182022 (New Business)

AC asked all members to promote memberships amongst neighbors and friends; the cost for annual membership is \$15.

A public Comment was to post an ad in the Boonville Herald for memberships.

## 1.3 Expenses

Total Expenses for 2021 were \$11,183.43

Website Fees	\$ 399.28
Poker Paddle	\$5,619.68
Newsletter	\$ 1,000.04
Buoys and Signs	\$ 1,479.19

Expenses included but not limited to Donation for ski show, Poker Paddle

## 1.4 Revenue

Total Revenue was \$7,811.62

Memberships*:	\$ 1,320.00
Business advertising:	\$ 80.00
Poker Paddle	\$ 5,565.00

Donations \$420

Fish Stocking	\$260
Ski Show:	\$85
Undeclared:	\$75

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was tabled until the public meeting once final numbers are audited.

## 2.0 EVENTS

### 2.1 Public Meeting

The Public meeting to be held Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at the current Forestport Town Hall, AC is to request from TJ Entwistle with the town. 9:00 AM Coffee and 9:30 Meeting.

### 2.2 Boater Safety Course

04172021 (Old Business)

The Oneida County Sheriff's dept. has scheduled a boater safety course at the Forestport Town Hall for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, with an overflow day of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 if there is a large demand. CK has offered to assist with Set-up.

04022022 (New Business)

AC has spoken the Sheriff's Deputy and is looking to schedule Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> for the Boater Safety Course.

I.S. Your boater safety course can be added to your drivers license per an Icon.

Everyone will need the Boater Safety Course after 2025.

Currently the class for June 25<sup>th</sup> is full with 30 students. There are On-line options as well.

If you have taken the course prior but have lost your paperwork, you can try contacting NYS Power Squadron.

### 2.3 Ski Show

04172021 (Old Business)

AC has been in talks with X-Squad Water Ski Show, they are scheduled to perform a show for 2021 at Kayuta Lake on 8-14-2021. There is no word or commitment of a ski school clinic at this time. The KLIA voted and all were in approval to sponsor the water ski show for \$1,500.00

04022022 (New Business)

AC has spoken with JS of the X-Squad and they will be performing their Ski Show on Kayuta Lake August 20<sup>th</sup>. He w will hold a "Learn-to-ski" program the week before(8/15-8/19), the only requirements are that students sign up with USA Water Ski and pay a \$50 Insurance fee. The remainder of the program is a donation for the cost of fuel. ST did ask about the possibility of the KLIA paying the insurance waiver for students but due to the many layers, that students will pay the fee as part of their registration to USA Ski it becomes very complicated.

### 2.4 Poker Paddle

04172021 (Old Business)

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Paddle was held Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> with exceptional weather. This we had 147 Pre-Registered Paddlers 137 participated, Due to Covid restrictions, we did not allow day of sign-ups. We held a survey response for best paddle stop with 95 responses, which was 75% of paddlers. Best stop was awarded to John Longway.

Dave and Judy Smith (315-723-0077, End of Forest St.) Volunteered to be a stop location.

Donations were received from the following; all sponsors received a yard sign at a paddle stop

- Aqua Valley Water providing bottled water at all stops
- Wilcor Outdoors for door prizes
- Bonnies Country Store \$100
- State Farm Insurance: Lisa Hammond \$100

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- Wigwam Tavern \$100
- Benn Realty \$100
- John's Floorcovering \$100
- Timberline Logging and Firewood \$100
- A+P Master Images Yard Signs

Paddle Finances

Income

2021 Event Income:	\$ 4,510.00
Pr. Yr. Shirt sales	\$ 305.00
Sponsors	\$ 600.00
<u>Donation</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
	\$ 5,565.00

Paddle Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Deb Longway
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kimberlee Legault
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nichole Moore

Expenses

Yard Signs	\$ (109.90)
Chips:	\$ (173.67)
Helium	\$ (179.38)
Kayak	\$ (440.33)
Paddle Board	\$ (173.99)
Food	\$ (134.00)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Prize	\$ (50.00)
Technology Fees	\$ (54.95)
Misc.	\$ (40.43)
Paddle Stops	\$ (600.00)
Shirts:	\$(2,713.03)
<u>Donation to FDS</u>	<u>\$ (750.00)</u>
	\$ 5,619.68

Last Place Tie: Curt Dewey & Cindy Leone

Gross Revenue – Expenses = Net Income  
\$5,565.00    \$5619.68    \$145.33

04022022 (New Business)

Plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> Poker Paddle are underway. We have selected 9-10-22 as the paddle day with this year's theme being Adirondack Lifestyle. T-Shirt Design submissions are being completed by students at Adirondack High School who we would like to provide a \$25 check to along with a free T-Shirt when they come in. BM asked about sending another donation to the Oneida County Sheriffs fund, AC to talk to sheriff. CT is to coordinate

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that the donors of the Poker Paddle will be advertised in the News Letter. AL will open the registration for the poker paddle in the next few weeks. AL had requested that we still purchase a Kayak for the first place prize and that we continue with the sponsorships that we had last year. A budget was discussed to help stops with their expenses, \$100 to each authorized stop but stops must turn in receipts for reimbursements. All Members agreed.

## **2.5 BOAT PARADE**

04022022 (New Business)

BM will ask Natalie Roth to chair the event again, there will not be food associated with the event this year. This event is rather inexpensive and will authorize a budget of \$100 and look for donations for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes.

17 Boats participated, Need a committee for the event, if we are to move forward would be July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Annis: Some boaters did not know about going online to vote, would like to go back to a paper vote

## **3.0 FISHERIES REPORT**

04172021 (Old Business)

Stocking of tiger muskies was skipped last year due to covid concerns 2020. We are hopeful the free stocking program will resume this year. There are still a few swimming in the lake if you are lucky enough to catch one. The tiger muskies primarily feed on pickerel and are helping to level out our lakes populations. Large and smallmouth bass are thriving, If you choose to keep some to eat, please keep the smaller 1-2lb size fish and release any large fish to reproduce and make more fish for us to catch. A few 6 and 7lb largemouth were caught and released last year. A few pike have also been caught. Please release any pike that are caught, you can tell the difference between pike and pickerel easily as pike have spots instead of a chain pattern, and they have a stripes design through their tail. A quick google search can show you a comparison if you are unsure. The

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head from a pike and a pickerel look almost the same. I caught several large perch and sunfish last year. I am happy to report again last year we have had several large schools of shiners living in our lake again. If you see constant feeding at the water surface look into the water as you drive by and you will get to see some of these large schools of fish. They are averaging about 4 to 5 inches in length. There continued presence shows our lake is doing well

04022022 (New Business)

Tiger muskies are thriving in the lake right now. I have caught several tiger muskies so far this year, all released unharmed. Due to a computer error, the lake was not stocked last year. I talked with the DEC and they have fixed the problem and we are back on the list for fall this year. Remember this stocking is provided free by the state. The muskies are about 6 inches when they are stocked. We will continue to accept these wonderful fish yearly unless the Association votes in a majority to discontinue. If you are lucky enough to catch one of these beautiful fish, please consider taking a picture and measuring the length of the fish and its girth at its fattest point. You then can have a replica mount made to hang on your wall and let the tiger go to catch another day at a larger size. These replicas actually look better than the real

fish mounts and can be cleaned off with a garden hose when they get dusty. (You can get replicas of any species of fish) Tiger muskies are sterile and unable to reproduce. These fish help maintain a healthy ecosystem in our lake and help minimize our

pickerel numbers. Largemouth bass have been successfully breeding for many years now. Please do not target bass before the season open as this is when they are reproducing.

Some of the largemouth are now larger than 7lbs. Please release any large bass so they can breed. Smallmouth bass are also doing well - several 16-19 inch fish are swimming around our lake. There have been some Northern pike caught out of Kayuta. I have caught a few of these fish, and now several other people have caught them and shown me pictures. If you catch a fish that looks like a pickerel but has stripes in its tail, it is a pike - please let these go. I have talked with Dave Erway from the DEC about how these may have gotten into our lake. Although he has a few ideas, nothing is definite. For those

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wondering if these will harm the bass population remember that most Adirondack lakes with thriving bass populations also have pike with them. I want you to know the Kayuta Lake Association has not stocked these fish and to remind everyone not to self-stock any species of fish. The fish or water you bring with them may be loaded with disease and other aquatic hitchhikers. Delta Lake and Hinckley Lake are both listed as having zebra mussels now. Please be careful to clean out live wells and boats if you are lake hopping between any other lakes. Letting your boat completely dry before changing lakes is the best way to prevent these organisms from spreading. If you cannot let it dry, please wash your boat and if you have a live well pour boiling water through it. Hoping we all can have a great summer enjoying the lake. Please practice catch and release with any large fish!!!!

Public Questions: Stocking Walleyes, I.S. Responded that DEC will not put them in Kayuta Lake at this Time.

Public Question: Should we stock Large and Small Mouth? I.S. responded that we have them naturally and would run a risk of bringing in disease with outside stocking.

## **4.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **4.1 New York State Federation of Lake Associations**

04172021

After a quick review of the association, there are many local lake association members of this group. The group offer a lot of resource information for local lake associations on topics from fishing updates, Invasive aquatic species, and grants that may be available to the stewardship of NY Lakes. The KLIA meets the requirements to join the association and it was voted unanimously for the \$100 fee, that the KLIA would join this group.

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CT had asked about any info that has come from this organization, BM stated that there is a newsletter that he will post to the web site. The \$100 fee is an annual fee.

#### **4.2 Oneida County Sheriff Presence on lake**

04172021

There was an increase of traffic summer 2020 probably most related to covid, Due to the increased traffic there were multiple accidents involving PWC. The Sheriffs were responsive and did patrol a few times due to this however we Should try to find a home for a patrol boat at Kayuta Lake to provide a safer Environment. CT made a Facebook post after the meeting looking for dock on the lake that the sheriffs dept. can stage a boat. We have received one Offer to date from a residence on Hemlock Hills Road.

As always we encourage that if you see unsafe actions, please call 911 to report.

04022022 New Business

CT asked if there has been any requests from the sheriff's dept. AC informed that the dept. was down a boat last year and could not dedicate one to Kayuta Lake. CT asked if they do have a boat available perhaps they can coordinate with the campground. AC will discuss when he calls sheriff's dept.

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 No Wake Zones

04022022 (New Business)

Three (3) No Wake Buoys were placed at the mouths of the coves near Beaver Trail coves as well as Bakers Brook. Multiple No-Wake Signs were issued to active KLIA members to be placed, The Aquatic Hitchhikers signage at the State damn Launch was also replaced.

The Buoys were placed in early august and a noticed improvement in the attitude and actions of boaters in these areas respecting the no wake speed. CT asked if there are any other areas that we could add these and it was decided to place one under the Dustin road bridge and one under the train bridge. CT will work up a budget for these two locations. CK asked about signage up the river however, we cannot place signs without landowner approval, we will continue to offer signs for landowners if they request.

### 5.2 Newsletter Advertisements

Write-ups for newsletters due by: MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

### 5.3 Nomination Committee

There is currently one open seat on the board, The Board will ask for interest to elect a new board member. Frank Marfone will head up the nomination committee.

Dave Wallace was recognized for his years of dedicated service to the Association as he steps down from treasurer.

There was a nomination for a new member, Karin Brinkerhoff. This was motioned by Dave Wallace and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ira Smith.

## 5.4 Chicken BBQ

04022022 (New Business)

To run in conjunction with the annual public meeting, it was discussed amongst board members to hold a chicken bbq the morning of so that it will bring members to the meeting and they also can purchase a chicken dinner on their way out of the meeting. CT will reach out to Goobies Open pit chicken barbeque service out of Boonville and will inform board members of cost. There is a fee of the chicken bbq service + cost of consumables (Chicken, sides, containers). The board will need volunteers to work the chicken packing and distribution.

## 5.5 New Purchases

### 5.5.1 Banner of Events

04022022 (New Business)

As part of the discussion of events, It was discussed on placing a Banner of events off of the bridge to identify annual KLIA Events. All Members in approval of idea.

## 6.0 Open Discussion

A.L. Announced that the grand opening of a former local community staple Bonnies Country Store would Open in 2 weeks on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Public Question: Who is responsible for the navigational bouys: AC: NYS Canals, Hazard Bouys have moved with the ice, We will reach out and asked for adjustments.

Public Question: Barrells at the Dam have not been installed. AC: has reached out to dam operator. There was a major drop in water levels due to repairs on the dam.

Henry Alberico was concerned about usage of the dam w/ the current push for solar power. I.S informed that they need to keep the Kayuta dam in operation as no new hydro installations are permitted due to disruption of fish.

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Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 (Motioned by **Dave Wallace** , 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Walter Scott**)