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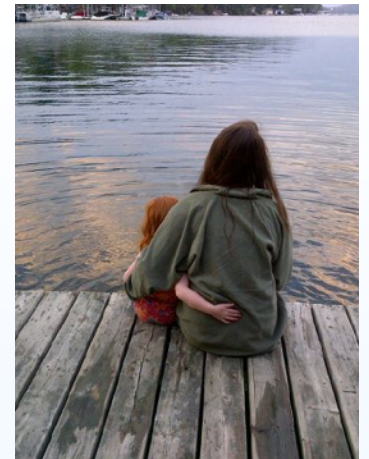
Please remember to print the last page (page 8) to complete and mail your 2013 membership fee (\$45) prior to April 13, 2013 or go to [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) and click on "members" tab then select "on line application" to complete your application and pay using PayPal.

### Message from the President - John McHardy

Hello from Kawagama Lake! I am fulfilling a lifelong ambition by living here all winter. The weather has been "interesting" -- there was a late start with respect to lakes freezing over and snow accumulation. Once the conditions finally got right for the snowmobile season to start there were two days of +11° C and rain melting most of the snow. I am not totally alone "back in the bush" (4 km from the car) as I have occasionally seen fox tracks on the back deck and wolf tracks on the beach. Warton Willy has forecast an early spring so before we know it will be time to reopen the cottage and another summer season will begin.

This is my first newsletter since assuming the role of President from my predecessor Jim Kaufman who set the bar high for me during his 2 year term. It is a brief update on the activities we are involved in on your behalf and what we see happening in the upcoming year.

The Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association is active in a number of activities on your behalf working hard towards our primary mandate "Preserving the Heritage". Some of these are quite obvious and provide immediate and tangible benefits to cottagers while others are more "behind the scenes" and strategic in nature.



Reflections needs YOU!  
Please send us your original contribution including

- true stories
- jokes
- poems
- fiction
- recipes
- lake history info
- children's artwork.....

Send by April 1st to:  
[reflections.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.yearbook@gmail.com)

The current list of KLCA activities includes:

- Tracking a broad range of topics of interest to the membership and keeping everyone informed through our web site ([www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)), this newsletter and our iconic “Reflections” annual publication
- Organizing and hosting our famous annual Regatta
- Monitoring our water quality through regular sampling and involvement with programs such as Lake Partners
- Active participation with MNR on fisheries and Kawagama and Bear Lake sonar mapping
- Representation with MNR on lake levels and forestry issues
- Modernization and operation of our lake navigation system
- Active involvement with organizations such as FOCA and CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association) to keep KLCA members abreast of the latest municipal, county and provincial waterfront property owners’ concerns and activities
- Representing our members at local township and county meetings

All of what we do is only made possible through the efforts of volunteers. Some volunteer for one specific event such as the ever popular and successful Annual Regatta. This event typically requires approximately 50 volunteers to assist in the setup, running the numerous events and the tear down. I am sure the 400 or so who attend enjoy themselves and appreciate these efforts.

Others volunteer their time throughout the year traveling around the lake taking water quality samples; deploying the navigation aids in the early spring, monitoring their status throughout the year and returning them to storage in the late fall. We are always looking for new volunteers to lend a hand – in particular we are looking for someone to replace Andy Gort who after 4 years as Treasurer has decided it is time to let someone else have a turn. Andy has done an excellent job managing our finances and leaves the KLCA in a very healthy financial position. Another long time Director, Jennifer Gilland, has determined it is time for her to hand over her role as Director, Fisheries to someone else. **If you are, or know of anyone who is, interested in getting actively involved with the KLCA please email me via [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org).**

There are some news items you might be interested in:

1. The Ministry of Natural Resources (“MNR”) is reviewing the business process looking to streamline their operations and reduce costs to meet budget reductions. One area of concern deals with work permits for certain types of shoreline alterations. The MNR is proposing to eliminate the requirement to obtain work permits before work is undertaken. It is important to understand that all current regulations would remain in effect – only the requirement for a work permit would be eliminated. A comment opposing this was submitted to the MNR on your behalf. The full comment can be found on the KLCA web site [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org).
2. Bell Mobility is working to erect a tower on the south shore of the lake to improve cell coverage which would also improve

access to the internet. Our preference is that the tower would be in the form of a “Tree Tower”. While these are taller than the surrounding trees they really do blend in quite well. We are tracking this closely and will keep you updated.

3. Highlands Internet Services has received approvals to add antennas on the Dorset Tower which could improve their coverage area and provide improved internet access to more customers.
4. One of our top priorities for this year will involve septic tanks. We are assembling information packages and have engaged a leading industry expert (Rob Davis) to provide a talk on the care and feeding of septic tanks at our next **Annual General Meeting (AGM) July 6<sup>th</sup>, Dorset Community Centre.** We are also working with the townships to enable mandatory septic inspection.
5. The labour involved in the distribution of our annual publication Reflections was consuming too much of our scarce volunteer resources and the Board has determined, after reviewing a number of options, the best way to deal with this is to have the printer mail Reflections to you. Our goal is to have this mailed to you in time for the May long weekend. Membership renewal costs will be \$45.00 which represents a modest increase to cover the postage costs.

I can always be reached through email [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) and welcome any comments you care to share. Looking forward to meeting many of you at our events throughout the year.

## Stefan Szczerbak – Development and Municipal Liaison

Development applications surrounding our lake have been somewhat sparse and fairly straightforward. The Association is regularly reviewing planning agendas and keeping an eye on the 2013 budget deliberations and other municipal topics.

If you become aware of a proposed development application that concerns you or you feel that it may offend applicable Official Plan policy or offend the values of the KLCA, please contact the Director of Development and Municipal Liaison via our general e-mail address: [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org)

## 2013 Budgets

The County of Haliburton ([www.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca)) recently approved their budget that includes a County increase of 2 % on the levy plus the growth.

At the time of writing this summary, both the Township of Algonquin Highlands ([www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)) and the Municipality of Dysart et al ([www.dysartet.al.ca](http://www.dysartet.al.ca)) were not in a position to comment on their 2013 budgets.



## Navigation Report - Adrian McInerney

Hello from navigation everyone!

It has finally come. Those of us "outliers" who are boat access on Kawagama Lake have for the most part closed up our cottages for another season and I for one can't wait until there is enough ice to get back to Long Island by snow machine. Come on deep freezing nights and



sunny snowy days! I spent the weekend on November 10/11 in a mildly depressed state with my great pal and fellow cottager Tony

Frank, performing the mundane tasks associated with closing our cottages: final clean out, draining the water, stripping and pulling docks and cleaning out my work shop. Finally, I locked the door, warned off any critters about the risks of entering the cottage and took my final boat ride back to the marina for the season.

The 2012 summer season proved to be just great. As usual, my good friend Eric Doetsch helped me place the markers in May and pull them in October. Other wonderful folks around the lake also took care of their various charges such as Jim Kaufman and family, Zoltan Zongor, Jim Coulson, Don Sanderson, Bruce Norman, Gord Henderson and Rob Wallisser. These folks have been just great and I hope to expand our troop of good Samaritans to take part in the "One Cottage, One Marker" program going forward.

The newly revised marker system seems to be

operating wonderfully so far. This summer we only had one instance of "wandering marker syndrome" as the white and yellow marker from the old system at Echo Island disappeared during a late summer storm. I was absolutely tickled to see that a good Samaritan found it and returned it to it's correct spot even before I was able to track it down. All I can say is a BIG THANK YOU!! I have no idea who you are but I very much appreciate your help. With the new system in place the job of marker control has become much simpler. It is literally "spring in" and "fall out" and little maintenance in between. This combined with the fact that the new markers are very robust makes for a much smoother management and logistical experience!

"One Cottage, One Marker". Is your cottage in the site line of a marker or set of markers? Would you be willing to help out? We are looking for volunteers around the lake who would be willing to participate in dropping a marker or two in the water in the spring and pulling them out and storing them under your cottage in the fall. The system is so simple now that it would literally take just a couple of minutes to set or pull each marker. If you are interested and willing to be a part of a team that benefits all cottagers on the lake, please email the KLCA, express your interest and I will contact you directly with details!

I look forward to seeing you on the lake this winter or next spring!

## Lake Levels - Eric Millar

When it comes to weather, 2012 was a record breaking year at Kawagama. As a result of significantly lower amounts of rain, lake levels suffered. In our case, lower levels were not

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excessive, compared to other lakes including Lake of Bays. More information will be found in Reflections 2013.

## Web Site - Pat Boyd



The KLCA's web site ([www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)) contains information outlining the KLCA's initiatives, as well as a Calendar of Events for 2013. We'd love to include some of your photos and stories on the site as well – it's easy! Just forward to [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org)

## Membership - Marion Michinsky

Our membership last year stood at 491. This is down from the previous year, and it would be great to achieve the magic 500 or more this year. We know that in many families, multiple generations enjoy the cottage. Please encourage all generations to become members in their own right. The more voices we have, the stronger your KLCA is. Over the years, people have asked that all family members' names be included in Reflections. Unfortunately, there just isn't room to include all the kids' names as well as the cottage owners' names. Better yet, why not take out a membership in the kids' names as suggested above?

Are you a member of a road association or know who your road association executives are? Please have them contact me at [membership@klca.org](mailto:membership@klca.org) so we can ensure each road association is well represented with KLCA members. The 2013 membership fee is \$45.00.

This includes the cost to mail Reflections to the address we have on file for each member. Please send in your renewal by April 1, 2013. This will ensure that your contact information (should you choose) will be included in Reflections member section. We anticipate mailing Reflections before the May 24th weekend which will be in plenty of time for it to make the trek to the cottage. Best Wishes for another Kawagama/Bear Lake season.

## Reflections Yearbook - Sara Goodchild Condie

Reflections needs YOU! Please send us your original...

- true stories
  - jokes
  - poems
  - fiction
  - recipes
  - lake history info
  - children's artwork, writing, and activity ideas
- ... plus anything else you would like to share with your fellow members.

And of course, we always love to receive your photos! Please send files with the highest resolution (largest file size) possible so they will look their best when printed. Accompanying details about the photos (who? when? where?) are always appreciated. As always, one photo will be chosen to grace the cover of Reflections 2013.

Please send your contributions by email (preferred) or snail-mail by **April 1, 2013** to Reflections Director, Sara Goodchild Condie, at: [reflections.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.yearbook@gmail.com)  
211 Glenlake Ave., Toronto, ON, M6P 1E9

## Communications - Leslie Henderson

This newsletter is just one of the ways we keep in touch with our members. We also have the following venues to keep you updated on what's happening:

- 2013 Annual General Meeting-July 6th 10:00 am Dorset Rec. Centre
- Annual Newsletter in February
- Web Site - [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)
- Emails - [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) for notes to KLCA - make sure you update us if your email address changes



- Annual Reflections Yearbook
- Annual Regatta - Moorelands Camp watch the website for the 2013 date

Let us know if you change your mailing or email address via email to: [membership@klca.org](mailto:membership@klca.org) or by Canada Post to KLCA, Box 98, ON, P0A1E0

**Note: The 2013 Annual Reflections Yearbook is being mailed to each member this year. Please send your \$45 membership fee by April 1st to receive your copy. We plan to mail them by May 24th!**

## In Summary

- Submit your Annual \$45 membership fee prior to **April 1st**. Mail along with page 8 of this newsletter or pay on line through the website [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) - members tab, click online application, make selection then continue to PayPal.
- Send your yearbook submission to [reflections.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.yearbook@gmail.com) before **April 1, 2013**
- Mark July 6, 2013 on your calendar for the Annual General Meeting.
- Let us know immediately at [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) if you change your email or mailing address.
- If you would like to volunteer to be actively involved please send a note to [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) - we have open opportunities!

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, we hope it provided you with some useful information and we always look forward to your suggestions and comments - send them to [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org). Enjoy the rest of the winter and we look forward to seeing you in the Spring!

## The Value of KLCA Membership

Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association membership is open to any permanent or seasonal resident of Kawagama and Bear Lakes. A vibrant membership will provide a strong and clear voice for sustaining and preserving these lakes for current and future generations.

### **How The KLCA Represents Your Interests:**

**Lake Plan Management:** Working with various environmental and government agencies, we influence policies regarding water quality, fisheries, lake levels and shoreline protection. The Official Lake Plan is available on our web site, and we encourage you to read and keep a copy of this informative and important document.

**Political Advocacy:** We represent our members at local and provincial councils and governments on matters of concern to our members and any issues that will affect the well being of our Lakes.

**Boating:** We monitor, assess and make recommendations for recreational and safety issues on the lake and adjacent lands. Navigational maps are available at both marinas. In addition to sponsoring safe boating instruction the association also ensures that we **install and maintain water navigation markers** for your safety.

**Planned Development:** The association tracks proposed development in the area and actively participates in the planning process when the interests of Kawagama and Bear Lake cottagers and residents are concerned.

**Environmental Awareness:** KLCA supports members with a depth of educational material regarding environmentally responsible choices for cleaning products, natural plantings, shoreline restoration, landscaping, and septic system management.

**Financial Support of Programs:** KLCA makes significant contributions in support of local activities and programs including but not limited to FOCA, Kawagama/Bear Lakes Fireworks event.

### **How Your KLCA Informs and Involves Members:**

**Reflections:** An annual yearbook highlighting topics of interest, family fun, history of the lake and its people, events, reference and helpful hints for cottagers. **Mailed to your home in May.**

**The Annual General Meeting:** Held in July at the Dorset Recreation Centre - affords members the opportunity to meet with the executive team, friends and neighbours, and features a keynote speaker on a relevant and timely topic.

**President's Newsletter:** An annual update of the current KLCA topics and events.

**Our website:** [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) provides the most current information on our initiatives and events, including directors' status updates. It also links to important sites of interest to cottagers/residents. You can even link to a web cam and weather sites in the local area.

**Annual Regatta:** Fun activities for the whole family. Swim & Canoe races, beach program for kids, trophies, food, prizes - it's an event not to be missed. The Regatta is held at Moorelands Camp – Watch the website for time and date.

**Participation:** KLCA gives you an opportunity to share your concerns and ideas. By volunteering your time and talents, you can personally impact the future of our lakes.

**Privacy:** The privacy of our members is protected at all times and personal information is never shared or sold.

**KLCA is a dues paying member of FOCA** (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) which in turn means that all members of the KLCA are automatically made members of FOCA. There are several programs benefitting Cottagers' Associations provided by FOCA such as a new insurance program that provides us (and road associations) with liability insurance at a lower premium than previously available. Please refer to the FOCA website ([www.foca.on.ca/The-Benefits-of-Membership](http://www.foca.on.ca/The-Benefits-of-Membership)) for a complete description.

**Join today – fill out the enclosed application form – additional applications on web site [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)**

**KAWAGAMA LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
**P.O. Box 98 Dorset, Ont. P0A 1E0**  
[www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)

Thank you for becoming a member of Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association.

**The membership fee is \$45.00. AS AN ADDED SERVICE, REFLECTIONS WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME. REFLECTIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE MARINAS. PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR RENEWAL BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> TO ENSURE YOUR INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE BOOK .**  
Late renewals after April 1st will receive Reflections by mail in the early fall.

The membership period is January to December. **Where multiple generations of a family enjoy your cottage, we encourage each generation to join independently.** Additional membership applications are available on our website. **Please note: Freedom of Information Legislation requires your permission to publish personal information. WE MUST HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE on file TO PUBLISH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE #'S IN REFLECTIONS**

**YES \_\_\_ I CONSENT TO MY NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS BEING PUBLISHED IN REFLECTIONS. I understand this information is used only for KLCA communication and is not shared or sold for any other purpose.**

**X Consent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO \_\_\_ DO NOT PUBLISH MY PERSONAL INFORMATION IN REFLECTIONS.**

**Our publication deadline is APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> after which we can't guarantee your inclusion in Reflections. We will mail The Reflections Yearbook to your home address unless otherwise instructed below.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST**

**First**

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST**

**FIRST**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/TOWN**

PROV/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

COTTAGE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**KAWAGAMA/BEAR LAKE ADDRESS & TOWNSHIP (Dysart or Algonquin Highlands) Your 9-1-1 address:**

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive the 2014 newsletter and membership renewal via email? \_\_\_\_\_**

**We do not publish or share email addresses**

As you can no doubt appreciate, any organization's success depends on its volunteers. Please sign below if you wish to share

your talents and time with KLCA:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to volunteer with KLCA. Please have someone call me to discuss my preferences and time availability.**

**I would like to make a donation to support KLCA programs. Please make cheques payable to KLCA.**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**