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The KLC News



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A Very Special Thanks to Joe Collins

As many of you know, Joe Collins has retired from service in the KLC. Joe's personal time, influence, guidance and hard work for the KLC have been truly legendary.

Not only was Joe the President of the KLC for many years, but he orchestrated nearly every important task of the corporation over the last two decades. Joe dealt face to face with DEC regarding many issues around the lake. He was the driving force behind getting DEC approval to allow us to apply the very successful alum treatments to the lake – the first in New York State. Joe was a NYS certified pesticide applicator, did water testing as required by DEC and did

most of the copper sulfate applications himself. Joe maintained the two boats owned by the KLC and was the primary operator of our cutter boat that cuts down the water chestnuts.

In addition to all this, Joe was the publisher and editor of our newsletter, did most of the work of mailing the newsletters, and was instrumental in starting our first web site.

Joe's love of the lake and community is self evident. To say he will be missed is a huge understatement, and to replace him is taking several board members a great deal of time.

We all wish Joe and his wife Betty many happy years of retirement!



The KLC Board of Directors wishes everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends, and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Join the Board of Directors

An unexpected vacancy has occurred on the KLC's Board of Directors. The vacancy will be filled by the current Board's selection of an appropriate individual for a term that expires in August 2013, at which time the individual can be nominated to run for election at the Annual Meeting for an additional term of three years. Only KLC members are eligible to become Board members.

The Board meets generally once each month on Friday evenings, except in the sum-

mer when there will be a June and August meeting on Saturday mornings. Please do not apply unless you are committed to attending the meetings and otherwise contributing to the work of the Board throughout the year.

Anyone interested in applying should send a letter or email to the Board Secretary, Sharon Grubin, setting forth his or her interest, qualifications, experience and any other matters deemed relevant, together with a resume if available. Send it to Sharon

Grubin, 105 Eberle Rd. Ext., Valatie, NY 12184 or email to sharongrubin210@gmail.com.

All applications must be received **no later than February 15, 2013** to be considered.




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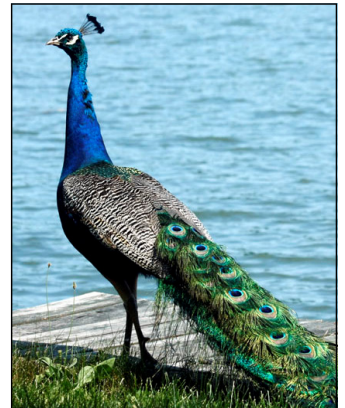
The KLC Board of Directors is seeking articles and suggestions for articles from members, lake residents and the community, for publication in future newsletters, and possibly on the website. Articles and suggestions should be related to the lake and surrounding community, and might include interesting stories about life on and around the lake, lake history, recreation (fishing, boating, skiing, boarding, swimming, diving, etc), water quality, weed control, safety, lake guidelines, wildlife, shoreline issues, local construction, etc. Please forward your interest in helping us to klcnews@archman8.com, with "Author" in the subject line. The KLC Board reserves the right to review, edit and/or determine adequacy for publication of all articles.

Volunteers

The KLC Board of Directors recognizes that in the past it has not done a very good job of utilizing those members who have volunteered to help with tasks around the lake. However, at a recent meeting, the Board has made a renewed commitment to call upon volunteers who have expressed interest and, therefore, requests that members continue to check off preferred volunteer activities on the 2013 membership applications or forward an email to klcweb@archman8.com, with "Volunteer" in the subject line. Someone will contact you. Although the Board may not be able to take advantage of all volunteers, they will do their best to distribute tasks to as many volunteers as possible. Thank you for your support.

Boating Instructor

The KLC Board of Directors is looking for a certified boating safety instructor who would be willing to volunteer to instruct a Boating Safety course for KLC members each summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping, please forward contact information to klcweb@archman8.com, with "Boating Instructor" in the subject line.



Spotted along the south end of the lake, summer 2012



Now Available: Online Membership Payments

This is a reminder that starting this year - 2013, you have the option to pay for your membership, donations and sponsorship online from the MEMBERSHIP page at our website, kinderhooklakecorp.org. You can pay using Paypal or any credit card. All payments will be processed through Paypal to insure the utmost security.

Future Membership Meetings

In an effort to improve attendance, the KLC is changing the times of summer membership meetings. Future membership meetings will be held on Saturday mornings instead of Saturday nights. Next summer's meetings will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 29th and

Saturday, August 24th. Both meetings will be held at the KLIA Hall on Electric Park Road. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Feel free to bring a neighbor or friend who may not be a member to see what the KLC does as "Stewards of the Lake."

Water Quality

Opposites come from opposites (Plato's Phaedo) is the best way to describe my love of winter. As with many lakeside residents, looking forward to summer keeps me going; and looking forward is just what we shall do. This coming year, we look forward to repeating the success we enjoyed with the lake water quality over the 2012 season. The KLC has once again submitted an application to DEC for approval of six 1000 pound applications of copper sulfate.

For those newer residents who may be unaware of our water quality measures, copper sulfate is a chemical we use to reduce the levels of the blue-green algae in our lake waters. An elevated blue-green algae can lead to that smelly pond scum residue found on the surface of the water that is toxic to certain domestic animals. During the summer season, weekly water samples are taken with several properties noted

(temperature, clarity and microscopic analysis including blue-green algae count). Based upon the analysis, a determination is made as to the need for an application of copper sulfate. We attempt to maintain the lake with a water clarity level of 3'-5' below the surface and a blue-green algae count of about or under 100.

As you may have noticed, no mention has been made about weeds. We do NOT treat the lake to control weed growth; the DEC only permits manual harvesting of weeds (cutting

and removing). With the water clarity at only 3'-5' below the surface, little nutrient sunlight can feed the weeds and, therefore, fewer weeds are able to grow. It may then be inferred by causal relationship, that there is a correlation between establishing a water clarity level of only 3'-5' and reduced weed growth. Deep frost over the winter months should kill many of the weeds in areas exposed by the winter drawdown.

Drew Nelson

Board Notes

A sampling of issues discussed at recent Board Meetings

- KLC bylaws and governance procedures
- Better utilization of volunteers to assist with Board tasks
- Dam repairs and lack of action by DEC
- Improving attendance at membership meetings
- Responsibilities for management of the dam
- Launch site cleanup and maintenance
- Launch site security
- Recreation guidelines
- Newsletter responsibilities

Ice Fishing and Safety *(reprinted in part from the DEC website)*

"Ice fishing provides a great opportunity for people to get outdoors during the long winter months," said DEC Assistant Commissioner for Natural Resources Kathy Moser. "According to a recent DEC survey, ice fishing participation has doubled over the past 10 years."

According to DEC's latest regulations, ice fisherman are allowed to use up to three lines and five tip-

ups. Previously, ice anglers could only use two lines with five tip-ups.

A minimum of three to four inches of solid ice is usually safe for anglers on foot. However, ice thickness varies on every body of water and anglers should be particularly wary of areas of moving water and around boat docks/houses where "bubblers" may be installed. DEC cautions that the pres-

ence of snowmobile tracks or footprints on the ice should not be taken as evidence of safe ice conditions. Individuals are strongly encouraged to check ice conditions for themselves and avoid situations that appear to present even a remote risk. If in doubt, do not go out on the ice.

For more information on ice fishing and ice safety, please visit DEC's website.

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2013 Budget

	2012 Actuals	2013 Estimate
Operating Income		
Contributions & Net Fundraising Events	\$38,268	\$35,270
Board Designated Funds to Dam Reserve	(\$10,200)	(\$10,200)
Total Operating Income	\$28,068	\$25,070
Operating Expense		
Water Quality/Weed Control	\$8,633	\$12,000
Insurance Expense	\$4,927	\$5,370
Postage, Supplies, Utilities	\$2,642	\$2,380
Equipment Maintenance	\$958	\$1,250
Fish Stocking Expense	\$870	\$1,000
Professional & Program Fees	\$611	\$1,000
Online Payment Merchant Fees	\$0	\$450
Licenses, Dues & Permits	\$300	\$420
Dam & Property Maintenance	\$195	\$1,200
Total Operating Expenses	\$19,136	\$25,070
Surplus (Deficit) Before Dam Improvements - Operating	\$8,932	\$0
Dam Reserve Income		
Contributions to Dam Reserve	\$605	\$600
Board Designated Funds From General Fund	\$10,200	\$10,200
Total Dam Reserve Income	\$10,805	\$10,800
Dam Reserve Expense		
Dam Improvements	\$122,760	\$0
Total Dam Reserve Expense	\$122,760	\$0
Surplus (Deficit) Dam Reserves	(\$111,955)	\$10,800
Surplus (Deficit) December 31, 2012	(\$103,023)	\$10,800

Note: Each month, the Board transfers \$850 from the General Fund to the Dam Reserve Fund.

Liquid Assets	General Fund	Dam Fund	Total
December 31, 2011	\$18,779.00	\$172,051.00	\$190,830.00
December 31, 2012	\$27,711.00	\$60,096.00	\$87,807.00

Your Membership & Donations Support the Efforts of the KLC

The main purpose of the Kinderhook Lake Corporation (KLC) is to maintain and improve Kinderhook Lake. Membership dues provides the largest source of income to allow the KLC to provide the following services:

- Maintain and operate the DAM – *without the dam, there would be no lake*
 - Monitor, maintain and adjust the sluice gate in an effort to regulate proper lake levels in accordance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) guidelines
 - Maintain the spillway boards to allow for emergency water release in case of heavy rains
 - Monitor the dam structure and perform maintenance and repairs as necessary
 - Provide and maintain security fencing around the dam
- Maintain the Rt. 28 boat access ramp and gate
- Administer water treatment for control of algae growth in accordance with DEC guidelines
- Maintain and operate the weed-cutter boat to regulate growth of water chestnuts in accordance with DEC guidelines
- Maintain and monitor the fish population; coordinate fish stocking with DEC
- Publish several newsletters per year and maintain a website to keep KLC members, riparian owners and the community informed of important and interesting news about the lake
- Host the annual July 4th fishing derby, boat parade and circle of lights for all lake users

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