Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh
CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

2026 Annual General Meeting

August 1, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Bennett's Barn

MINUTES

Welcome

Rob Slykhuis introduced BOD and welcomed council. Thank you to the Bennett family for allowing us to use the barn for the AGM.

Paul Thompson started the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

Approval of Annual General Meeting Agenda – August 1, 2026 ; 9:30 a.m. Bennett's Barn

Motion to approve the 2026 AGM agenda as presented.

Moved by: Norman Lock Seconded by: Rodger Dean

Approval of 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the WWKCA 2025 Annual General Meeting minutes

Moved by: Hagen Materne

Seconded by: Norman Lock

Directors' Report – Rob Slykhuis

Maureen Lewis has announced her resignation – she has lead our communications plan. She will stay on as a volunteer to assist with the newsletter.

Rob Slykhuis presented the highlights of the Association's activities over the last year.

Land Development Committee dormant – waiting for Official Plan to be approved.

5 applicants for the Lake WWKCA bursary – we will review and select a recipient soon.

Hobolink – we applied for an received $500 grant to cover cost.

Successful social events

Flood response – worked with the municipality to waive dump fees, temporary dumpsters at Indian narrows landing. 20 volunteers helping to clear neighbours properties.

Lots of questions on high water – we will have a guest speaker to address this following the meting.

Official Plan– we fought for items we felt were important to the lake - Maintain flood plane levels at 229, lake frontage, home industries etc.

Treasurer's Report – Barb Cribbett

Barb Cribbett presented the Treasurer's Report on the 2025 Financial Statements.

Motion to approve 2025 Annual Financial Report

Moved by: Anna Small

Seconded by: Kathy Deuchars

Question – what are the professional fees? CPA and insurance – stay stable year to year.

Carry forward cash seems to be $30k annually, any thought to putting this into an interest bearing account? The account does generate a small amount of interest.

Moved by: Rodger Deam

Seconded by: Kathy Deuchars

Re-Appointment of Charles Durocher, CPA

Motion to Approve Re-Appointment of Charles DeRocher, CPA

Moved by: Rodger Dean

Seconded by: Norman Lock

Water report -Ross Lister

Reviewed lake water testing report.

Our quality testing has remained stable.

Questions – water quality – Hagen Materne – large rotting deer at top of farm creek, what type of impact could this have on the water? Ross – no idea, all sorts of bacteria.

Member asked about a RO water system – Ross joked he wrote an article in our newsletter about this. RO water system is very good. Not worried about drinking the water out of the lake with this. Take care of it, clean it.

Fish ON – Ross Lister

Renewal of Director Terms – Rob Slykhuis

Motion to Approve as Directors of the Lake Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association for another 2-year term. Rob Slykhius & Ross Lister

Moved by: Anna Small

Seconded: Norman Lock

Nomination: Jessica Lock nominated. Rebekah Loverock – introduced herself and background. All in favour. Welcome to the BOD, Rebekah.

Membership – Anna Small

We now have a QR code that will take you directly to PayPal.

Looking for volunteers to help with membership committee– looking for 2 volunteers for top lake, narrows and big lake. Send Anna an email.

Also working on donations.

Questions: Caz Marks – what do you want the volunteers to do?

Anna - Reach out to neighbours, ask if they are members and help to share the benefits and get them to sign up.

Larry Tusk – could we have quarterly zoom calls to discuss issues or concerns?

Anna – great suggestion, we will add to our BOD

Rodger Dean – make sure meetings are structured and time limited.

Janet Scott –can you create automatic deposit for e-transfer?

Barb - We are working on this, it's not us, it's the bank.

Gary Green – would like to propose the membership period run from Aug 1 to July 31 each year. Automated reminders that memberships are due.

Rob – historically it was done annually with the mail out of stickers

Lynn – concern with that is that it prolongs meeting start.

Motion to vote on member annual date to July 31 to Aug 1

Motion will carry to move membership – we will bring to BOD meeting

Parking and Lake Access – Paul Thompson

150 cottages rely on lake access point to get to their cottages. This is why this is an ongoing concern and topic of conversation.
Parking and Lake access is all managed by the municipality.
Issue: leaving a trailer parked without a vehicle, there is no way to enforce this.
Suggestion to have a detailed parking map to assist with confusion about where to park.
Encourage users to stack park, multiple cars behind each other.
Issues with parking reach out to bylaw, cc us.

Motion to find solutions to our parking needs and commitment from the municipality
Moved: Rodger Dean
Seconded: Kathy Deuchars

Questions:
Hagen Materne - would we be able to consider EV charging stations? – you should bring this directly to the municipality. We can also support this as part of our request.

Larry Tufts – has anyone ever arrived and not been able to park? No, we always do.

How would dropping your trailer to go to town differ from leaving it for a month? No way to determine this right now.

Doug Marks – never had an issue with an unattended trailer, not sure where this issue came from. Larry Tufts – the municipality

Jim Ellis – the bylaw for the trailers doesn't match the needs of the residents on the lake.

Paul – we need to continue this conversation and come up with a plan and solutions.

WWKCA Social Activities Update – Paul Thompson

Paul Thomson provided an update on the 2026 social activities.
Thanked the Busenhart family for allowing us to use their beach for our social events.
We still have a team of volunteers who can help reach out if you need help.

Election Update – Kathy Deuchars

Make sure you are registered to vote, new system that de-registered a quarter of all registered voters.

Election Monday October 26, 2026 – we will have all final registered candidates by August 12, 2026.

Suggest you watch some of the council meetings to see how counsellors have voted on past issues.

Guest speakers Jim Ellis and Chris Lewis – High Water on WWK

Questions:

Anna Small – if you haven't been to Brit, suggest you go there to take a look. With your experience, how do we go about mapping the area?

Jim – licenced drone pilot, just a money issue. Chris Lewis – they gov't is working on mapping this, Not our area yet.

Ross Lister – Olympic size swimming pool volume of water every second going over the weir.

Mark Fieder – thank you, up stream there are things going on in Ahmic Lake – do we know what is going on there?

Yes, they did flood as well. They artificially manage the water level.

Do you know the distance from the weir to Corniel cut? 1 KM,

Could we do any modifications? Yes, there is a solution, what we don't know, and it will be expensive.

Chris – to reach a solution we will need more data. All levels of govermentt to work together.

If I want to build something on my property, is there a website to determine high water levels to determine how high I need to build

New construction requires you to build at 229 MASL – hobolink also has the data on the website.

Gary Green – constructing a cut in the weir would be expensive, if we got our lake water levels lower in the fall, would that help? Jim absolutely, Chris - lowering the lake by 2m would have delayed the peak by two days, but would still have happened.

In your opinion – is the level that we reached this year the peak? On an average

Chris – would love to say this is the highest we will reach, don't know. Depends on rain fall and what is coming down river.

Larry Tufts – info to add – rise in the lake 1 inch rise is 437 million litres.

Thank you to Chris and Jim

Motion to Adjourn the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Lake Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association.

Moved by: Gary green

Seconded by: Kathy Deuchars

The meeting was adjourned by 11:36AM