

## Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting

December 1st, 2022 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

### **Minutes:**

President Jeanine Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

### **Members present:**

Jeanine Hansen

Chris Roche

Mike Crepeau

Mike Motzko

Dick Berglund

Bill Keilty

### **Members Absent:**

Dave Freemore

Tom Hobday

Jackie Anderson

Sharon Sill

### **Guests:**

Mike O'Connell from Lake Management

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Mike M moved to approve the agenda, Chris R seconded. Agenda was approved.

### **Secretary's Report: Jeanine (in Sharon and Dave's absence)**

Minutes from the October 6th, 2022 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Jeanine moved to approve the October minutes. Bill seconded; Minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dick presented the Treasurer's Report which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. As of December 1st, 2022 we have 66 paid members.

Balances in accounts as of 12/1/22 are:

General Fund \$ 14,307.10

Walleye Stocking Fund \$ 0.00;

Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 3,041.75

Total Balance: \$ 17,348.85

Mike C moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Chris R seconded; Treasurer's report was accepted.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### Guest: Mike O'Connell from Lake Management and EWM Update

- Update on Fluridone treatment and Q&A
  - Thermocline information was good and kept parts per billion in the 2-4 range.
  - Dates of the treatment: 6/21/22, 7/28/22, and 9/20/22.
    - No milfoil detected on the last two treatments.
- Maps provided by the CLFL Watershed show no EWM (Eurasian Watermilfoil) and a slight reduction in native plants. The proof will be in 3-5 years if the treatment worked.
- On 9/15/22 Steve Nokomis (for the CLFL Watershed) went around Comfort Lake and did not see any signs of EWM.
- Questions from the board to Mike O'Connell of Lake Management:
  - Bill K- Do we know what the effect will be upstream from Comfort Lake? Mike O- the treatment will continue to be diluted as it goes upstream and it should reduce some of the plants but the effect will be marginal.

- Dick B- If we eradicate EWM how do we keep it out of here?  
Mike O- Vigilance, have to inform the lakeshore owners what to look for and treat it as soon as it is spotted. Local treatment is a lot easier than the whole lake.
- Mike C/Jeanine H- The other lakeowners (12) that had signed up for additional 2 treatments from Lake Management, what happened to the treatments and will they be able to sign up for the additional treatments? Mike O- No lakeshore owner on Comfort Lake received a second treatment, because of the success of the EWM whole lake treatment. All the lakeshore owners that paid for two additional treatments received either a refund or credit. The lakeshore owners will be able to continue with their individual treatments as they see necessary. Again treating it as a localized concern. The broadcast application that takes place for the additional treatments could have affected the native plants. Another issue could be the silt loads that would cover up the roots of the native plants also.

#### EWM Project Team Update

- Final Invoice from Lake Management: \$50,661 (\$25,000 paid, leaving \$25,661 balance due)
- Board decided to pay \$10,661 to Lake Management as the last of monies owed by Comfort Lakes Association for the ERM treatment. Motion was made by Jeanine and seconded by Chris R.
- CLFL Watershed funding update- will be on the agenda for the December 15th CLFL Watershed meeting. This would determine the last \$15,000 owed to Lake Management.

#### Water Resource Match Grant Program-

- The Chisago County board approved funding \$250,000 for developing a countywide Water Resource Match Grant Program for lake associations. The available funding expires December 31, 2025. Watch for more info coming from the county.
- Lake associations can apply this spring. It's anticipated there will be two parts to the grant program:
  - Grants/match grants for lake associations to treat Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in area lakes.

- Grants/match grants for lake associations to study and reduce the internal loading of phosphorus and improve the water quality of area lakes.

#### New CLA Board President.

Jeanine is stepping down at the January 2023 meeting. The board was asked if there was any interest. None at this time. There is an interest of an individual to be interim president.

#### Annual Meeting:

Establish a planning team to set a date, agenda and guest speaker. Team as of now is Jeanine and Mike M.

#### Pure Comfort Exhibit update (Dave/Mike)

- The show is running through January 14 in the Underground Gallery of Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming.
- Dick B attended and said there were a lot of exhibits and some great things to look at.

#### Other items:

Please keep the families of the Nolan's and Sills in your thoughts and prayers.

Motion to end the meeting made by Mike C, seconded by Mike M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.