

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
March 4, 2024 6:30pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

President Mike Crepeau called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Members present:

Mike Crepeau
Mike Motzko
Dick Berglund
Sharon Sill Dave
Freemore Tom
Hobday Chris
Roche
Jackie Anderson
Jeanine Hansen

Members Absent:

Bill Keilty

Guests:

None

Approval of the Agenda: Mike M. moved to approve the Agenda; Jeanine seconded. Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: Dave had submitted minutes from the February meeting to members prior to the meeting for review. Mike M. moved to approve the February Minutes; Jeanine seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report: Dick presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 1, 2024. The Report had been emailed to members prior to the meeting.

As of March 1, 2024, our finances are as follows:

General Fund		10,084.34
Fish Stocking Fund		1,075.00
Milfoil Treatment Fund		220.00
TOTAL	\$	11,379.34

2022 Paid Membership	66 (year end)
2023 Paid Membership	49 (year end)
2024 Paid Membership	13 (3/1/2024)

Annual Audit: Dick reported that Jackie, Sharon and he had met to perform the annual audit of the Treasurer’s books that day (March 4, 2024). All records reconciled.

Agenda Items:

- **Greencorps program letter of support.** Mike C. provided the draft of a letter supporting the CLFLWD application to become a Greencorps host site. Our support of this helps the District with an internship program they would like – that is a temporary fulltime intern to work on the shoreline program. This involves no obligation, financial or otherwise, from CLA, but the outcome of this work could potentially benefit us. Mike M. moved that Mike C. send the letter of support; Jackie seconded. Motion passed.
- **Fish Stocking – Matching Donation** An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$2,200 for designated fish stocking contributions. If we reached the maximum and thus had \$4,400 to spend, we could stock 110# of sunfish (3-5” long) and 110# of walleye (4-6”long). We assume we could get a DNR permit to stock #220 of fish. Mike M. said he will contact the DNR to see if there is any money available from that source to stock fish in the lake. It was noted that a benefit of the sunfish is that they will eat the soft-shell zebra mussels that are found in our lakes.

The question was asked whether the stocking was for both Little and Big Comfort Lakes. The stocking itself will happen in Big Comfort but given the water connection between the lakes, both benefit from it as the fish will travel between.

Dave moved that Mike M. be given permission to arrange for 110# of sunfish and 110# of walleye to be delivered to Comfort Lake at the appropriate time. Given our goal is to reach the maximum matching amount of \$2,200; the motion includes seeking to raise an additional \$1,125 of designated fish stocking funds. The motion further includes that in the event we cannot raise an additional \$1,125 from members, the Board is authorized to

use money from the general fund to make up the difference to reach \$2,200 in order to maximize the matching donation.

Jackie seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

- **MN Lakes and Shoreland Guides**

CLA was asked if we wanted to order these guides at \$5 each. Jackie said the guide is a good basic source of information including the rules and agencies involved with shorelands. However, that information and more is available without charge and can be downloaded from the DNR's website.

Mike M. motioned that Mike C. be authorized to order 10 of the guides so we have them available for anyone who may want to see it and not have access to the Internet. Sharon seconded. Motion passed.

- **Annual Meeting March 12, 2004**

Given we have received very few RSVP's, we will plan on 60 people for food numbers. After getting the Board's feedback, Jackie will order three meat options - chicken, pork and beef, along with salad. Non-alcoholic drinks are provided at no cost. Jackie will also order and pick up a selection of cookies for dessert. Mike M. moved that we authorize spending money for the above food and cookies. Jackie seconded; Motion passed.

- There was discussion about contributing money for additional hours to fund monitoring boats going into and out of the Lake from the public landing. The consensus vote was that we would spend \$ 5,000 which represents 20 extra hours per month for the season for such monitoring. Jackie will follow up with Chisago County as this \$5000 should be available to us through an AIS grant from the county.

Annual Meeting Agenda:

- MC. Mike Crepeau, President CLA
Mike will also handle the request for new Board members.
- Treasurer's Report. Dick will present a short summary
- 2023 EWM Treatment and results
- Barb Heitkamp – speaker, Lower St. Croix Partnership
- Regional Conservation Officer
- DNR – Shoreline Restoration
- Aidan Read from CLFLWD

Jackie motioned to adjourn; Mike M. seconded;

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Check in begins at 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm; meeting at 6:30 pm

Next Board Meeting:

April 4, 2024, 6:30 pm via Zoom