

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
April 1, 2021 6:30 pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

President Jeanine Hansen called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members present:

Jeanine Hansen
Mike Motzko
Dick Berglund
Sharon Sill
Dave Freemore
Jackie Anderson
Mike Crepeau
Bill Keilty
Chris Roche

Members Absent:

Tom Hobday

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Bill moved to accept it; Sharon seconded; Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Bill moved to approve the minutes; Jackie seconded; Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report. This is the second report since the annual membership letters were sent in mid February. As of April 1, 2021 we have 44 paid members for 2021.

Balance in accounts as of 4/1/2021 are: General Fund \$ 7,284.50; Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0; Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 856.49. Total Balance: \$8,140.99.

Mike M. moved to accept the treasurer's report; Jackie seconded; Treasurer's report was accepted.

- **Lake Cleanup Event.** The event was held Saturday, March 27, 2021; approximately 7 Board members plus some family members turned out to clean up the landing and surrounding ditches and woods. The garbage that was found was carried out and put into members' garbage cans. Jeanine expressed a big thank you to all who participated. She also acknowledged the many people who routinely pick up trash from the ditches and sides of the road when they walk around the lake.

- **Update: EWM Treatment Project (2021)**

Jeanine reported that the CLA received \$2,025 from the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program. We had applied for \$ 5,000 but learned the grants were handed out via a lottery system and are grateful to have received anything to put towards our EWM treatment this year.

- **Membership Updates**

Jackie, Mike M. and Chris volunteered to head a membership committee to brainstorm talking points and suggestions as to how to reach out to non-members of the CLA and people who haven't renewed their membership. Ultimately the names of non-members will be divided among the Board members to make contact with them. Our goal will be to do this around the end of May; hopefully by then more people will have renewed their membership.

- **CLFLWD (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District) Grant Application for AIS**

We will apply for a grant through the CLFLWD when the application process opens. Jackie Anderson reported she proposed a new lake association grant fund to the CLFLWD Board last month and is working with staff to draft language reflecting her intent. The revised grant structure should be on the agenda at the April 22 District Board meeting. Staff's initial language would have limited the grant to AIS only and based on the Littoral area of the lake, limiting the grant amount to \$700. Anderson's concept is a broader grant structure similar to the current community grant program. She will let Jeanine know when the program is approved and ready for applications

Mike M. moved to adjourn. Jackie seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting is May 6, 2021, at 6:30 pm. via zoom