

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
April 16, 2020 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jeanine Hansen

Members present:

Jeanine Hansen

Mike Motzko

Sharon Sill

Dick Berglund

Bill Keilty

Bruce Anderson

Mike Crepeau

Dave Freemore

Jeff Blankenheim

Members Absent:

John LaFontsee

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

There was no new agenda. Board members were to update on assigned projects from the March board meeting

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the March 12, 2020 meeting had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting; recommended corrections were made. Bill moved to accept the minutes; Dave seconded; Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report which had been emailed to members earlier. Since last month we have four new members and have spent \$ 50 on a planned pontoon repair. The annual

audit with Dick, Jeanine and Sharon will be postponed until social distancing guidelines are lifted.

We have \$3,969.58 in the general account and \$ 2,294.91 in the Milfoil Treatment Program Account for a total balance of \$ 6,264.49.

Bill moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sharon seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Report on Stocking Walleye in Comfort

Bill, Mike M., Dave and Mike C. presented their work since last month. They researched two companies, 10,000 Lakes Aquaculture and Bosek Fisheries, from which we could purchase walleye to stock the lake. Each company has different ways of pricing and offers various sizes of fish. A consensus was that even though the larger fish (4-6") are more expensive, their survival rate would be greater. Information from Bosek indicated that the best time to stock the lake would be within the next month so the walleye could grow over the summer. Fish stocked in the fall tend not to grow during the winter. After significant discussion taking into consideration recommendations by the committee, it was agreed that the optimal situation of timing, cost effectiveness and appropriate number of fish going into the lake would be to purchase 5" walleye at \$ 20 per lb. for a total of \$3,600 plus \$ 300 delivery fee from Bosek Fisheries. This would result in 4,500 walleye stocked in Comfort. We would plan to do this within the next month. It was also discussed that the Association cannot deplete our balance by paying for this project in its entirety. We believe that lakeshore owners would be on board with this project and would want to participate in it. The last time the DNR stocked Comfort with walleyes was in 2015 with a 3-4" size fish. There is no available help with this project from the DNR.

The committee has a DNR permit application for stocking the fish and does not anticipate a problem getting the permit.

Dave made the following motion:

The committee will pursue purchasing 180 # of 5" walleye from Bosek Fisheries, for a total cost of \$ 3,900 including transportation. The Lake Association will provide \$2,000 of that from our general fund and will seek to raise the balance of \$1,900 from members, lakeshore owners and other interested parties. Any amounts over \$ 1,900 that are raised will go back into the general account to "reimburse" the association's initial investment of \$2,000 as those donating will be doing so specifically for the purpose of stocking the lake with walleye.

In order to immediately commence this project; committee members will put in an order for

\$ 2,000 of fish. The quantity will be added to if we can raise the additional \$1,900.

Mike M. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To raise the \$1,900 we will appeal to lakeshore owners via the CLA website, Facebook, email, and flyers distributed in mailboxes as soon as possible.

Flyer: Sharon will do an initial draft of the flyer for review after receiving info on the walleye from the committee. The flyer will include info on the 1. Walleye 2. Milfoil treatment 3. Form at bottom to donate.

Milfoil Treatment/Invasive Species

Jeanine is working on renewing our permit to treat the lake for milfoil. She hopes to finalize and submit it by 4/17 after discussing with Amanda.

We need to start testing the water temperature to know the optimal time to treat for milfoil. Once the water temperature is above 65 degrees, both milfoil and lily pads start to grow.

Mike M. offered to monitor the water temperature.

We have enough chemicals on hand for one treatment of the lake this summer and enough funds to purchase chemicals for a second treatment.

Ballast Boats on Comfort

Mike M. researched this and did not find much difference between ballast and wake boats. He did not find restrictions on these boats around the state – some lakes might have a motor size restriction but not a boat type restriction.

The mayor of Wyoming has stated she does not think these boats belong on Comfort due to the size of the lake. The concern is not only for the shore erosion but the transporting of zebra mussels on them.

Lake Monitoring

Charlie Rheault has done the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program on Comfort for pollution control for many years but has decided to not continue. Jeff volunteered to take on this responsibility.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Given the uncertainty of the stay in place provisions, our membership meeting is tentatively set for August 13, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next meeting is May 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Format TBD