

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
August 5, 2021 6:30 pm
Wyoming United Methodist Church
5459 E Viking Blvd
Wyoming, MN 55092
Minutes

President Jeanine Hansen called meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Members present:

Jeanine Hansen
Mike Motzko
Dick Berglund
Sharon Sill
Mike Crepeau
Chris Roche
Tom Hobday
Dave Freemore
Bill Keilty

Members Absent:

Jackie Anderson

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Two items were added to the agenda. Mike M. moved to accept the amended agenda. Dave seconded. The amended agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 1, 2021 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Mike C. moved to approve the modified minutes; Tom seconded; Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report, which had been emailed, to members prior to the meeting. As of August 5, 2021 we have 64 paid members for 2021, which is the highest number of members in the Association's history.

Balances in accounts as of 8/5/2021 are:
General Fund \$ 9,426.64;
Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0.00;
Milfoil Treatment Program (\$1,082.40). *
Total Balance: \$ 8,344.24.

*While the Milfoil Treatment Money is maintained in the same account as the General Fund, for bookkeeping purposes, it is monitored separately. The negative amount was taken from the General Fund balance to pay for Aquathol K, but will be replenished for bookkeeping only by anticipated DNR/CLFLWD grants and any milfoil treatment designated donations.

Dave moved to accept the treasurer's report; Bill seconded; Treasurer's report was accepted.

- **July 4 Boat Parade**

All felt that the parade was a success and expressed thanks to those who participated to make it so. There were many spectators as well as a good number of float entries. There was also consensus that handing out bomb pops was an easier treat than root beer floats and thus we will likely do that next year. The suggestion was made to purchase from Bruce's to support our local business.

- **CLFLWD AIS Grant Update**

The watershed had a special meeting last night about the AIS grant process. The information from Jackie is that the grant was being "worked on". Jeanine has complied with all watershed grant requirements. Lake Management has been retained to apply procellaCOR, but won't move forward until we get that grant. The DNR permit we have to apply procellaCOR is good until September 30, 2021. Given we had initially planned to have it applied in July, we discussed informing members about the delay via Facebook and the website.

The idea of reviving a lake newsletter, The Comfort Lake Chronicle, was suggested.

- **EWM Treatment for future years**

An indepth discussion about future treatment for EWM was had at the June Board meeting, which is reflected in those minutes. Up to now a group of Board members have been treating the lake under a DNR permit treating with the "Colonel Comfort" pontoon. The next treatment of procellaCOR requires treatment by a certified/licensed applicator so we have hired Lakes Management to apply it, as it is one of two companies in Minnesota authorized to do this.

Jeanine made the following motion: From this point forward the Lake Association employ outside certified/licensed applicators for all AIS/EWM treatments of the lake. Chris seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

Our relationship with the local DNR seems to be better than it has been for a number of years.

The estimated cost for this year's treatment with procellaCOR is \$7,000 for 9 acres. In the future we hope that Lake Management will work with the CLFLWD for a better deal on pricing. We were able to treat as many acres on the lake in 2021 as we were because the DNR granted us a variance to treat additional acreage; individual homeowner's permits were decreased accordingly.

For now we will keep the Colonel Comfort.

- **Annual Membership Meeting October 7, 2021**

Ideas for speakers and topics include: Lake level, Carl from Weeders' Digest, Lake Management; Restoring the Lakeshore; Sharon will contact an individual who works on lakeshore restoration.

Dave moved that we return to zoom as our meeting format including the Annual Meeting; Chris seconded. Motion passed.

- **Additional Items**

The lake level is a big concern for all residents. There was discussion as to how to communicate about that.

Potential occasions for future lake gatherings could include a morning of coffee and doughnuts; taco supper. However, until covid is under control we will put any gatherings on hold.

Bill moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Board Meeting is September 2, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Via Zoom