

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
August 6, 2020 6:30 pm
Jeanine Hansen's Home

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Jeanine Hansen

Members present:

Jeanine Hansen
Mike Motzko
Sharon Sill
Dick Berglund
Bill Keilty
Dave Freemore

Members Absent:

Mike Crepeau
Bruce Anderson

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Mike moved to accept the agenda; Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 2, 2020 meeting had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Dave moved to accept the minutes; Mike seconded; Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership is at 49.

Balance in accounts as of 8/6/2020 are: general fund \$ 2,478.72; Walleye stocking program \$ 0 (final payment made 6/16/2020); Milfoil treatment program \$ 656.49. Total balance: \$3135.21.

Dave moved to approve the treasurer's report. Mike seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

- **Update: EWM Treatment Project**

There was discussion about the treatment with Platoon which had taken place six days prior and how the variables of the wind/current/and boat action all affect the distribution of the treatment. This was a good first year of treatment but also one of learning. For next year we should look into grants to help with cost of chemicals. We also need good communication with lakeshore owners to explain exactly where the treatments will cover, when treatment happens (before water temp is 65 degrees and before May 31). Some homeowners may choose to skip their private treatments in favor of the overall lake treatment.

- **Update on the Colonel Comfort**

To be more efficient, we need two batteries for the "Colonel" – one to operate the pumps and one for the motor. It would work well to use a solar panel to charge the batteries. We need another nozzle as well. Bill and Dick will work on storing the Colonel for the winter.

- **Fourth of July /Boat Parade follow up**

The parade seemed like a success with many entries. We decided that next year there will be two people registering and handing out numbers to the boat entries as it was too much for one person.

Left-over root beer and ice cream was sold to Board Members.

- **Research project "Boat Wake Impact on MN Lakes".**

The University of MN's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory is starting a research initiative to understand the impact of wake boats and other large watercraft on lake bottoms and shorelines. The research is not funded by state or federal dollars. Given the significant discussion among Comfort Lake shore owners on the issue concerning damage to shoreline and interference with lake enjoyment, Board members discussed whether we should contribute to this research. Dave moved to contribute \$ 100 from the Lakes Association to the SAFL Healthy Waters Initiative Fund # 23587; Mike seconded. The motion passed.

Sharon will compose an email explaining this donation and letting members know how they can privately donate if so interested.

- **Planning for Annual Meeting**

The general consensus was that the annual meeting will be via Zoom on October 15, 2020. Among the topics to cover will be projects from the past year including stocking walleye; treating for milfoil; and potential future fundraising projects including for milfoil eradication; starry stonewort; and other ideas members may present.

We discussed potential speakers from the CLFLWSD

Jeanine will set up a zoom account to host the annual meeting.

- **Recruiting new Board Members**

We can have up to 14 members on the Board and want to actively recruit more. Mike will compose an email asking members to join the Board.

- **Lake Shore Preservation Education**

Dave had shared a short educational video with the Board that we agreed would benefit members. The video will be sent to members, posted on the website and Facebook. It was decided that we will try to send quarterly educational pieces of information on lake living to members.

Mike moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next Board Meeting is September 3, 2020, at 6:30 pm.