# Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting December 7, 2023 6:30 pm Via Zoom Minutes

President Jackie Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

# **Members present:**

Jackie Anderson

Mike Motzko

Dick Berglund

Sharon Sill

Mike Crepeau

Chris Roche

Jeanine Hansen

## **Members Absent:**

Bill Keilty

Dave Freemore

Tom Hobday

#### **Guests:**

None

**Approval of Agenda -** Jackie had invited Board members to submit additions to the Agenda. Some additions were suggested. Mike M. moved to approve the agenda with the additions, Dick seconded. Agenda with additions was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Sharon had emailed minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting prior to this meeting to Board members. (There was no meeting in November.) Mike C. moved to approve the minutes. Chris seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick presented the Treasurer's Report as of 12/4/2023. CLA has 49 paid members. (There were 66 on 12/31/2022).

### Current Cash Balances:

General Fund:	\$9,895.40
Fish Stocking Fund:	\$ 525.00
Milfoil Treatment Fund	(\$2.982.12)

TOTAL: \$ 7,438.28

The negative \$2,982.12 reflects payment to Lake Management for the last milfoil treatment. That will be reimbursed in full by a grant through the Chisago County Lake Association Grant Program. Jackie expects that we will receive the money by the end of December.

Mike C. moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Chris seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **New Business**

- Annual Meeting Would like to have two meetings per year with the first one being in January or February. A focus of the agenda would be on education of lakeshore owners in caring for the lake/shoreline. We would introduce the "Score Your Shore" program.
- Annual Election of Board Members required by by-laws. Continue to recruit more members hopefully from all parts of the lake. Cindy Turry is willing to serve on the Board.
- Annual Review of 2023 projects especially AIS and EWM overall strategy
- Annual setting of 2024 action plan (preliminary discussion) 2024 will include a follow up and continued monitoring of zebra mussels with 6 plates to go on docks from the U of MN again and an additional 6 from the CLFLWD; in early spring Lake Management will treat curly leaf pond weed in Big and Little Comfort Lakes. We won't know whether another treatment of EWM will be needed until all the ice is gone. There will be a new wake boat study released in mid 2024

#### **Old Business**

- Funds for 2024. Education materials for launching the lake stewardship program would be fully reimbursable by the Chisago County Lake Association Grant program. There is also federal money available for educational material.
- Newsletter. We have discussed putting out a newsletter to members in the past. Jackie suggested using Constant Contact, which is a digital newsletter app for quarterly newsletter from the Board and other bulletins as needed. The rate for us as a small nonprofit is \$8.00/month with no contract and we can cancel at any time. A draft of each newsletter would go to the Board first for approval and then sent to members. Jackie volunteered to pay the one time initial cost of \$36 for the use of Constant Contact.

Jeanine made a motion that CLA sign up to use Constant Contact at \$8.00 per month for our digital newsletter. Mike M. seconded. Motion was approved.

Jackie suggests that we put together a folder for the lakeshore owners with booklets and any other educational material provided by the DNR, Lower St. Croix Watershed and other organizations which will support our lake stewardship program. She requested approval to purchase folders to keep the materials together; CLA logo stickers to put on the material; & envelopes as a follow up to emails. This cost should be fully reimbursable by Chisago County Lakes Association Grant program. There is also federal money available. Jeanine moved that these items be purchased up to a maximum cost of \$2,000. Sharon seconded. Motion was approved.

## Other Business Request By Board:

- Mike M is still working on the weir issue
- Mike M brought up our Facebook page. It does not work well now because it is tied to one member's personal Facebook page. We need a CLA designated page so that all Board members can access and as Board members change new members can access it. It was decided to contact Eric Schmidt who set up and maintains our website to see if he could set up a Facebook page or can recommend someone else to do it. A secondary request would be to transfer the CLA data from the current page onto the new one.

Sharon will email Eric to ask about this.

We also will ask Eric about our tiers on the levels of email servers. We continue to have sporadic, inconsistent bounce back of emails sent from <a href="mailto:info@comfortlakes.org">info@comfortlakes.org</a>. The last time Mike C. talked with Eric, Eric said he would try to upgrade us to a higher level.

Mike M. moved to Adjourn. Mike C. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Next CLA Board Meeting – January 4, 2024 at 6:30 via ZOOM