

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2024 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  
Dave Freemore  
Mike Crepeau  
Bill Keilty

**Members Absent:**

Tom Hobday  
Chris Roche  
Jeanine Hansen

**Guests:**

None

**Approval of Agenda** - Mike M. moved to approve the agenda; Dick seconded. Agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Sharon had emailed minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting prior to this meeting to Board members. Mike M. moved to approve the minutes. Jackie seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick presented the Year End Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2023.

Current Cash Balances:

General Fund:	\$9,783.86
Fish Stocking Fund:	\$ 525.00
Milfoil Treatment Fund	\$ 220.00

TOTAL:                   \$     10,528.86

The financial statement from December 4, 2023 reflected a negative payment to Lake Management for the last milfoil treatment. That was reimbursed (\$3,202.12) in full on December 27, 2023 by a grant through the Chisago County Lake Association Grant Program. This is a federal grant administered by the county.

CLA has 49 paid members. (There were 66 on 12/31/2022).

There was some general discussion of dues for Big and Little Comfort Members; how grants are filling in some previous financial needs; and how to gain more members, including the timing of our membership drive. The specifics of all this will be studied in future committees and/or Board meetings.

The annual audit/review of financial records is due by May 15. Jackie, Sharon and Dick will meet sometime in March to conduct this as they did in 2023.

Mike M. moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Dave seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **New Business**

Election of 2024 Officers: Officers are chosen by the Board. Per the ByLaws the President's term is for one year but can be re-elected for no more than four years. All the other officers serve for two years and there is no limit as to how many terms they may serve.

President:

Jackie had notified the Board earlier that she had too many other commitments to continue serving as president, so would be stepping down.

Dave nominated Mike C. as president. Mike said he was willing to accept the position after Jackie asked three times (per Roberts Rules of Order) if anyone else wanted to serve. The vote was unanimous electing Mike C. president for a one-year term.

Vice-President:

Mike M. agreed to stay in this position unless someone else wanted it. The vote was unanimous re-electing Mike M. for another two-year term.

Treasurer:

Dick agreed to stay in this position unless someone else wanted it. The vote was unanimous re-electing Dick for another two-year term.

Secretary:

Sharon agreed to stay in this position unless someone else wanted it. The vote was unanimous re-electing Sharon for another two-year term.

Asst. Secretary:

Dave agreed to stay in this position unless someone else wanted it. The vote was unanimous re-electing Dave for another two-year term.

Update Bylaws:

Jackie suggested that the Bylaws should be reviewed again as it has been several years since that was done. The most practical way would be to have a committee review them and make suggestions. At least the following areas should be looked at:

- The requirement of an annual strategic plan and what that means exactly
- Whether the required August membership meeting date is too early to provide a full report to members; that perhaps September or early October is more realistic.
- Membership dues reviewed
- Membership dues of Big vs. Little Comfort Lakes
- Timing of membership outreach

### **Old Business:**

Update on Chisago County Grant Program. Jackie said there will be a meeting next week on the CLFLWD grant program, but there is no indication that there will be a change from 2023 (that being approximately \$10,000-\$11,000 for Comfort Lakes).

February Membership Meeting. The meeting will be primarily educational. Monday or Tuesday are the best nights for the speakers with timing approximately 6:30 to 8:30. If Monday or Tuesday possible dates are 12-13; 19-20; 26<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss having a meal catered in hopes of getting a good turnout. We also need to find a venue with good AV possibilities. Mike M. and Jackie will call on venues. This will be a membership meeting so that any new members to the Board can be voted on by the membership at large.

Ice Over and Ice Out Dates: We want to get the historical dates for ice over and ice out dates for Comfort Lakes. Sharon will contact Charlie Rheault to see if he has any records; Bill said the DNR may have records;

Email Server/Facebook: Despite attempts we haven't been able to contact Eric Schmid about changing our email servicer. Mike C. and Jackie will try again.

It was reiterated again that our Board meetings are open to all members. We will try to get access information to our zoom link out.

**THANK YOU TO JACKIE!** All Board members wanted to thank Jackie for stepping in as president in 2023 for what she thought would be a temporary position and then lasted the year, She did incredible work in securing multiple grants for the Association which allowed us to afford a full lake treatment for EWM. She has been proactive in seeking educational materials, speakers and programs for members along with a multitude of other forward thinking plans to benefit the lakes. Her commitment to Comfort Lakes is apparent by how hard she works for them. Those of us who have witnessed that are greatly appreciative of it.

Mike M. moved to Adjourn. Dave Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

**Next CLA Board Meeting – January 22, 2024 at 6:30 via ZOOM**  
(this extra meeting is to plan the February Membership Meeting)