

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
July 6, 2023 6:30 pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

Acting President Jackie Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Members present:

Jackie Anderson
Mike Motzko
Sharon Sill
Dick Berglund
Chris Roche
Jeanine Hansen
Mike Crepeau

Members Absent:

Bill Keilty
Dave Freemore
Tom Hobday

Guests:

None

Review of July 4th Parade.

There were 5 entries in this year's parade; none in the small craft categories. We think likely contributing to the small number were the weather which was "iffy" all day and that the 4th was on a Tuesday, i.e., mid-week. 144 Bomb Pops had been purchased and all were handed out via driving a jet ski to docks after the parade. It was a great way to get them to people.

There were 5 judges for the parade, including 4 from the neighborhoods around the lake and one from out of town,

First Place was to Mike Crepeau and Melanie Torberg for the Christmas in July theme.

Second Place was to Wally and Carole Ostlie for the Somewhere Over the Rainbow theme.

We are looking for photos to put up on Facebook. Next year we will have a designated photographer.

Signage for Other Communication

As a way of making sure boaters are aware of when high water restrictions are in place, it was suggested that we get large signs made up – ones similar to realtor signs – which could be posted at the ends of certain docks and be made to look like a formal notice of high water.

We also discussed ways of designating membership in the CLA, such as a yard sign or a flag for members to display. Hopefully that would encourage others to join. This idea to be discussed more in August with a hopeful launch in 2024.

Other ideas put forth were having reusable CLA vinyl banners made up to use on a lead boat during the boat parade and other potential gatherings as well as t-shirts with our logo etc.

Annual Audit

Dick, Sharon, and Jackie will be on the committee to do our annual audit of the treasurer's books. We will file with the Secretary of State to ensure our nonprofit status. The goal is to do this by the end of July.

Website

Jackie posed the idea of looking into other companies to maintain our website, such as using a Microsoft package. Nothing was done on this matter.

Treasurer's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's Report which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. As of July 6, 2023 we have 47 paid members. This compares to 66 paid members on 12/31/2022.

Balances in accounts as of 7/6/2023 are:

CLA General Fund

\$10,020.85

Game Fish Stocking Fund

\$ 525.00 (previously Walleye Stocking Program)

Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 220.00

Stewardship Ed Project

\$. 20.00

Total Balance: \$10,785.85

Jackie wondered whether a debit card would be helpful to have on the account. Dick indicated that given the few checks he currently writes, he does not think it is necessary. If the check writing increases over time, it might be something to consider.

We discussed how to reach out to nonmembers – especially those who didn't renew their membership this year, Mike M. volunteered to call them.

Score Your Shore

We would like to get this program started - perhaps launching it at the beginning of August. Information could be provided to members online or in booklet form. How would education take place? At a central location such as where we hold our annual meeting or in someone's yard where we can actually point out good and bad parts of a shoreline?

Mike C. Jackie and Jeanine will be on a committee to make recommendations to the Board as to how to proceed on this issue,

Among other things we will tap into a book of resources for shoreline work Chisago County has developed. This will be a project to work on through the winter months.

Updating email addresses.

Dick will get the current membership email addresses he has to Sharon to be certain they both have an up-to-date list.

EWM

Per Mike O'Connell of Lake Management just a small amount of EWM has reappeared. Lake Management can do a spot treatment for it in August or September or wait until early spring of 2024. What many of us see now is curly-leaf pondweed in both Big and Little Comfort lakes. That delineation can only happen in the spring.

As a result of the lack of EWM many of the natural plants in the lake have rebounded because they are getting more sunshine; and there is more diversity of native plants than we have had in

the past 30 years. We are seeing white water lilies which are more rare than yellow. The white lilies are indicative of a clear, healthy lake.

Back up Board Members for Facebook and Website

We discussed how Bill is the only person with the CLA Facebook page and Sharon is the only one with access to the website. We decided it would be important to get at least one additional person on each in case the first point of contact became unavailable, Mike M. will talk to Bill about getting access to Facebook and Sharon will ask around as to whom wants to have access to the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Next Board Meeting:

August 3, 2023 6:30pm