

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting**  
**July 7, 2022 6:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

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

**Members present:**

Jeanine Hansen  
Sharon Sill  
Dick Berglund  
Bill Keilty  
Chris Roche  
Jackie Anderson  
Tom Hobday  
Mike Crepeau

**Members Absent:**

Dave Freemore  
Mike Motzko

**Guests:**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Bill had asked to have an item added. The revised agenda was emailed prior to the meeting.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the June 2, 2022 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Any minor suggested corrections had been made. Jackie moved to approve the June minutes. Jeanine seconded; Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dick presented the Treasurer's Report which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. As of July 7, 2022 we have 65 paid members for 2022. This compares to a total of 65 for the entire year of 2021.

Balances in accounts as of 7/7/2022 are:

General Fund \$ 14,721.05  
Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0.00;  
Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 1,691.75  
Total Balance: \$ 16,412.80

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

Bill indicated that we are in good financial shape to contribute \$10,000 which was our initial consideration as our minimum contribution to the milfoil treatment. By August we will know better how much will be needed, given we will know both the final cost of treatment and how many other funds will be available.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **July 4 Boat Parade Results**

Jeanine wondered why there were so few boats participating (six had registered and five participated plus the bomb pop boat). Jackie explained that historically the number ebbs and flows. Contributing this year was the uncertainty of the weather leading up to and on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, we wondered if the 4<sup>th</sup> being on a Monday if some groups had celebrated a lot over the weekend and were done by Monday. Leading up to next year we may plan further ahead and possibly have some events leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup>, i.e., waterskiing demonstrations around the lake?

The bomb pops were a huge hit and people seemed to love having them delivered. However, Jeanine reported that delivering them took approximately 2 hours and was difficult in a pontoon, especially when the wind came up. Next year we will consider having two people deliver – one each for the East and West Sides. She mentioned considering having the bomb pops on a pontoon with a jet ski running between the pontoon and the docks. We had the correct number of bomb pops.

The winners of the boat parade were Mike Crepeau and group in the large craft category and Tom Hobday in

the small craft. Dave made beautiful wood burning prizes.

Doug Berg was our photographer of the parade and took great pictures. Sharon will post some on the website and Bill will post them on Facebook.

### **Eurasian Water Milfoil Project Team Update**

Per Mike O'Connell (of Lake Management who applied the Fluridone):

“We came in at 3.0 and 2.6 so no irrigation restrictions of any kind apply. People may irrigate from the lake as they wish. Good news!

I'm happy with the initial numbers. We do not want to exceed 4.0 ppb or fall below 2.0 ppb for any extended period of time. These first tests show we're close to desired concentrations and are in the range where EWM control is achieved. I'll be sampling again next Wednesday (July 6) and if we need to schedule our first bump on the earlier side, we can do so quickly. The 14 day figure is often more revealing than the 7 day, and more helpful for determining first bump rate.”

There was discussion as to whether homeowners who treated their lakeshore privately were treating for milfoil or other weeds. Jeanine will check with Lake Management for clarification as to what treatment was applied.

### **CLFLWD Funding Update**

Jackie said the CLFLWD funding contribution to our milfoil treatment will likely be on the agenda for the last July meeting of the watershed district.

Jackie talked to the county about their Minnesota Clean Water Grant program which includes Comfort Lake.

Jackie reported she has also looked into other sources of funds through private entities that offer grants for environmental causes. She is willing to pursue writing grants, expecting to be rejected on the first try. She explained that these private foundations will want to know our story and that we should have a two-to-three-year plan as to how funds will be used. They are looking for sustainability. Suggestions as to how we explain uses for funds would be: stocking fish; control of invasive species; education on maintaining lake quality; additional inspections at the boat landing; implementing recommendations from the UM wave action study etc. The entities typically have a rolling application time and a fairly rapid response such as within 30-45 days.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved Jackie and Jeanine to proceed with grant applications. The four sources Jackie has initially found to which to apply are:

Cornell-Douglas Foundation  
Coca-Cola Community Support Grant  
Shell Foundation Grant  
Exxon Foundation Grant

### **Phase II of U of M Wake Boat Study – Should We Donate Again?**

Jeanine has been in communication with Jeff Marr, who led the wake boat study. His recommendation is that wake boats should not be on Comfort Lake due to the size of the lake. This lake is simply too small to support the wave action of those boats.

In August 2020 we contributed \$ 100 to Phase I of the study. The general consensus seems to be that we would like to contribute again, but will not make a decision until after we know exactly what our financial commitment is to the milfoil treatment. Jackie reported that the CLFLWD will likely make a large contribution to the study again, maybe \$2,500, and that contribution represents Comfort Lake, so a smaller contribution such as \$ 100 is an appropriate amount given the watershed district is representing us as well.

Regarding implementing recommendations from Phase I, we anticipate that the state legislature will take the issue up. However, we can also go to the City of Wyoming and seek a city ordinance to ban those boats from this lake. That option would potentially be faster and more successful.

### **What action to take with the Colonel Comfort, Trailer and Parts**

Given the plan for treating EWM now and in the future with Lake Management, we no longer have a need for the Colonel Comfort. Jeanine moved that Chris, Bill, and Dick work together to research comparable sale prices, get the Colonel Comfort running, and sell the Colonel Comfort, trailer and associated parts as soon as they are able, using Facebook Marketplace and Craig's List or whatever forums they deem appropriate. Mike C. seconded. The motion passed

### **Aluminum Can Collection Fund Raiser Update**

Jackie approached the Wyoming City Council and was told “no” in asking to put up the cage near there. She has a call into Bob Muscle to see if there is any location near his development,

the Preserves of Comfort Lake. Jeanine did not have luck in the neighbors she asked. We will all keep eyes and ears open for options to put the cage for collecting cans.

**Hallberg Arts Center – (Pure Comfort Exhibit)**

Neither Mike nor Dave was at the meeting so this is tabled for next month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Next Board Meeting  
August 4, 2022, at 6:30 pm.**