

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
June 11, 2020 6:30 pm
Jeanine Hansen's Home

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Jeanine Hansen

Members present:

Jeanine Hansen
Sharon Sill
Dick Berglund
Bill Keilty
Dave Freemore
Bruce Anderson

Members Absent:

John LaFontsee
Mike Motzko
Mike Crepeau
Jeff Blankenheim

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Two items were added to the agenda for discussion: signage in the public access parking lot; watershed meetings. Dave moved to accept the agenda with additions; Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting; one typo correction was made. Dave moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Dick seconded; Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report.

The annual audit with Dick, Jeanine and Sharon will be postponed until social distancing guidelines are lifted.

The deadline to update our nonprofit status has been extended by the MN Attorney General to November due to Covid 19 (typically it is July).

We have 46 paid members. Balance in accounts as of 6/11/2020 are: general fund \$4,517.75; Walleye stocking program \$ 2,055; Milfoil treatment program \$700.87.

Dick has received notices asking us to support the lobbying organization MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates, which we have supported in the past. After a short discussion, Bill made a motion to contribute \$ 100 to MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates. Dick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dick moved to approve the treasurer's report. Bill seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

John LaFontsee has formally resigned from the Board due to work commitments.

Walleye Stocking Project Update

Bosek Fisheries will begin netting our walleye on Friday (6/12/2020) and deliver to Comfort on shortly thereafter, most likely over two days.

Jeanine or Sharon will send an email thank you/update to those members of the association who contributed to the walleye fund informing them that delivery took place.

Mike M. moved that the walleye be stocked on the southern end of the lake unless we learn something from Bosek Fisheries to indicate otherwise. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Dave explained that Comfort is an appropriate lake for stocking walleye. It has different depths, sandy and rocky environments; and contains the fish that walleye feed on. Many of us successfully fish for walleye here already or know of others who do.

Bill commented that a potential future discussion could be about stocking sun fish, crappie and blue gills as they eat zebra mussels.

EWM Treatment Project Update

Treatment day with Aquathol K was windy, which wasn't ideal. However, the group treated approximately 7 ½ acres. This was the first time treating and it was felt to be successful but also

a good learning experience for changes going forward. Being able to treat on a non-windy day, so spraying could be back and forth would be helpful.

Feedback from those treated has been requested.

The next step is to map the lilies and submit a permit request to the DNR to treat other parts of the lake with platoon. Platoon can't be used until late June/early July.

Fourth of July Boat Parade/Root Beer Floats

Assignments:

Dick to create and distribute the **announcement flyer** to houses around the lake

Sharon will send **email notices** to members/ post to website

Bill will post to Facebook

Judges will sit at Mike M's dock – Dave will get the judges

Photos will be taken at Mike M's dock – Dave will secure a photographer

Bruce is in charge of **registration**

Prizes will be certificates and plaques – Dave is in charge of this

Root beer floats will be handed out on Keilty's dock. Sharon to purchase root beer/ice cream/dry ice/small garbage bags/non plastic straws/spoons. Members will take inventory of what items they have from previous years.

Details to be finalized at the next Board meeting

Improve Communication: Website, Facebook, email

Members had asked for more email communication. Sharon will contact web support to learn how to retrieve emails which come into the website.

Lakeshore Retention and Restoration Education Program

As part of this we will ask someone from the watershed (staff and/or Jackie Anderson) to speak at our annual meeting whenever we are able to have one.

Wake (surf) Boat Project

There are three of these boats owned by Comfort lakeshore owners. We would like to involve them to help with a solution as to the damage being caused by these boats to the lakeshore. Possible suggestions would be to start with one on one discussions with one or two board members. We could share reading material. Our goal is to reach an agreement with the boat owners enjoying their boats with minimal impact on the lake.

Carp Fishing

Bill researched the legislation and learned that bows of the carp fisherman have to be 156' from lake shore homes. If there is an infraction of this, the homeowner should call 911.

Public Access Parking Lot

“No Parking” signs unexpectedly appeared in the overflow parking lot. There are nine designated spots for parking, which was deemed to be correct for the size of the lake. Later some overflow was added. The DNR is the only agency with the authority to put up no parking signs so they were taken down by that agency.

CLFL Watershed Meetings

Bruce brought up that Comfort Lake is not represented in the audience at the CLFL Watershed meetings. The result is that not much is being committed to Comfort. Now is an important time as the watershed is doing a 10-year plan. Part of the problem is that our board meetings conflict with the days. He also said that the Citizens Advisory Committee of the watershed needs two volunteers.

Bill moved that we change our Board meetings to the 1st Thursday of the month. Dick seconded. The motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Board Meeting is July 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. at Jeanine's home.