

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting**  
**June 9, 2021 6:30 pm**  
**Jeanine Hansen's Home: 25553 W Comfort Dr.**

**Minutes**

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

**Members present:**

Jeanine Hansen  
Mike Motzko  
Dick Berglund  
Sharon Sill  
Jackie Anderson  
Mike Crepeau  
Chris Roche  
Tom Hobday  
Dave Freemore

**Members Absent:**

Bill Keilty

**Guests:**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. One item was added to the agenda. Sharon moved to accept the amended agenda. Mike M. seconded. The amended agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Suggested corrections had been made. Dave moved to approve the modified minutes; Mike M. seconded; Minutes were approved.

**Treasure's Report**

Dick presented the Treasurer's report, which had been emailed, to members prior to the meeting. As of June 9, 2021 we have 61 paid members for 2021.

Balances in accounts as of 6/9/2021 are:  
General Fund \$ 9,125.72;  
Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0.00;  
Milfoil Treatment Program (\$1,209.61). \*  
Total Balance: \$ 7,916.11.

\*While the Milfoil Treatment Money is maintained in the same account as the General Fund, for bookkeeping purposes, they are kept track of separately. The \$ 1,209.61 was taken from the General Fund balance to pay for Aquathol K, but will be replenished for bookkeeping purposes by anticipated grants and any milfoil treatment designated donations.

We have been awarded a DNR grant of \$2,025.00, but have not received it yet. Along those lines the Hallberg Foundation was mentioned as a possible contact for grants. Mike M. moved to accept the treasurer's report; Tom seconded; Treasurer's report was accepted.

- **EWM Treatment 2021 and Grant Update**

A review of how the May 28, 2021 treatment of DNR permitted parts Comfort Lake with Aquathol K by 4 members in our Association went was discussed.

There was significant discussion following a recommendation to hire a professional outside company to treat the lake for EWM in the future, such as Lake Management. Benefits put forth included always having a company available to provide consistency in the service, when members might not be available; the greater availability of grants to help with the increased cost involved; our strong relationship with the DNR with regards to permits and wanting to maintain that; ability to accurately target permitted treatment areas; and taking the responsibility of this undertaking from the Association. Apparently the Watershed manages the treatment of Forest Lake. The biggest negative presented was the increased cost.

It was acknowledged what a huge advantage it has been to have had the Association take on the issue of milfoil treatment for the last couple of years and bring it to the forefront as an issue to members, to educate members about it and to actively treat it. The benefits of starting this project cannot be overstated. All Board members especially acknowledged Bill Keilty's role in this.

It was decided to table a vote of the matter until the July meeting to give Board members time to reflect on this issue.

The June/July ProcellaCOR treatments by Lake Management are still set to occur.

- **July 4 Boat Parade**

All Board members believed the parade should be held again this year. A starting time of 2:00 pm was decided. Dave will be in charge of getting judges who will judge from Mike M.'s dock again. The two categories will again be pontoons and small craft. Chris will work on getting treats to handout after the parade. We decided to not do root beer floats. Jeanine will make numbers for the boats. Dick will make the flyers to put in mailboxes, modifying flyers we have used in the past. In addition we will email flyers to CLA members.

All last minute details will be worked out at the July 1, 2021 meeting.

- **Membership Outreach**

Most Board members had contacted their 5-6 lakeshore owners who were not members as decided at the last meeting. Several will continue to try to make contact. We believe that 61 is the historically highest number and percentage of membership that we have had.

- **Loon Nesting Project**

The DNR has criteria for lakes to assess whether their environment is appropriate to create loon-nesting areas in order to attract loons. Dave reported that because we have loons actively nesting on Comfort Lake this project cannot be undertaken as it would like cause the loons we have to leave.

- **Turtle Pond by Andersons**

Jackie reported that there is to be no action on this.

- **Stocking of Fish**

An inquiry had come through email as to whether Little Comfort would be stocked. Logistically, the truck that needs to be driven down to the lake would not be able to get down there, and given the integration of the Walleye happened near the culvert, we assume some of the walleye made their way to Little Comfort.

The question was raised as to whether we would stock fish again this year and if so what type of fish. A committee was formed to address this issue. Members are Mike M. Tom, and Dave.

- **Lake Level**

Board members are still hearing concerns from lakeshore owners about the low lake level. It is not at a historic low yet. Jackie Anderson commented that people need to keep in mind how

lake, rivers and all waterways are dynamic systems, constantly changing but also interdependent. She said all inquiries regarding the lake level, quality etc. should be directed to Garrett Miller at the CLFLWD office.

Mike M. moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Board Meeting is July 1, 2021, at 6:30 pm.  
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