

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
March 2, 2023 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

Acting President Jackie Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

Members present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was emailed to members prior to the meeting. An addition to the agenda was requested that we determine the percentage of membership to lake homeowners. Jeanine moved to approve the agenda. Dick seconded. Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Jeanine moved to approve the February minutes. Dick 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 March 2, 2023 we have 2 paid members, but we have not sent out membership letters yet. We are waiting to find out what the Watershed District is going to contribute to

our milfoil treatment from 2022. In the unlikely event we do not get the grant from the Watershed, we will need to ask for additional contributions from members with the annual membership letter.

Balances in accounts as of 3/2/2023 are:

General Fund \$ 6,631.71
Walleye Stocking Fund \$ 0.00;
Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 0.00
Total Balance: \$ 6,631.71

Jeanine moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike C. seconded; Treasurer's report was accepted.

Agenda Items:

Membership promotion team

As memberships are renewed this year, we will study the percentages of membership related to the homes on the lake.

Update on 2022 EWM Project

\$ 15,000 of the final invoice from Lake Management is outstanding. We are still waiting on information of the \$ 15,000 grant from the CLFLWD. Jackie explained some of the delay is that there was no quorum for the Watershed meeting in Feb; but the matter was on the agenda for March 9. The majority of the CLFLWD Board members are in favor of giving the grant to CLA, but negativity is coming from the CLFLWD staff, Jackie explained the lake grant was delayed, but the money could be taken from the research budget due to the treatment of Comfort Lake being considered a research project by the DNR. There is money in the watershed research budget. For anyone wanting to participate or listen in on the upcoming CLFLWD

Board meeting on March 9, it will be on zoom and the link is on the Watershed District's website.

Boat Inspectors Contribution

Request from CLFLWD for us to contribute \$ 500 to support additional hours of boat launch inspectors during open water season. In 2022 our \$500 contribution bought 30 additional hours.

Dick moved to contribute \$500 to this project. Tom Seconded. Motion passed

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Assn. sent a request to support legislation via letters of support.

Jackie commented that we should support such legislation so that the burden of having healthy lakes does not fall solely on lakeshore owners. Jackie and Jeanine will look into this, send information to Board members and report back in April as to whether individual letters to the legislature are best or a letter from the CLA is more appropriate.

Discussion on this is tabled until the April meeting.

Chisago County Lake Association AIS Grant Program for 2023

This grant program offers \$10,000 minimum to each lake association. The program itself is seeking comments by March 6. Board members should review and get comments to Jackie by Sunday, March 5. Jackie will collect and submit CLA Board comments by Monday March 6. The applications for the AIS Grant program open in April.

Dues Letter and 2022 review to members update.

We will wait for the CLFLWD meeting on March 9 to determine what needs to go into the membership letter.

Meeting Schedule for 2023

Tentative Annual Meeting date is May 4, 2023 at Wyoming United Methodist Church

Jeanine moved to adjourn; Sharon seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next Board Meeting April 6, at 6:00 pm. Via Zoom