

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting  
March 4, 2021 6:30 pm  
Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

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

**Members present:**

Jeanine Hansen

Mike Motzko

Sharon Sill

Dick Berglund

Bill Keilty

Dave Freemore

Mike Crepeau

Jackie Anderson

Chris Roche

Tom Hobday

**Members Absent:**

None

**Guests:**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Bill asked to add one item to the agenda; Bill moved to approve the agenda with the added item; Dick seconded; Agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Bill moved to approve the minutes; Dick seconded; Minutes were approved.

**Treasure's Report**

Dick presented the Treasurer's report. This is the first report since the annual membership letters were sent in mid February. As of March 4, 2021 we have 26 paid members for 2021, 4 of which are new.

Balance in accounts as of 3/4/2021 are: General Fund \$ 5,384.36; Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0; Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 656.49. Total Balance: \$6,040.85.

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

- **Update: EWM Treatment Project (2021)**

Jeanine reported that CLA did not get any money from the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant. Those funds are primarily for land mitigation, i.e. land projects, however we wanted to try. Our application for the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Grant went in last week when the application process opened. The maximum grant for that is \$5,000, which is what we requested.

Our plan is to use ProcellaCOR on the North areas 1 and 2 of Comfort Lake, with at a cost of approximately \$ 7,000. The other areas we will treat the other approved areas ourselves via the "Colonel Comfort" with Aqualthol K. Specific information on this plan is in the February minutes.

- **Membership Updates**

We anticipate the number of members to grow by the next meeting. We will discuss how Board members can reach out to those who don't renew their membership at that time.

- **CLFLWD (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District) 10 year plan**

Board member Jackie Anderson, who is also Vice President of the Board of Managers of the CLFLWD presented a brief overview of the Watershed District's 10-year plan. Every 10 years the Watershed District has to do a comprehensive plan. It is public information and includes adaptive management of the four major lake sub-watersheds in the District, described from the headwaters down: Bone Lake, Forest Lake, Little Comfort, Comfort Lake.

Jackie explained how this area was all marshes and wetlands in pre-development era, and how important wetlands are as a source of purifying water before it gets into the lake, so one of the District's goals is to maintain as much greenways and wetlands as possible between the cities of Forest Lake and Wyoming, and Comfort Lake to clean the water running into Comfort. An

additional benefit to maintaining, restoring and creating wetlands is they are carbon traps and will actually pull carbon from the air and hold it in the wetland soil.

While the District's work so far has brought Phosphorous levels to pre-development levels in our first 20-years (20 years ahead of schedule), there is still too much sediment entering the lakes due to untreated storm water from Forest Lake and Wyoming.

In this new 10-year plan, the District will have many projects in the Little and Big Comfort Lake Management Districts, with the Heath Ave. drainage to Little Comfort being one of the first projects as it is bringing the highest phosphorus loads into the lake.

There is still a goal of turning some of the Banta property into protected wetlands.

The City of Wyoming is going through a 10-year plan update. The CLA will probably want to make a comment on that update.

Highway 8 remains a current issue that will affect Comfort Lakes as it will be a four-lane corridor.

Jackie also mentioned there are grants through the Watershed for shore land restoration and possibly community grants for Lake Association use. She will get more information and provide it to Jeanine.

- **Letter** Some board members received an anonymous letter expressing concern about treating milfoil. The writer believed that putting any chemical into the lake was more harmful than letting "weeds" grow. We discussed whether our education was getting through to people as there is a difference between "weeds", "aquatic plants", and "invasive species." Milfoil is an invasive species. None of us want to put chemicals into the lake, however invasive species take over the good plants and nutrients that those plants and fish need to survive in our lake.

The Board has actively researched the safest, most effective way to treat "invasive species" while preserving the native life of the lake. Our goal is to keep the lake healthy for generations to enjoy, whether it is swimming, fishing, or viewing.

- **Lake Clean Up** We are hoping that most people clean up after themselves when using the lake and it seem that individuals using fish houses are better now than they used to be. More than the lake needing a clean up, the landing is what needs it. It was decided that whoever is able would meet at the landing on **March 27, 2021 at 10:00 am** for a clean up of the landing.

- **Other – Ice Out** As is the custom, if any Board members want to guess when ice out will happen, they can mark it on a calendar outside Bill's house.

Mike moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Next Board Meeting is April 1, 2021, at 6:30 pm. via zoom