

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
May 5, 2022 6:30 pm Via Zoom
Minutes

President Jeanine Hansen called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Crepeau

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Dave moved to accept the agenda; Chris seconded. The agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting (there was no meeting in April) had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. All suggested corrections had been made. Dick moved to approve the corrected March minutes. Bill seconded; corrected Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's Report, which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. As of May 2, 2022 we have 58 paid members for 2022. This is after the initial membership letters going out.

Balances in accounts as of 5/2/2022 are:

General Fund \$ 14,120.99;

Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0.00;

Milfoil Treatment Program \$ 1,691.75

Total Balance: \$ 15,812.74

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

Agenda Items:

Eurasian Water Milfoil Project Team Update

- Thus far there have been 29 views of the special EWM Member meeting recording.
- Jeanine recently attended a meeting with the DNR; watershed; and Mike O'Connell to review plans for our milfoil treatment. Everything is still set to go as planned. Steve McComas of Blue Water Science will do a point intercept survey before and after treatment. The thermocline is being monitored to determine when the appropriate date for treatment is. When it turns, treatment can start. Once we have a date we will publicize it as much as possible, i.e. through Facebook, CLA website, email, the Forest Lake Times; and Chisago County Press.
- We also need to finalize the financing. We have the \$25,000 grant from the DNR; we anticipate CLA putting in at least \$ 10,000 and will request the balance from the CLFLWD.
- Jackie mentioned there may be additional sources of money

Aluminum Can Collection Fund Raiser

- We discussed the possibility of setting up a cage for collecting aluminum cans as a fund raiser. The potential to raise \$2,000 to \$4,000 seems possible.
- Jeanine moved that the concept of collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser be pursued. Jackie seconded. The motion passed. Bill and Jackie will begin the initial work of this by looking for a location for the cage. Cages come in 10' and 20' lengths; both are 4' wide.

Up the Creek Meats

- Jeanine brought up the idea of supporting farmers who utilize healthy soil practices and protect watersheds. It would involve members buying meat directly from the farmers as a group. Website is:
<https://www.fishandwatersconservationfund.org/up-the-creek-meats/>

Hallberg Arts Center

Dave reported that we have the opportunity to display artwork, including photography, from November, 2022 through part of January, 2023. We could include art pertaining to the history of Comfort Lake. If there are items for sale, 30% of the proceeds go to the art center.

We would want to reach out to people as much as possible to start them thinking about submitting artwork and photography relevant to Comfort Lake.

Mike M. made a motion that we look into an exhibit featuring Comfort Lake at the Hallberg Arts Center. Dick seconded. The motion passed.

Dave will take the lead on this project. Mike M. will work with him.

Boat Wake Study

We had a brief discussion as to how to pursue discussion about this. The study has now been published and the webinar recording is available. No final decision was made as to whether we should have a general CLA meeting dedicated to this topic.

We acknowledged that the issue remains ongoing for our lake, the state and even throughout the world.

Jeanine will contact Jeff Marr to ask if he could write a one-page summary on the impact of wake boats specifically on Comfort Lake.

Boat Launch Clean Up

Board Members felt a general launch site clean-up was not necessary as the area looks pretty good.

Jackie moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be on June 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

In person at Jeanine's house

