

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting
November 4, 2021 6:30 pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

President Jeanine Hansen called meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Members present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Crepeau
Dave Freemore

Guests:

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. Jeanine moved to accept the agenda; Jackie seconded. The agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the September 2, 2021 and October 7, 2021 meetings had been emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Some typo corrections had been suggested to the October 7, 2021 minutes and the corrections been made. Mike moved to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes and the corrected October 7, 2021 minutes; Bill 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 November 4, 2021 we have 65 paid members, which is the highest number of members in the Association's history.

Balances in accounts as of 11/4/2021 are:

General Fund \$ 9,348.38;

Walleye Stocking Program \$ 0.00;

Milfoil Treatment Program (\$ 718.75)

Total Balance: \$ 10,067.13

There is no income reflected for the grant we received from the CLFLWD, nor expense for the ProcellaCOR treatment by Lakes Management in October. That is because Lakes Management billed the CLFLWD directly for the treatment and the grant covered the entire cost of \$7,381.00, which is incredible.

The CLFLWD administrator now wants to bring Eurasian milfoil under the umbrella of the AIS program of the watershed programs, which would offer more coordination of our efforts. Those plans are being worked on in the watershed district through the winter.

Dick also reminded everyone who shops through Amazon that by ordering via smileamazon.com, Amazon will donate a percentage of the cost of whatever is ordered to the charity of the purchaser's choice. Comfort Lakes Association can be set up as the default charity of choice as we are registered with Amazon as a charity. There is no additional cost to the purchaser for this. CLA receives a few dollars from this source.

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

- **Annual Meeting Follow-Up**

Those of us who heard from others received positive feedback about the annual meeting. The two guest speakers were well-received and provided valuable information. Not as many people listened to the recording after the meeting as had last year. Sharon will resend an email to members with the link to the recording to members.

- **Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates (MLR) Lake Steward Program**

Bill moved that we renew our membership in the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates for the fee of \$150; after discussion Sharon seconded; motion passed.

We discussed whether to participate in the Lake Steward Program offered by the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates. It would involve a volunteer to lead the program; the volunteer would take a webinar class and get a volunteer kit. If homeowners want the steward designation they would be inspected and receive a sign on their yard showing designation from the CLA and MLR. The standards for this steward designation are higher than the DNR's "Score your Shore" criteria. Jackie will compare the programs, summarize them and consider getting the CLFLWD involved.

- **Eurasian Water Milfoil 2022 Treatment**

Chris from the DNR has told Jeanine that Comfort Lake is a good candidate for whole lake treatment, using ProcellaCOR or Fluridone, which will require a variance. Clear Lake did a whole lake treatment using Fluridone with success. If we are able to do it, we need a point intercept survey, then get a survey in the spring. Fluridone would be less expensive and involve multiple treatments over the summer. It is complicated to manage this so Lake Management will only take on one lake per summer. We will need to make a decision by the December meeting. Potentially we can get Mike from Lake Management to speak to us in December about the difference in treatments.

Going forward we will be in communication with the DNR, Lake Management, and CLFLWD regarding the process to treat the entire lake. It is something we need to act upon a whole lake variance quickly for many reasons including that permits are applied for in January by individual lakeshore owners for treatment of their private lakeshore. The DNR's AIS budget has increased which is helping us. It is important that we tap into the staff of the CLFLWD as well given the more coordination the better.

The committee to work on the all lake treatment will be: Mike M., Bill, Jackie (who will be the liaison with the CLFLWD) and Jeanine.

- **CLA Board Officers for 2022**

All Board members need to be reelected at the January meeting. Jeanine plans to step down as president at the end of the year.

Mike M. moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting will be on December 2, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

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