

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting – November 9, 2017
United Methodist Church, Wyoming, MN 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Renn

Members present:

Mary Renn
Sharon Sill
Dick Berglund
Amanda Osgood Jimenez
Wally Ostlie
Bill Keilty
Jeff Blankenheim

Members not present:

Bruce Anderson
Lori Bjork
Dave Freemore
Mary Jo Brueggeman

Guests Present:

None

Agenda

The agenda as emailed out a week prior to the meeting was amended to include three additional items to discuss: 1. Whether to fund additional public access monitoring in 2018; 2. Whether to join/renew membership with Lakes and Rivers Association; 3. Individuals can apply to be on a consulting/advisory board for the DNR re: AIS.

Dick moved to approve the agenda with additions; Jeff seconded; approved unanimously

Secretary's Report

Minutes from 10/078/17, had been sent out ahead of time and no objections were received. Dick moved to accept the report, Amanda seconded, minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dick presented the Treasurer's report. \$ 2,000 has been paid for CLA's share of 2017's public access monitoring.

Known pending monies yet to be paid are fees to the website developer.

Amanda moved to accept the report, Sharon seconded, report was unanimously approved.

Business

- Mike Crepeau has been nominated to join the Board. Dick will send out an email calling for a special election via email vote of CLA members.
- Mary will forward a link to Board members for an application to be a consultant to the DNR on AIS. Mike Sorensen is applying and Bill said he will apply. She understands the DNR will choose the group from the applicants.
- There was discussion as to whether we should fund additional hours for monitoring the public access again in 2018. Our cost for 2017 was \$ 2,000 (out of a total of \$ 13,790 – the balance paid by the CL/FLWSD and DNR). Given that is a significant percentage of our budget and we don't have feedback yet as to the impact of it, we will table a decision until at least January. There may be other areas where our money is more importantly used.
- There was discussion about joining again the Lakes and Rivers Association. This is a lobbying group representing the lakes and rivers to the legislature. Based on the size of our association our contribution would be approximately \$ 100. It was moved (Sharon) and seconded (Wally) that we join the association. Motion was approved. We feel it is important to support that advocacy at the state level.
- November is the Annual membership drive month. A membership letter will go out to residents of Big and Little Comfort Lakes this month. A return envelope will be enclosed. Sharon will head the printing, addressing and mailing of said letters.
- Lori finished preparing the taxes; Mary signed and sent in.
- Sharon will contact Eric to get the website finalized. It is up, but pictures aren't included and we haven't learned to upload agendas and minutes; or to manage ourselves.
- The task force on the Wyoming Controlled Access Ordinance will coordinate what they plan to say at the Wyoming City Council meeting regarding the 6 - month moratorium on November 21. We will attempt to get a large association turn-out for the city council meeting on November 21 just as we did for the planning and zoning committee. Association members were incredible in rising to the occasion at that meeting.
- Dick will prepare an updated flyer regarding the November 21 Wyoming City Council meeting on the Wyoming Controlled Access Ordinance. Said flyer will be distributed to homes (not mailed) soon, and email updates will be sent closer to November 21.
- Mary will find out from Rob if the Wyoming City Council members have a copy of our proposed ordinance.
- We are going to request if someone from the CLA Board can be part of the drafting/working committee writing a new ordinance.

- There was further discussion on the Wyoming Controlled Access Ordinance. Specifically how the public access was made for the size of Comfort Lake; the difference between a recreational lake vs a general use lake; and whether that will impact the ordinance. There was also discussion that we make certain planning and zoning members; and city council members understand our message.

Wally moved to adjourn; Jeff seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting is December 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm.