

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting  
August 1, 2024 6:30 pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

President Mike Crepeau called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

**Members present:**

Mike Crepeau

Mike Motzko

Sharon Sill

Jeanine Hansen

Chris Roche

Bill Keilty

Jackie Anderson

Dave Freemore

Dick Berglund

**Members Absent:**

Tom Hobday

**Guests:**

None

**Approval of the Agenda:** Bill moved to approve the Agenda; Mike M. seconded.  
Agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Sharon had emailed a draft of the June minutes to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Jackie moved to accept the minutes; Mike M. seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick presented the Treasurer's Report which had been submitted to members prior to the meeting.

Our financial situation as of 8/1/2024 is:

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| General Fund Balance                    | \$ 9,369.68 |
| Fish Stocking Program                   | \$ 0.00     |
| Invasive Species Control and Prevention | \$. 495.00  |
| TOTAL                                   | \$ 9,864.68 |

Current membership: 32  
2022 year-end membership: 66  
2023 year-end membership: 49

There has been nominal financial activity over the past two months which is typical for midsummer. Only approximately 30% of Big Comfort lake shore households are members which is disappointing. Discussion was continued as to how to get more membership and to learn why people aren't joining. We especially want to reach out to those who have been members in the past. We discussed an online survey vs. in person conversations and felt we would get more honest responses with an on-line survey. Mike M. is in the process of verifying our list of members and their correct email addresses. Regarding Little Comfort, historically we have had a maximum of one family as a member and now we don't have that. Jackie will draft a letter which will be mailed or hand delivered to nonmembers only. The consensus is that we don't believe the increase in dues is the reason for apathy among nonmembers.

Jackie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Bill seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Slow-No Wake Restriction**

There has been confusion as to when the Slow-No Wake restriction is lifted. This is in part due to the CLFLW's delay in getting the lake levels (it is read approximately every 4 days) and then communicated. For a Slow-No Wake restriction to be lifted the water level has to be .1 below the OHW (887.2) mark for three consecutive days. In approximately 2 weeks, electronic water level monitoring gauges are to be installed which will take the level daily and thus should make much prompter communication as to the slow-no wake status.

- **Zebra Mussel Collection Plates U of MN**

As part of the zebra mussel study an individual from the U was here recently to take underwater pictures of the zebra mussel plates. The plates will be removed around Labor Day.

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July – Boat Parade Subcommittee**

We are grateful to have six volunteers who formed a subcommittee to take over planning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade!! Committee members are:

Melanie Torborg  
Christine Wawrzaszek  
Trinh Tranberg  
Mary Jo Brueggeman  
Lori Bjork  
Julie Mastell

- **Old Business**

CLFLWD has a permit for a carp survey, which will take place at the end of August in both Big and Little Comfort Lakes.

Calendars – Our order has to be put in within the next couple weeks. Jackie just learned that this year's DNR calendar will feature land based invasive species not water based. We decided that would not be what people want. Discussion was had about making our own calendars with some photos of Comfort Lake plus the three pages of information from last year's DNR calendar which featured Curly Leaf Pondweed, Zebra mussels, and EWM. Jackie will check into this type of calendar.

Mike C. will get the names of the four boats participating in the 2024 July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Final wake boat study – the second phase of the wake boat study has been delayed a year (originally expected in spring 2024) as a new wave flowing downward was seen, which needs to be studied as well. The U reports

are popular throughout the world. Once the report is available, we will plan to put it on the website.

- **New Business**  
None discussed

Janine moved to adjourn. Bill seconded.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**

**Next Board Meeting:  
September 5, 2024 6:30pm**