

**Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting – September 6, 2018**  
**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  
Bill Keilty  
Dave Freemore  
Bruce Anderson  
Amanda Osgood Jimenez  
Jeff Blankenheim  
Wally Ostlie  
Mike Motzko

**Members not present:**

Mike Crepeau

**Guests Present:**

Jackie Anderson, CLFLWD

**Agenda**

The agenda was emailed out a prior to the meeting. It was approved as set out.

**CLFLWSD Discussion**

Jackie Anderson presented a proposal for our lake association to work with the CLFLWD on educating lake shore owners on using best management practices regarding shorelines. These include understanding that native plants in the water are not weeds, that we should not have lawns right down to the lake, etc. Native plants are very valuable because their root structure is 3-4' and thus manage erosion. We also want to make lake shore owners aware that the watershed has grant programs to help lake shore owners improve their lakeshore. The DNR has a 4 page brochure which we will try to disseminate that allows lake shore owners to self-assess how their shoreline is impacting the lake. We also discussed holding workshops on this topic. This project will also be presented to the boards of the Bone and Forest Lake Lake associations. Jackie will provide the link to the DNR brochure and we will discuss how to disseminate this.

All were enthusiastic about this project and felt it to be of value.

This also prompted discussion on educating homeowners on not disposing of leaves near the water and whether we should provide information on that soon.

Additional items of discussion included how the phosphorus level of Little Comfort is significantly above state standards whereas the level of Big Comfort is at our goal. The current road project is impacting the lakes especially following the breach of the barrier for the culvert being put in between the lakes.

Jackie reported that the watershed will be doing a diagnostic study of Comfort Lake next year.

### **Secretary's Report**

The secretary's report had been emailed prior to the meeting.

Bill moved to accept the secretary's report, Dave seconded, and report was unanimously accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dick presented the Treasurer's report including the current balance and membership.

Sharon moved to accept the treasure's report, Mike seconded, and report was unanimously approved.

### **Charter Review**

Given there are new members to the Board and that it is prudent to review the Charter (i.e. Bylaws) of the Association periodically, Wally led a review of the terms and purpose of our Charter. We reviewed it up to Article V but it became apparent that it would be more productive for members to study the Charter ahead of time and come prepared to review. The matter was tabled and will be taken up again in October. Board members will read ahead of the meeting.

### **Current Lake Level**

Bill reported that the current lake level is not at the high water mark despite heavy recent rains. There was discussion that residents have differing opinions as to whether and how the level of the lake should be controlled. If the level is low, some people are unable to get their boats out and if it is high, others have their yards flooded.

## **Wyoming Controlled Access Ordinance Update**

Amanda reported there are two new planning commission members. One The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on September 11, 2018. Some developments include that the Commission has consensus on no overnight storage and there would be a limit to one dock if controlled access is allowed.

### **CLA Apparel:**

We broke even on t-shirt sales. Ideas for future promotion of the Lake Association include decals for boats included with memberships.

This issue will be further discussed next month.

### **Safety and Security Updates:**

Mention was made that tweets from the local police receive much positive attention.

Bill moved to adjourn, Amanda seconded, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting is October 11 at 7:00 pm.