

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
February 25, 2022

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Chris Bedwall called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM

II. Roll Call

Chris Bedwell, Kevin Horrocks, Jeff Aspenwall, Rick O'Neill, Jim Coors, Shelley Paine, Jim Paine, Dick Laumer, Steve Umland, Mark Lastrup, Mike Persson

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2022

A motion to approve was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Shelley Paine. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Shelley Paine reported that the budget has been changed to calendar year, cash basis so the beginning balance reflects what we had at the end of the year, including \$115k in fall donations. \$10k for the musky habitat was put in savings. Total donations in the budget have been updated from \$50k for the year to \$100k (updated to reflect previous years donations). From October 2021 through February 2022, the Fall Campaign fundraiser has collected \$133k. A motion to approve the budget was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

b. Committee Reports

a. Clean Boat Committee

Mark Lastrup reported that the November 2021 deadline missed for the monitor grant. There are a few options to cover the shortfall:

- 1 – One day a week but very limited presence
- 2 – Pay out of pocket

COLA receive money for camera (\$4700) which will be paid over 4 years (~\$1200 / year) for the Cty K boat launch. The DNR requires a presence at the launch even with the camera in use. The Victory Heights camera will be covered by donations from people in Victory Heights. We need to contact them. Need to start planning for the Northwoods Beach boat launch camera.

Land use agreement should be finalized by March.

Sawyer Cty has adopted Decontamination station ordinance. Stations must be used if in place. Do we want to add station to Cty K launch? Other lakes / associations have gotten grants to cover costs / partial costs. Chris Bedwell about getting a grant, Mark Lastrup will investigate applying for the grant in November.

Mark to look at past expenditures for past years Clean Boats for next meeting.

i. **Grant Administration Committee**

Mark Lastrup is going to investigate creating a shared calendar in Google cloud and adding the grant deadlines. He is also going to investigate other grant opportunities outside of the DNR. Steve Umland looking for the newest AIS grant -- Kevin Horrocks to contact DNR regarding AIS grant extension for 2022 (carry over \$34k).

ii. **Sport Fishery Committee**

Chris Bedwell and Mike Persson both mentioned issues with Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin – the website and with donations. Donation check for 2021 was returned and voided. COLA will send out another donation check for 2022. Tribe stocked walleyes in LCO in 2021. Mike Persson will talk to Bob about musky restoration donation. Shelley Paine will add line item to budget showing \$10k donation for Musky restoration project. Currently the donation is in a separate savings account designated for this project.

iii. **Eco Harvester Committee**

Kevin Horrocks working on plan to organize usage of Eco Harvester. He also noted that we need to spend more time working with landowners around the lake to better educate and include them. They want to help but are unsure how to get involved or when their help is needed. There is also an opportunity to better educate people on the purpose of the Eco Harvester, how it works, what it is doing, and how to avoid spreading AIS when the boat is on the water pulling up the plants. Chris Bedwell suggested using email blast to inform everyone around the lake about buoys, what is being done, what to do / not to do. Post maps of AIS areas in the kiosks at the landings.

Delvin has Eco Harvester. The report and recommendations are on his desk, and he will be sending them out by end of day (February 25, 2022). Dick Laumer suggests having him take photos of those areas that were incorrectly manufactured. Kevin Horrocks noted that we need to work out timetable on what to work on and when. The plan is for Delvin to do all the work.

iv. **AIS Committee**

Steve Umland is ready to put in the for the AIS permits but WDNR website is requesting information that he does not have (i.e.: previous permit numbers). There are no permits listed for Little LCO. Did not have any chemical permit for 2021. Steve needs paperwork for 2020 permit. No permits listed for Little LCO. Kevin Horrocks will talk to Chris and Steve Umland will talk to Scott and Tyler about previous years permit. Scott and Tyler giving two different dates on when to submit permit, Tyler would like them earlier while Scott would prefer to wait until the end of March / start of April. They would like to have a zoom meeting with committee before submitting permit.

Dick Laumer is going to research buoys/balloons for marking AIS. Steve Umland found small orange balloons for \$25 and large balloons for \$50. Need to determine how many to use per identified areas of AIS? Chris Bedwell suggests using one big buoy or balloon one per area of AIS. Mark Lastrup suggested using the drones to take images of AIS which can then be used for communicating areas to avoid.

v. **Communications Committee**

Jim Coors indicates the committee is ready to send out report regarding 2021 donations from fundraising efforts. He is close to having all the information for the past 13 years on donations for

website. Allison to write 4/1 SELT on riprap. Jack Coverdale has agreed to help revamp website.

Need to determine when the annual meeting is going to take place and where for 2022. Chris Bedwell will contact the mission about hosting the annual meeting. If that is not available then other location options will need to be explored.

vi. **Fundraising Committee**

Finalizing all the fundraising details to push out.

vii. **Shoreline Restoration Committee**

Need to finalize committee (who is on it, who is heading it up, etc.). Nothing to report.

viii. **Partnership (Membership) Committee**

Nothing new to report as of now. Dick Laumer wants to know if we can identify members/owners in specific areas on the lake. Rick does not believe the current DB has “zones” setup. Mark has a way to do it.

V. New Business

a. **Approve bylaw changes**

A motion to approve the bylaw changes was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

b. **Rip rap communication w/ WDNR person responsible for issuing permits – Alf**

Alf unable to join this month, will discuss at next meeting.

c. **Board member donations** – If any board members haven’t donated in 2021, please donate now so that we show 100% support from our board for the reporting that will be sent out soon. While this is not a requirement, it is up to each individual to determine if they wish to donate.

VI. Old Business

a. **Committee org structure – final edits (board members being assigned to at least one committee)**

Jim to join AIS committee, Shelley Paine to join Membership committee. All board members should be on at least one committee.

VII. Other Topics

Shelley Paine needs records (receipts) on expenses to reimburse or recognize as a donation. Chris Bedwell exploring places to host QuickBooks Desktop. Mark Laustrup would like to create a GIS committee and the need better communication on collectors. Jim Paine suggests making it part of the Eco harvester Committee.

VIII. Closed Session – COLA legal matters

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.