

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

March 25, 2022, 2:30-4:00pm

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mark Laustrup, Jessie Brickner, Kevin Horrocks, Shelley Paine, Jim Paine, Dick Laumer, Mike Persson, Chris Bedwell, Rick O'Neill, Jim Coors, Alf Sivertson

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2022 (5 min)

A motion to approve was made by Jim Paine and seconded by Mark Laustrup. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

2021 Carryover: \$162,548

2022 Budget Income: \$167,855

2022 Budget Expenses: \$143,790

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

b. Committee Reports (50 min total time allowed to cover all committee discussions)

i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 min

Mark Laustrup and the Clean Boat Committee reports the following:

- The average expenditure \$3941 per year over the last 4 years.

The following suggestions were made:

- In order to find someone to monitor the Cty K boat landing it has been suggested to place ads on Facebook, SELT, newspaper, etc.
- It was also suggested to ask Brett for suggestions on who might be interested in the position which will pay \$5040 for weekends (May – Sept).

ii. Grant Administration Committee – 5 min

Mark Laustrup has nothing to report on Grants.

The following suggestion was made:

- Starting to work on new grants that are available for 2023 (Kevin Horrocks)

iii. Sport Fishery Committee – 5 min

Mike Persson and the Sport Fishery Committee report the following:

- Max is sending two of his guys into Musky Bay to investigate where dredging materials would be dumped, afterwards the application will be updated.

- A possible alternative to dredging would be to use something like the Aqua Thruster. Max will be looking into whether we need a permit to do so.

The following suggestions were made:

- Changing committee name to (Sport) Fishery / Water Safety and to make a note that he is responsible for the buoys (Mike Persson)

iv. Eco Harvester Committee – 10 min

Dick Laumer and the Eco Harvester Committee reports the following:

- New bid on the zerks, gauges, safety shutoff, heat shields, hose protection etc. came back at \$3k(?) and would require replumbing / moving zerks to accessible locations when the Eco Harvester is in the water.
- Total cost of all work would be ~\$9500.

A motion to approve the Eco Harvester work was made by Jim Coors and Shelley Paine seconded. Dick Laumer and Jim Paine voted nay. Vote passed 9-2.

v. AIS Committee – 10 min

Jim Paine and the AIS Committee reports the following:

- Chemical Permit – submitting for every part of the lake that had a sighting (approximately 10 acres).
- Chemical Applicator is on board to treat the lake this year
- Need to determine how much will be done with the EH vs chemical treatment so that we can get the chemical ordered.
- Still working on the AIS buoys strategy.
- Need to finalize the cost of chemicals. There is no grant carryover to cover the cost, so it is an out-of-pocket expense.

vi. Communications Committee – 10 min

Jim Coors and the Communications Committee reports the following:

- Last email blast very successful. Lots of views of donation data, etc.
- Riprap article from Allison is done for SELT and looks like it will have great results. Article to go out April 1st, 2022.

vii. Fundraising Committee – 5 min

Alf Sivertson and the Fundraising Committee reports the following:

- Committee is currently developing plan for the 2022 fundraising plan for 2023.
- Committee is also looking into ways to help with estate planning

The following suggestions were made:

- Send out a mid-summer appeal (Jim Coors)
- Fundraising event with the Eco Harvester, perhaps out on the lake (around Wismo Point in the summer?) (Kevin Horrocks)
- Showcasing the Eco Harvester at the Annual Meeting in June (Mike Persson)

V. New Business (15 min discussion)

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

WDNR water specialist, Dan Harrington(?), handles all permits for rip rap. Alf would like to have all rip rap permits on LCO sent to COLA which can be used to help educate land owners.

b. Annual Meeting date – June 25th?

Chris Bedwell reports that the annual meeting is a go at the Mission on June 25th. The date is being held for us and the start time still needs to be determined (9am?). A donation to the mission will be made at meeting.

c. Landmark Conservancy Film Festival April 30th – tickets available – sponsor again?

Chris Bedwell reports that the previous donation from 2021 will be carried over this year (event not held last year). Our current sponsor level is Silver and will not be changed for 2022. Jim Coors will send out information about the film festival.

VI. Old Business (5 min discussion)

a. Committee org structure – final edits or changes? (Board members should be on at least 1 committee)

Alf Sivertson volunteers to chair the shoreline restoration committee.

VII. Closed Session – COLA legal matters (10 min)

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Paine and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.