

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

April 22, 2022, 2:30-4:00pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

II. Roll Call

Rick O'Neill, Chris Bedwell, Mark Lastrup, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Jim Coors, Alf Sivertson, Steve Umland, Kevin Horrocks, Jeff Aspenwall, Paul Eckerline, Mike Persson, David Zimmer, Kurt Schroeder, Dick Laumer, Jessie Brickner

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

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

Year to Date Donations: \$22890

A motion to approve the budget was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Kurt Schroeder. The vote was unanimous.

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

i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 min

Mark Lastrup and the Clean Boats Committee report the following:

- Second Sign design is good
- Nothing from DNR on land use agreement
- Inspector Position - Ad up at high school, 3 Hayward Facebook marketplace groups, COLA Facebook page, LCO Community College, and SELT

ii. Grant Administration Committee – 5 min

Mark Lastrup and the Grant Administration Committee report the following:

Nothing to report

iii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 min

Mike Persson and the Fishery/Water Safety Committee report the following:

- Need to fix/replace one buoy
- Max was in Musky Bay checking area to dump dredging material
- Still looking into aqua thruster feasibility and whether permit is required. The 1HP version of the Aqua thruster can potentially move material up to 100'. There is also an industrial version, but specs are not published on site.

iv. Eco Harvester Committee – 10 min

Dick Laumer, Kevin Horrocks and the Eco-Harvester Committee report the following:

- Eco Harvester is still in the shop waiting for parts, hope to have them around the beginning of May
- Need to have a sit down with the tribe and determine who is doing what, where, and how – they very much want to be involved and help
- Need to map all the AIS before the Eco Harvester goes on the water

v. AIS Committee – 10 min

Steve Umland and the AIS Committee report the following:

- Mechanical harvest permit approved
- Chemical permit submitted on Tuesday – Pending
- Might need to do a pre-survey
- No chemical usage in Stuckey Bay.
- Consensus is that we need to report the AIS cleanup efforts to the general public but the method has not been determined.

vi. Communications Committee – 10 min

Jim Coors and the Communication Committee report the following:

- Allison writing article for SELT on AIS (how to identify, etc)
- Looking for article ideas on future issues of SELT
- Around 750 email addresses for SELT mailing list

vii. Fundraising Committee – 5 min

Alf Sivertson and the Fundraising Committee report the following:

No Update

V. New Business (10 min discussion)

a. Grant administrator position

- Three people interested in helping with grant administration / grant writing
- Need better definition of what the position entails
- Allison might be willing to spend a few hours helping educate/organize grant writers
- Possible grant writing class

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

- Dan Harrington responsible for issuing rip rap permits
- COLA would like to be informed anytime someone applies for a permit on LCO – This information will be used to determine if there is a better option and to educate landowners
- Natures Design on Hwy B is willing to provide greenhouse space to grow plants used for restoration (2023 and beyond?)

c. Accepting future stock donations

Passthrough Fund will be closed in May. There are two options:

- Stock Donations go to Legacy Funds. The fee is 1.5% and with payout only being the yearly distribution. This option will build up the fund.
- New Passthrough Fund - \$10k to open, 5% of donation. Cash payout is immediate.

Plan is to continue with the Legacy Fund

VI. Old Business (10 min discussion)

a. Annual meeting date confirmed for June 25 – start developing our agenda

Tentative Agenda Topics:

- AIS – Native and Invasive Problems
- Treasurers Report
- Eco Harvester
- Shoreline Buffers
- Formalize board members
- Walleye Fishing (what is being done to combat the decimation over the last two years, what is the DNR doing to address this issue on LCO and other lakes, how can we better educate people, stocking, etc.) – Jess

Need to formalize schedule

b. Landmark Conservancy Film Festival April 30th – tickets available if interested

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

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Shelly Paine. The vote was unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.