

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)
July 28, 2023, 2:30-4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM.

II. Roll Call

Jessie Brickner, Chris Bedwell, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Kurt Schroeder, Paul Eckerline, Mark Lastrup, Mike Persson, Alf Sivertson, Steve Umland, Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn, Kevin Horrocks, Dick Laumer, Jac Coverdale

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2023

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

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

- \$5,680 in new donations
- \$246,057 cash balance

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

b. Committee Reports (35 minutes total time allowed to cover all committee discussions)

i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 Minutes

- 100% video coverage on all Chicago Bay launches
- Invoice has been paid for the service

ii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 Minutes

- Max Wolter from the DNR is still working on getting Aqua Thruster permit approved.

iii. Eco-Harvester Committee – 10 Minutes

- Near the end of the season for successful Eco Harvester use.
- Need to reconsider / discuss hiring a crew to run the machine in 2024

iv. AIS Committee – 10 Minutes

- Steve to set up a meeting with the DNR (including the key decision makers) to work through the issues we ran into this year with chemical permits / treatments, treatment locations, etc.

v. Communications Committee – 5 Minutes

- No SELT in July but the August SELT draft is completed

V. New Business (15 Minutes)

a. Officer / Board Member election voting (renew 1 yr terms for several board members and decide on VP vacancy – keep or eliminate? Bylaws change needed if eliminating

- A motion to extend the term for Paul Eckerline, Mark Laustrup, Mike Persson, and David Zimmer for 1 year was made by Dick Laumer and seconded by Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn. The vote was unanimous.
- A motion to extend the term for COLA Board Officers Chris Bedwell (President), Jessie Brickner (Secretary), and Shelley Paine (Treasurer) was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.
- The Vice President position has been vacated and is open to interested individuals (current board members or those who are interested in joining the board)

b. COLA co-sponsor fireworks in 2024?

- Tabled until August – Will vote then.

c. New donor management system - ready for Fall fundraising drive

- The new system will combine multiple systems / applications / databases into a single system that will maintain all the records, etc.

VI. Old Business (10 Minutes)

a. Buoy map with QR code update

- Caitlin needs a better image of the lake map for the project. Steve indicated he can provide this for her.

b. Board/volunteer appreciation party – Sat Dec 9th at Chicago Club

- Looking for a bartender

VII. Closed Session – COLA Legal Matters (20 Minutes)

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.