

**Courte Oreilles Lakes Association**  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)  
**August 25, 2:30-4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call To Order**

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

**II. Roll Call**

Jessie Brickner, Chris Bedwell, Steve Umland, Dick Laumer, Mark Lastrup, Jim Coors, Jeff Aspenwall, Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Alf Sivertson

Guests – Mike and Cathy

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2023**

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

**IV. Reports**

**a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)**

- \$1400 received in new donations.
- \$14,753 was spent on chemical treatments.
- \$5500 spent on Musky Habitat Project (staffing)
- \$295,517 ending balance as of August 24, 2023 (including asset values)

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn. The vote was unanimous.

**b. Committee Reports (40 minutes total time allowed to cover all committee discussions)**

**i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 Minutes**

- 14,641 observations with iLids camera at Chicago Bay ramp as of August 18, 2023
- 261 hours logged for ramp inspection/monitoring as of August 18, 2023

**ii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 Minutes**

- Permits are pending approved for AquaThrusters.
- Mike Persson met with Max Wolter in Musky Bay to begin (assembling equipment/preparing) for the project.
- October 1, 2023, is the targeted start date.

**iii. Eco-Harvester Committee – 10 Minutes**

- Chair position still vacant

- Looking into options for a permanent crew to run the Eco Harvester in 2024

**iv. AIS Committee – 10 Minutes**

- Steve Umland is working on setting up a meeting with WDNR regarding treatment permits for 2024.
- 2023 AIS mapping to begin soon.

**v. Communications Committee – 10 Minutes**

- Article of COLA activities / lake status to go out on September 1, 2023
- Look for links to several COLA maps (AIS, fish cribs, buoy locations, etc.)

**V. New Business (5 Minutes)**

**a. Should COLA redo the older drone video for the website**

- Would be very beneficial for yearly comparisons on lake and shoreline changes.
- Need to determine budget requirements.

**b. Board approval for court reporter**

- A motion to approve the budget cost for a court reporter to document an upcoming interview with a local landowner who has historical information was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

**c. Correct Spelling of Stuckey / Stukey Bay**

- It has been agreed upon that, for future communications, Stukey is the “correct” spelling of Stukey/Stuckey Bay.

**VI. Old Business (10 Minutes)**

**a. COLA co-sponsor fireworks in 2024? – final vote**

- The final vote was not in favor of co-sponsoring fireworks show on the lake.

**b. Buoy map with QR code update - Caitlin**

- Caitlin will be updating the website with a map portal that holds all relevant maps for the lake.

**c. Donor management software update - Chris**

- Go live scheduled on November 10, 2023, but likely will be in October.
- All three databases will be merged into one (QuickBooks, master spreadsheet, and mailchimp). All emails and donations will go through a single system.

**VII. Closed Session – COLA Legal Matters (15 Minutes)**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Mark Laustrup. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.