

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)
OCTOBER 28, 2022, 2:30-4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:29 PM.

II. Roll Call

Chris Bedwell, Steve Umland, Mark Lastrup, Shelley Paine, Jeff Aspenwall, Jim Paine, Kevin Horrocks, Kurt Schroeder, Alf Sivertson, Jim Coors, Mike Persson, Rick O'Neill

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2022

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

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

- \$3000 in new donations
- \$6557 Eco Harvester maintenance expenses with \$24000 in Year-to-Date maintenance
- \$10170 LimnoTech (Total for Lake Management Services)
- \$184294 Cash on hand

A motion to approve the budget was made by Steve Umland 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

- Due to nice weather, camera still installed through October
- Clean Boat Monitor Position (Pay/Length) - \$20/hour, 16 hours/week, 12 weeks (June – Sept)

ii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 Minutes

- Musky Bay Spawning Project – No place to dump dredging and very cost prohibitive. No plans to submit permit for dredging.
- Max Wolter working on plan and permit for underwater fans – permit has been submitted and we should know more in the next few months

iii. Eco-Harvester Committee – 5 Minutes

- At Evergreen to work out some of the original issues – Delvin will send an estimate for fixes and spare parts

- Plugs not added to pontoons this year, will be considered in the future
- Marcus Armstrong very interested in providing a full time Eco Harvester crew. He will submit a quote once the dock season is over.

iv. Fund-Raising Committee – 5 Minutes

- Per Barbara Beard there is a drop off in donations across the board due to elections and the current economy. For this fundraising campaign she suggested focusing on one or two goals: Cost to control AIS (both chemical and mechanical).
- eBlast and physical mailing to focus on fundraising goals. The plan is to send it out before Thanksgiving (possibly around the 14th).

v. AIS Committee – 10 Minutes

- Permit application waiting on numbers from Tom Connell (applicator)
- Need to schedule a meeting with the DNR.
- Investigate the use of mats that cover the weed patches and smother all the plants. Need to talk to Scott to determine if the WDNR will allow this.

vi. Communications Committee – 5 Minutes

- 67% open rate on the last SELT of the year

V. New Business (5 Minutes)

a. Board Resolutions and Motions -

- **Grant Project Resolution** – *Whereas, COLA is interested in obtaining a cost share grant from the Wisconsin Department of natural Resources for the purpose of 2023 Lac Courte Oreilles/Little Courte Oreilles AIS Large Scale Control;*

Whereas, the responded attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the application;

Whereas, an Agreement/Contracted is required to carry out the project and now, therefore, but it resolved, that Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Association (COLA) will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officers or employees (Grant Administrator) to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available. The Grant Administrator, as the authorized representative for COLA, may Sign and submit applications, Enter into an Agreement/Contract with the DNR, Submit required reports to the DNR to satisfy the Agreement/Contract, Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR per the Agreement/Contract, and Sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the Agreement/Contract.

Be it further resolved that the responded will comply with all local, state, and federal

rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share Agreement/Contract.

- **A motion to approve the Grant Project Resolution was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Kurt Schroeder. The vote was unanimous.**
- COLA appoints Jim Paine as the Grant Administrator (Interim) to submit grants on COLA's behalf.
- **Clean Boats/Clean Water Resolution** – *The COLA Board supports the application for the 2023 Clean Boats Funding and accepts the fiduciary responsibility to do so.*
 - **A motion to approve the Clean Boats/Clean Water Resolution was made by Jim Paine and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous.**

b. 2023 budget – review draft budget

- Will finalize budget numbers at December 2nd meeting
- Preliminary Budget Numbers:
 - Starting Balance: \$300000
 - Income: \$226000

c. Reminder: last board meeting of 2022 is scheduled for Fri, Dec 2

- November meeting moved to Fri, Dec 2nd
- No meeting at the end of December

VI. Old Business (10 Minutes)

a. Lake Management Plan update - Jim

- Still under development.
- Jim Coors would like a copy of the AIS Grant so he can build it into the plan
- Meeting with Bass Lake, Sand Lake, and LCO Tribe to follow after plan is finalized

b. COLA promotional clothing/signs/coozies update - Kurt

- Revised sign options to be presented at December 2nd meeting
- Can coozies to given away (our cost \$0.50 / unit)
- COLA signs ~\$12/each

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

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Shelley Paine and seconded by everyone. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 04:15 PM.