

# Courte Oreilles Lakes Association

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

January 28, 2022

## AGENDA/MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

### II. Roll Call

Rick O'Neill, Steve Umland, Chris Bedwell, Mark Lastrup, Paul Eckerline, Dick Laumer, Mike Persson, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Jim Coors, Alf Sivertson, Dave Zimmer, Kurt Schroeder, Jess Brickner

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2021

A motion to approve was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

### IV. Reports

#### a. Treasurer's report

Chris Bedwell reported a carryover of \$49,383 from the 2021 budget.

#### b. 2022 budget discussion

Chris went through the 2022 budget draft. An ECCF payout of \$26,458 (the last one) plus two legacy payouts (\$5,170) will be sent to us in May. An estimate for Clean Boats of \$18,680 includes the purchase of the I-LIDS camera and the funding of a Clean Boats attendant. Communications, good. Legal, good. EH Tech support, good. EH expenses \$13K.

#### c. Committee Reports

##### i. Fundraising Committee

Alf Sivertson spoke with Barb Beard regarding fundraising strategies, and Barb will join the Fundraising Committee. Chris Bedwell asked if we need another email reminder. Decision made to keep donations on a calendar year basis. Shelley Paine will work with Jim Coors to generate a donation report. Dave Zimmer suggested using contribution history as a marketing tool. Alf will look in his records to find the Foundation giving history. Provide Dave Zimmer with the email addresses and he will follow up if we don't have the full donation history. Kurt Schroeder suggested developing a flyer to hand out to neighbors. Advance Printing has our old brochures that can be updated. Chris Bedwell suggested kicking up marketing from \$500 to \$1,500. Kurt Schroeder will help with marketing.

##### ii. Communications/PR Committee

Jim Coors will do a piece on the Eco-Harvester repairs and the need for volunteers. Jim also mentioned the need for redoing our website. Dick Lauer has someone who might be able to help. Paul Eckerline suggested bringing in Allison to help with updating and content. Decision was made to use email blast to respond to erroneous information. Post good information on our Facebook page.

##### iii. AIS Committee

Steve Umland is working with Scott Van Egrin and several others to get up to speed. Steve is working with Tyler on permits which are being submitted the second week of February, both chemical and mechanical. Steve also spoke with Tom Connell on new chemical to treat EMF and application rates. There is still grant money available for

buoys and brochures to distribute at the kiosks. Steve estimates that \$60,000-\$70,000 will be needed for chemical treatment this year. Dick Laumer mentioned that we hit the EWM too late in 2021 with the Eco-Harvester. It was already breaking up. Once Steve hears back on the grant extension status, the budget will be updated.

iv. Eco-Harvester Committee

Dick Laumer stated that we have a local hydraulics specialist that will be going through the machine and making repairs. Todd Bedwell will drop off the Eco-Harvester to Delvin within the next week or two prior to 2/17. The manufacturer has stated that we should receive schematics and bill of materials in the first quarter of 2022.

**V. New Business**

- a. Alf Sivertson provided a draft organizational chart. Board members will head up each of the committees. Jim Coors asked what do we need to do to populate the committees? Chris Bedwell suggested adding a Marketing committee. Shelley Payne suggested a Volunteer Recruitment committee. Jim Coors said that we need a description of each committee to recruit volunteers. Provide Alf Sivertson with the committees you are interested in
- b. Board members should send a short bio and photo to Jim Coors for our BOD website page.
- c. Board member positions
  - i. Rick O'Neill volunteered to fill the VP role.
  - ii. Board vote on removal of Gary Pulford and Mark Laustrup from bank accounts and the addition of Shelley Paine (need this documented in the minutes)  
A motion to remove Gary Pulford and Mark Laustrup from bank accounts and adding Shelley Paine was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.
  - iii. A decision was made to change the bylaws to a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 15 board members. A motion to reconfigure the board was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. Jess Brickner volunteered to take over the secretary position. A motion to bring Jess on the board was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.
  - iv. Jim Coors will draft a slate of officers for partners to approve at our annual meeting.
- d. A decision was made to continue meeting in person for February and March for those that can make it even though Chris Bedwell will be traveling and remote.
- e. If someone on the board can get more information on the Bass Lake camper restriction plan, Jim Coors can send an email blast to the membership and have them contact Bass Lake if they are concerned about it.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. Dick Laumer asked about insurance for the I-LIDS camera. Mark Laustrup with check with Eric Lindberg on what his other clients are doing about insurance.
- b. Shoreline restoration – Jim Coors and Paul Eckerline will reach out to Allison Slavick to see if she can assist with an article on rip rap.
- c. Mike Persson will update the board at the next meeting on the Musky Bay spawning project.

VII. **Other Topics.** A motion to provide a retainer to Pines Bach for legal work was made by Dick Laumer and seconded by Shelly Payne. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. **Closed Session** – COLA legal matters.

IX. **Adjourn** 4:27