

MEETING MINUTES



March 27, 2020

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Jim Coors, Chris Bedwell, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline, Dave Zimmer, Mark Lastrup, Dick Laumer, Jeff Aspenwall

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Rick O'Neill, Jim Payne

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks call the meeting to order at 3:05 PM and set the meeting format via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$1668 in the checking account. The AIS permit fee was \$1300. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Persson and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

SSC Update: Closed session.

Shoreline Monitors: Dick Laumer referenced the following memo he sent out to volunteers:

"In response to Covid 19 virus and requests of Wisconsin government officials the Lake Monitor Aquatic Invasive species meetings scheduled for April 4 and 18 have been cancelled. In place of them an online tutorial will be sent to you covering the program that was to be presented. Hopefully we can reschedule a future gathering to cover any program nuances that may be in question. Thank you for your participation in the very important task of monitoring "Outstanding Resource Water" Lac Courte Oreilles."

He said that he has lined up 4-5 volunteers to date. He will use PowerPoint to develop the training session for the shoreline monitors. Dave Zimmer asked if there was community support available to support the effort. Gary Pulford said that would be difficult because early monitoring requires day to day surveillance. Dick Laumer added that the effort also requires the use of a boat. Jim Coors asked if he should send out another email blast for volunteers. Dick replied "yes" and that he would provide Jim with the verbiage. Kevin Horrocks suggested that the email relay the importance of their participation to the COLA AIS effort. Kevin Horrocks then asked about the status to the GPS application the volunteers will use to map locations. Jeff Aspenwall summarized the Collector app (ESRI). It's easy to use; he and his wife used it to map the locations they visited during the Burkie. He provided an on-screen demo and how photos can be collected for each point, He will begin working more on it next week. Kevin Horrocks asked about providing paper maps to the volunteers. Jeff said that no, the volunteers need training

using the app. Mark Lastrup mentioned that Collector works with cloud-based maps and that they update in near real time. The map showing the locations of AIS will be available on the COLA website.

Membership: Kevin Horrocks, Jim Coors and Rick O'Neill are working on the renewal effort to reach a goal of 350 members. Promoting the Eco-Harvester, approaching realtors to distribute a Welcome to LCO packet that explains the benefits of membership, and how to provide memberships to Foundation donors who contribute at least \$100 are things that should be investigated.

2020 AIS Permit: Gary Pulford has submitted the permit application for the treatment of 61-acres at five locations on the lake. The public notice was published in the Sawyer County Record on March 4th. There has been no request for a public meeting to date. Chris Bedwell with check to PO box to make sure. The chemicals have been ordered. The plan is to hit CLP a week or two after ice out and then the Milfoil in June. Thirty property owners whose properties abut the application zones will need to be notified. Kevin Horrocks asked whether Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds will be involved. Gary replied that it depends on what the permit says. If the permit requires a post-treatment survey, we will have to use them.

Clean Boats: Mark Lastrup was informed by WDNR that a decision will be made in June as to whether the program will operate in 2020.

Watershed Forestry Project: Gary Pulford said that the contractor needs the UW-Stephens Point presentation to develop a request to the timber companies. Gary asked Paul Eckerline to follow up.

Eco-Harvester; LCOFI & COLA: Closed session.

The following motion was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Paul Eckerline:

“COLA will delay purchase of the Eco-Harvester, scheduling it for an early Spring, 2021 delivery. The down payment will be made from funds already raised, no later than November 2020, within the manufacturer’s normal production schedule for 2021 spring delivery. Down payment and paying off the balance will be flexible enough to take advantage of manufacturer financial discounts or other incentives as may be available. This purchase of the Eco-Harvester will not impact COLA’S 2020 operating budget of \$110,320 previously approved by the COLA board. This will allow sufficient time for raising the remaining funds necessary for full payment.”

The motion carried unanimously with the full COLA board, other than one member unable to join the meeting.

Adjourn: 5:00 PM