

MEETING MINUTES



June 25, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Paul Eckerline, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer (Zoom), Jeff Aspenwall, Dave Zimmer (Zoom)

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Rick O’Neill (Zoom)

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. The checking account balance is \$95,835 and the savings account holds \$7,146.73 (which is designated Eco Harvester funds). Donations received in June totaled \$1,275. The annual distribution from the Legacy and LCO Fund accounts held with Eau Claire Foundation totaling \$5,170 came in, along with the \$20,000 from the pass thru fund. LimnoTech and legal bills were paid along with Eco-Harvester operating expenses. So far this year the fundraising campaign has netted \$65,267, not including Eco Harvester donations. There was a discussion on fund raising and bookkeeping issues with multiyear donations. The September fundraising effort will be raising funds for 2022. Our 990 has been filed with the IRS. A Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Eco-Harvester and AIS Update: Keven Horrocks summarized eco-harvester activities to date. Work was initiated in Barbertown Bay to harvest CLP. Trails End Resort allowed us to use their ramp. The LCO Conservation Department has operated the machine. He said that we are learning as we go. It is easier to run in deeper water than shallow water. There are no problems yet with staffing. Musky and Stuckey Bays need harvest work to be completed. We may work this weekend.

Closed Session:

SSC Update:

Open Session:

Annual Meeting: Kevin Horrocks reported that no public meetings are allowed at the Mission church because of a diocese directive. Jim Coors will help with orchestrating the meeting. Chris Bedwell suggested virtual Zoom meeting from 7 to 8 PM on a Thursday. There was discussion on a hybrid; live

attendance and virtual. Chris Bedwell said she would check out casino and Big Fish for August. Alf Sivertson asked Dave Zimmer when Wismo members head home. Dave replied August 15. Alf suggested an all virtual meeting. With a hybrid, there would be too many opportunities for things to go wrong. One person will run the presentations. Jeff Aspenwall will help Kevin Horrocks with the technical side of the event. The virtual meeting will be held August 11th a Wednesday night, from 7 to 8 PM. Wed, Aug. Kevin stated that we need to identify presentations and presenters. Topics might include Financial, bylaw amendment, the Eco-Harvester, clean boats, SSC, etc. Jim Coors will work with Kevin to set agenda.

Highlands Update: Chris Bedwell reported that remediation work will begin the first part of September. Chris will insist that the engineer sign off on the project once it is completed.

Clean Boats: Mark Lastrup is working with Eric Lindberg at Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC to schedule a 2022 installation for the I-LIDS camera at the Hwy K ramp. We are waiting for direction from WDNR on the land use agreement and grant application process. We are now monitoring the ramp on Saturdays and Sundays.

Wolf Point Update: They have put in for an after the fact variance. The variance will go before the town planning committee and then the town board. From there it goes to the Sawyer County Board of Appeals. Alf Sivertson will take the lead on the COLA response.

Water Levels: Kevin Horrocks spoke with Vaughn Sutton about a hydrology study. Not sure where he is going with it. Jeff Aspenwall suggested that the problem is one of conveyance. The new bridge is a third as long as the one it replaced. The county and the WDNR are saying the other is responsible.

Musky Bay Spawning Restoration: Mike Persson is not in attendance.

Cisco/Whitefish Survey: Gary Pulford said that WDNR is collecting the reports for the last three years and sending them to him.

Shoreline Buffer Update: Mark Lastrup is waiting to hear from WDNR to move forward scoping 2022 remote sensing work on LCO. Scott van Egren was cautiously optimistic that WDNR will support the effort.

2022 Fundraising: The annual fundraising drive takes place toward the end of the year. Alf Sivertson and Jim Coors are working on planned giving through estate plans. They are working with a consultant to develop a strategy. Alf said the individual is willing to present to the board and help set up the program. But we need to move July meeting to the 30th so that she can attend. Chris Bedwell suggested a Zoom conference. Alf will check it out.

By-Laws: Alf Sivertson summarized changes he and Jim Coors made to the by-laws. We need to get young blood in. Start thinking about transition planning. Chris Bedwell suggested getting aggressive in asking for participation. Spell out what time commitment is required. Jeff Aspenwall said that once we get back to regular meetings, invite membership to attend the monthly meetings. That is how he ended up on the board. There will be a formal vote on the changes to the by-laws at July meeting. Alf will get the final version out to the board.

Adjourn: 5:02