

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)
May 26, 2023, 2:30-4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Chris Bedwell, Kevin Horrocks, Paul Eckerline, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer, Shelley Paine, Mike Persson, Jim Coors, Jeff Aspenwall, Rick O'Neill, Kurt Schroeder, David Zimmer, Alf Sivertson, Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn (Guest)

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2023 (5 min)

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Shelley Paine. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

- New donations of \$2,221 came in since the last meeting. \$359 spent on additional marking buoys. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

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

i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 min

- Clean boat monitoring up and running. Monitor informed Mark there had been very little traffic on Fridays, so they agreed to not monitor further Fridays. Monitoring data has been entered into the database.

ii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 min

- Max Wolter and Mike are planning for a Fall test run of the Aqua Thrusters for clearing spawning area for muskies in Musky Bay – if permit approved by WDNR. Discussed the need for more buoy markers. Suggestion to send an eblast to alert lake owners of the locations and the need to keep a wide berth around those buoys.

iii. Fundraising Committee – 5 min

- Question came up whether COLA should consider an additional fundraising effort specifically to help support the SSC legal efforts and controlling phosphorus, etc, or whether that would cut into our overall annual fundraising effort. Alf will speak with Barb Beard to get her input.

iv. Eco Harvester Committee – 10 min

- Test run of the Eco Harvester after the winter repairs went very well (no harvesting occurred). It was able to do movements it had been unable to do before. Team is looking at how to better recruit satellite boats and volunteers from the area being pulled. Team is also working on an instruction manual. Once CLP, and then EWM, emerge, a plan will be put in place for removal.

v. AIS Committee – 10 min

- Plan is to treat Musky Bay beginning the week of May 29, weather dependent. Steve and Jim were not in attendance, so were not able to provide more details. Applicator was still waiting for actual herbicide as of May 30. Application may depend more on previous GPS locations rather than visual.

vi. **Communications Committee – 5 min**

- New SELT will come out early June. Jac and Chris met with the printer for the welcome handbook, so they are waiting on pricing/paper selection and then go to print. Melissa Orenstein has been helping more and more with Mailchimp email campaigns. WisCalm report should be put into SELT sidebar, or we can send it out as an eBlast as a special report as to the status of the lake (prior to the annual meeting on June 24) and put it online as well.

V. New Business (15 min discussion)

a. Annual meeting on June 24th – finalize topics and speakers

- Mike is going to ask Max Wolter for a fishing update to present at the meeting. Mike will also do a short presentation on buoy locations. Other topics will be COLA Year in Review (Chris), AIS (Steve & Jim) and Eco Harvester (Kevin Horrocks) with time left at the end for Q&A.

b. New topics from the board?

- David Zimmer suggested creating a map of LCO and LLCO with buoy locations with the ability to have the QR code so boaters can easily scan the map. A small group will work on finding a good map and getting this accomplished.

VI. Old Business (5 min discussion)

a. Yard signs – board members take some and hand out to neighbors

Chris brought the yard signs for board members to disburse to friends and neighbors. The signs will be given out at the annual meeting to those that would like one.

VII. Closed Session – COLA legal matters (15 min)

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Shelley Paine and seconded by Kurt Schroeder. The vote was unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm