

Courte Oreilles Lakes Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)
September 22, 2:30-4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM.

II. Roll Call

Chris Bedwell, Steve Umland, Dick Laumer, Mark Laustrup, Mike Persson, Jeff Aspenwall, Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Logan Quiggle, Alf Sivertson.

Committee members: Jim Coors, Jac Coverdale

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2023

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)

- \$3,125 received in new donations. Will mail all outstanding contributions in Oct to various entities that were budgeted for.
- \$1,360 spent on clean boat monitor, \$600 refund from WDNR for permits, and \$153 spent on Musky Habitat project.
- \$296,903 ending balance as of September 22, 2023

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

b. Committee Reports (30 minutes total time allowed to cover all committee discussions)

• Clean Boat Committee – 5 Minutes

- Monitor will remain on through October 8th due to a couple fishing tournaments scheduled on LCO.
- Will renew ESRI in November with 5 licenses vs the current 10 to save \$500 since we don't need 10 licenses.
- Replacement for the Chair position will get underway for 2024.

• Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 Minutes

- Winter Bar buoy missing, so a temp buoy was put in place.
- Musky Bay Habitat project public hearing scheduled for Mon 9/25 at 2pm CT via zoom. Early October remains the targeted start date.
- Board requested photos be taken of the project to share an update with our membership.

• Eco-Harvester Committee – 5 Minutes

- Consensus is to harvest again in 2024 with the Tribe's primary involvement and re-evaluate next summer on next steps. Chair position still vacant.

- New board member Logan Quiggle has agreed to coordinate volunteers and work with the Tribe on securing volunteers on harvesting days.
- Harvest permits have been submitted for 2024. Dump trailer has a hydraulic issue – Jim Paine will connect with Brett at LCOCD to discuss.

- **AIS Committee – 10 Minutes**

- AIS committee will meet in the next 2 weeks to discuss the plan for the proposed meeting with WDNR.
- Communications with WDNR are ongoing regarding our requested meeting with the decision makers at the WDNR to assist with our 2024 AIS efforts. Goal is for the meeting to take place before year end.
- 2023 AIS mapping is primarily done by Big LCO, and Caitlin has agreed to map Little LCO.

- **Communications Committee – 5 Minutes**

- October SELT will be the last SELT of 2023 going out in early Oct. Article written by Allison on fall colors/leaves, etc.

V. New Business (15 min discussion)

a. Board member position vacancy (Rick O’Neill – VP) – new board member Logan Quiggle

- Motion to approve Logan joining the board to fill the vacant position made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Caitlin Hagar-Kuhn. The vote was unanimous.

b. Nov 24 board meeting – move to Dec 8?

- Board meeting currently scheduled on Fri Nov 24 will be moved to Fri Dec 8.

c. AIS mapping at the boat landings in Spring 2024

- Nikki Rude (new AIS committee member) will review the kiosks at both Chicago Bay and Victory Heights landings and suggest improvements for the 2024 season, including adding AIS maps so boaters are aware of critical areas to avoid.

VI. Old Business (10 min discussion)

a. Donor management software update - Chris

- Go live happened on 9/19. All donations/emails are now coming through the new software. Training will begin with specific board members who will use it.

b. Holiday appreciation dinner update - Chris

- Kurt Schroeder will reach out to a friend for possible bartender commitment. Chris suggested the possibility of board member in-kind donations to help with the cost of beverages.

VII. Closed Session – COLA legal matters (20 min)

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Paine and seconded by Kurt Schroeder. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.