

**Courte Oreilles Lakes Association**  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
Bass Lake Town Hall (zoom for non-local people)  
**October 27, 2023, 2:30-4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call To Order**

Chris Bedwell called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.

**II. Roll Call**

Chris Bedwell, Jim Paine, Shelley Paine, Mark Lastrup, Mike Persson, Alf Sivertson, Steve Umland, Jessie Brickner, Jeff Aspenwall, Logan Quiggle, Dick Laumer, Dave Zimmer, Kurt Schroeder

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2023**

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

**IV. Reports**

**a. Treasurer's Report (5 min)**

- New Donations: \$830 (\$57,236 total)
- \$700 paid to the clean boats ramp inspector.
- Ending balance: \$287,627 (including cash and assets)

A motion to approve the budget was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

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

**i. Clean Boat Committee – 5 Minutes**

- Removing iLids camera from the Chicago Bay boat landing the week of October 29th
- New grant request to be submitted by November 15th

**ii. Fishery/Water Safety Committee – 5 Minutes**

- \$500 donation to Muskies Inc.
- Musky Restoration blowout of silt test completed. Area cleared down to sand with some silt returning by the next day. Initial test results look positive.

**iii. Eco-Harvester Committee – 10 Minutes**

- Eco Harvester going into storage the week of October 29th

**iv. Fund-Raising Committee – 5 Minutes**

- Fundraising campaign to kick off just prior to Thanksgiving with follow up before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Physical mail and emails to be sent.

**v. AIS Committee – 10 Minutes**

- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to go over mapping and report on 2023 and to make plans for dealing with AIS treatment in 2024.
- WDNR setting dilution/application rates for chemicals well below the recommended rate. Effectiveness of treatment will be nullified by this change.

**vi. Communications Committee – 10 Minutes**

- First SELT from new DB went out in October and the results were very successful.

**V. New Business (5 Minutes)**

**a. Bylaw Updates/Changes – No changes right now but continued discussions to take place.**

- The following suggestions have not been approved but will continue to be considered in the future:
  - Board members must be actively involved with a committee?
  - Board members must attend at least 75% of meetings?
  - Board members shall not miss two meetings in a row?

**b. WisMo Party**

- Should COLA support it or not? The general consensus is that this is outside of COLA's mission and could create a potential negative outlook on the association.

**VI. Old Business (10 Minutes)**

**a. Vacant Board and Committee Positions**

- Email to be sent to association members with information on the all open positions: VP, AIS Chair, Clean Boats Chair, Eco Harvester Chair, etc. If you are interested, please contact Chris Bedwell. We really could use your help!

**VII. Closed Session – COLA Legal Matters (15 Minutes)**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Shelley Paine and seconded by Mark Lastrup. The vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.