

MEETING MINUTES



April 30, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer, Jeff Aspenwall, Paul Eckerline, Kris Sivertson

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Kevin Horrocks mentioned that our lake association status has been approved by WDNR. A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Kris Sivertson and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$80,732.85 in the checking and \$8,409.96 in the savings (Eco-Harvester funds). A total of \$550 in donations came in during the month of April. The Eco-Harvester cashier's check for the balance due is ready to go. Limnotech March invoice was paid. The insurance policy on the Eco-Harvester is paid in full (\$851). Kevin Horrocks asked Chris to set up a separate expense account for tracking Eco-Harvester operating expenses. Kris Sivertson picked up the trailer and there was a \$75 charge for the hitch, which was paid with the debit card. There was discussion about how to get reimbursed for COLA related expenditures. Kevin suggested using a personal credit card and turn in the receipt to Chris for reimbursement. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Kris Sivertson and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan: The plan is with WDNR and has yet to be approved. The \$2000 for the update will be billed to the AIS grant. Gary Pulford wonders why we have heard nothing from Scott. Chris Bedwell has the invoice from Dan Tyrolt for the updated plan. Kris Sivertson asked what we have to do if we find beds outside of 2019 survey. Kevin Horrocks said all we have to do is send them an email. The permit fee has been paid (\$300). Gary Pulford said that with chemical treatment, we paid a permit fee at \$1200. Kevin reiterated the importance of keeping track of time-in-kind for reimbursement.

Eco-Harvester: Kevin Horrocks is working on what expenses can be covered with AIS grant money. It will be important for volunteers to fill out the appropriate forms when using the equipment and transporting the plant material.

Closed Session

SSC Scope Statement:

Other efforts: CWA:

Open Session

Eco-Harvester: Training will occur this coming Monday. Kris Sivertson will get a call an hour before they arrive and will send out an email as to the time to meet at the WDNR ramp on Highway K. Jim Coors asked Kris to get pictures of the arrival so it can be use in SELT. Gary Pulford said that the plants are not plants up yet in Musky Bay. Kris will develop a daily log for the boat and haulers to track gas, oil, milage, etc. Kris will coordinate scheduling with volunteers. Individuals need to track their time harvesting, trailering, volume of weeds, scouting, etc. Talk to Mike Persson about fish finders that will track where we have been. Gary Pulford suggested using the Collector App. Jeff Aspenwall said that the Collector App should be used for collecting data. We need to be able to combine fish finder and Collector data. Jim Coors suggested Garmin. He uses one with his bike that tracks his rides. Kevin Horrocks said a group needs to figure this out. Gary Pulford said that it will be extremely important to keep track of Eco-Harvester activity. Paul Eckerline asked about dumping vegetation at his site. Kevin Horrocks has Paul's phone number and will coordinate. Dan Tyrolt will also check with the Tribe and their agricultural facilities. Kevin Horrocks mentioned that promotion and fund raising are important to keep in focus. Look at the list and provide Kevin with ideas. Chris Bedwell said a recap of donations to recognize donors should be addressed. The Foundation sent out paper copy and we need to do something similar. Alf Sivertson will work with Chris to put something together. An email blast should go out to everyone on the lake, not just donors. Jim Coors suggested putting it on the website as well. Jeff Aspenwall asked about donors who want to remain anonymous. Chris Bedwell has the data and will use to put together the list.

Musky Bay Spawning Restoration: The dredging permit application is near complete. Limnotech is moving forward with it. Kevin Horrocks will follow up. Gary Pulford asked Dan Tyrolt if the dredge spoil can be used for a wild rice seed bed establishment. Dan replied that it is too flocculant. The plants can not root because they are blown out with high waves. Geese are also a problem. Gary Pulford will talk to Limnotech to make sure everything is good. Dan Tyrolt suggested talking to Max Wolter to make sure that WDNR is on board. Informally submit Limnotech work to Max to get him to support the project. Gary and Dan will try to set up a meet with Max. Kevin Horrocks said WDNR is not allowing people into their offices so maybe a Zoom meeting should be considered.

Walleye/Aquatic Plant Linkages: Kevin Horrocks has contacted WDNR for more information. They need \$50,000 to fund the research and have \$15,000. Dan Tyrolt said they need to line up the money this year for the project. Are the lakes they are studying in our ecoregion? If not, maybe it will not be beneficial to COLA. DO monitors on LCO via a BIA grant was also discussed.

WDNR Follow up on Whitefish/Cisco: Gary Pulford said that he has received material from Max Wolter about what he has been doing but nothing from the team that is doing the cold-water surveys. Gary will follow up. Dan Tyrolt mentioned that LCO is one of their sentinel lakes for cold water fisheries.

Shoreline Buffer Update: Mark Lastrup provided an update on the pilot. Limnotech is confident, based on the 50 parcels they sampled, that they can collect a majority of the data required in the WDNR shoreland buffer protocol. The data on the bank zone component and coarse woody habitat will have to

be collected on the water. Vertical walls and riprap are not apparent and leaf on imagery obscured shallower littoral zones. They have provided COLA with a proposal to take the project lake wide.

Wolf Point Update: Kevin Horrocks said that the owners will try to file for a after the fact permit variance Gary Pulford found information that suggests they are not in a position to file for an after the fact variance. The Tribe is now involved because the property is on the reservation. A letter will go out to the owner, the builder and the county telling them we will fight it. What the county is proposing is against the law. If the board of appeals gives the go ahead with the variance, we will be taking the county to court.

Bass Lake Town Issues: Chris Headley has taken care of the problem.

Water Levels: Kevin Horrocks said that the gage has been moved but we do not know what the readings mean when compared to the old gage location. The county has not provided us with the benchmark elevation. Gary Pulford asked Kevin if Jay Kazlowski didn't say that they have not established the elevation. Kevin will continue to follow up.

2021 Annual Meeting/Picnic: Kevin Horrocks said that COLA should not do either one. We do not know the history of the people who would attend and it is not worth the risk. We need to address the bylaws that call for a meeting. At the end of the summer, put out a state of the lakes bringing everyone up to speed. The ideal of setting up a Zoom meeting as an alternative is supported by the COLA Board. Jim Coors said that we need a bylaws revision addressing term limits, etc. Alf Sivertson will work on it.

Other: Chris Bedwell asked to add Highlands to next month's agenda.

Adjourn 5:02