

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



April 27, 2018

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Steve Umland, Chris Bedwell, Jim Coors

Present from Committees and Guests: Dan Tyrolt, Jeff Aspenwall, Alf Sivertson

Recording Secretary: Kevin Horrocks agreed to take Minutes

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the March minutes was made, seconded, approved by all Board attending. *Apologies....I did not note who motioned and who seconded.*

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell went over the current P&L. It was noted that another \$10,265 invoice had come in from LimnoTech and not yet shown in the budget. *Since the meeting Chris forwarded a copy of the invoice to Gary so this will appear on next month's update.*

Also, waiting for reimbursement of some of the shoreline restoration from 2017. *Kevin has contacted Kris again requesting this be handled.*

Motion was made to accept the budget, seconded and unanimously agreed. *Again, I forgot to note the names.*

1. Musky spawning habitat restoration in Musky Bay. Dan explained how Tribe had contacted the Army Corp of Engineers with letter requesting Corp take on Musky Bay. Corp is very interested, very impressed with the work Tribal Conservation and COLA were able to provide about the lake. Push is for the Corp to take on the project which will also mean they will cover most of the cost of developing a plan. And, they will cover most of the costs of executing the plan. There was a question as to whether the Corp will take it on if the cranberry farm does not cease discharging into Musky Bay. Dan does not see at this time that there is much reason for the Corp to not take on the project.
2. Shoreline buffer restorations for 2018. Kris was unable to attend meeting so Board does not have an update on status. Two types of assistance are available. IF someone meets the State 35 foot buffer there is State grant money available. If someone cannot meet the 35 foot buffer but can meet a lesser minimum COLA can help fund the buffer directly. It was pointed out that the interest in people wanting to meet the State standard has waned. However, Gary pointed out that Paul Eckerline has interest in working on a good size restoration of a badly eroded area that would qualify. Gary said the same people who worked on the BACA restoration would likely

take on this project. Also, Bedwell's have another section of shoreline which they want to restore which should also qualify. Question was asked as to whether Kris may want to be off the restoration efforts.

3. COLA Memberships: There had been a meeting earlier in the day regarding these efforts. From that it was suggested that COLA hire a "student"...someone trustworthy to work somewhat alone and with an eye for accuracy and detail to match up COLA membership records with the County shoreline land ownership records to search out 'new' owners who are not members so they can be contacted. Estimate is that maybe 50 or so new owners around LCO Lakes. Alf said he may know of someone who could do this project. Probably about \$500. Motion was made and seconded to proceed, all in favor. *Big surprise, I can't remember who made motion etc.*

Also, regarding COLA signs for members. Jim thinks there may be 50 or so remaining. (cost @\$5 each plus \$1for wirestand) These have been given to people donating \$50 or more to Foundation. Suggestion is that COLA should look into giving a sign to every new member, or renewal in order to ramp up awareness. Question was whether we could add the cost to the membership. The problem is that several members recalled that due to COLA's status with the State we cannot charge more than \$25 for a membership. The idea of the signs was agreed to be a good one. There may be new graphics or message...ie put the website on the sign. This will take more subsequent study.

4. LCO SSC Impairment status with State. The Department of Justice had until May 4 to respond, they asked for additional time and Alf/COLA agreed they could have until May 11th. The goal is to get the State to agree to 11.6 parts per billion of phosphorus as a lakewide limit. Hans/LimnoTech had provided DOJ with a restating of some of the science geared to proving the 11.6 ppb limit. From day's previous Foundation Meeting the Foundation wants to join in a strategy conversation with COLA (about May 14 ?) depending on the State's decision @ May 11.
5. COLA T-shirts/caps: Kevin and Sue are working this through Hidden Bay Graphics in Hayward. Need to set up an On-line ordering page through HBG for taking orders and then producing. The hope is to produce to the demand and not end up with unsold shirts. Kevin will provide timing details very shortly.
6. UWSP Forestry Project update. This project is similar to the EVAAL project prioritizing watershed area farms. The idea is to identify forestry holdings in the watershed and try to work with owners to use BMPs for any of their harvesting efforts in order to not have erosion and polluting (phosphorus) problems in the lakes. Gary explained the program with a map showing the locations and types of forestry holdings.
7. Wakeboats. Board is not in agreement on how to proceed. County is going ahead and making an Ordinance. So, some of COLA's decision may be based on what the actual Ordinance says. There is some agreement about educating shoreline/boat owners of the shoreline erosion damage, and the problems with lake bottom disturbance/phosphorus and asking boaters to stay X distance from shore is making large wakes. However, there are concerns COLA might get blamed for creating the Ordinance and be seen as intruding on members' use of the lake. No agreement yet so Kevin moved to put it aside for now, maybe until the actual ordinance is put out for Public Comment.

I. 2018 Budget Update

Several cost areas are going to run over original estimates/budgets. For example, legal and LimnoTech due to having to do more work in response to the WDNR not fulfilling their responsibilities of the SSC efforts on LCO. Also, some additional items not planned originally may come into play; education materials for the shoreline monitors, COLA signs, etc. COLA will have to cut where possible, and will have to increase overall planned spending if the major efforts at saving the two-story lake are to continue. For example, Clean Boats did not get a grant this year so cost would be direct. Suggestion was made to not have a clean boat program this year. Kevin to check with Mark Lastrup as to status of Eli, who was the monitor last year. *Kevin has contacted Mark, waiting to hear back.*

A motion was made to retract some financial commitments. The motion was agreed to. But, until the details of timing, how to explain the changes, and notification of other key, appropriate people this should not be discussed further. Kevin will work up a detailed outline and this will be put back to the COLA Board.

II. AIS 2018 Treatment. Steve has basically all he needs for proceeding other than an open lake. Dates, timing, volunteer assistance (Gary and Boat, Jeff and Boat, Steve and Contractor etc.) will be announced when known. Kevin to prepare a new sacrificial boat for hand-pulled CLP. Time in kind records to be key this year.

III. COLA Annual Meeting June 16: Kevin explained that efforts to get member input as to their interests for subjects at annual meeting only generated two responses. So, COLA will focus on Phosphorus Reduction Efforts for the LCO Lakes as the theme, as had been originally suggested.

Rather than try to sort everything out at the Board Meeting Kevin will write up a draft of the presentations and agenda for the meeting, based on Gary's original draft, and get that to Board members as soon as possible.

Motion was made to adjourn. Everyone left so it must have been agreed to.