## **COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**



## June 28, 2019

**Present from Board:** Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mike Persson, Steve Umland, Dick Laumer, Mark Laustrup, Jeff Aspenwall

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Rick O'Neill

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks call the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurers Report:** Chris Bedwell reported the current COLA account balance at \$3762.00. She summarized income and expenses for the month of June. Actual expenses to date are in line with the projected budget. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

**COLA Annual Picnic:** We need one more table to sell raffle tickets from in a different area. Jeremy Horman is in charge of the picnic. We have ordered 130 meals. Chris Bedwell will provide checks for the restaurant raffle; two fifty dollar gift certificates for each plus ask for a donation of \$25. Gary Pulford has the tickets and signs/banners. Jim Coors will send out email blast reminder.

**Annual Meeting Recap:** Overall, the meeting was good although the numbers were down. Alf Sivertson said that we've done everything we can do to encourage attendance. It's been a problem from day one. We need to think about ways to increase attendance over the next year. Gary Pulford said that it may be a change in demographics; the old guard is dying out and the new buyers are converting lake shore properties to rental units. Regardless, we need to address the issue.

**SSC Update:** Closed session

**LCOFI Meeting:** John Berg has retired from the Foundation and Rob Gales is the new President. Dave Casper is the new VP and Dick Land will remain as treasurer. The Foundation is \$11,000 ahead of last year at this time. There are more donors to the foundation than there are COLA members. The Foundation is pushing back against credit cards. Chris Bedwell said that they will eventually move in that direction. Kevin Horrocks suggested using the relational database to target subsets of the membership records.

Membership: Rick O'Neill and Kevin Horrocks have been working on ways to increase membership.

**USACE East Basin Project:** The paperwork is still at the tribal legal department. The Corps has offered access to \$600,000 to address WDNR criticisms of the COLA SSC request. Once underway, it will be a 2-3 year endeavor.

**AIS Plan Update:** Dan Tyrolt is updating the technical aspects and Gary Pulford is working on goals and objectives.

**EWM patch - West Basin:** Mark Sundeen says that treatment has already been approved with a permit issued. The area will be treated when weather permits. Steve Umland said that the cost of chemicals has gone up this year. Steve also announced that, due to other commitments, he is resigning from the COLA board but will complete the EWM work on the west basin.

**WDNR Details on Reduction on Reimbursement:** Jeff Aspenwall and Steve Umland are working on getting the information.

**Musky Bay Spawning Restoration Update:** Mike Persson summarized the results of the Limnotech engineering study. Mark Laustrup suggested contacting the Knowles- Nelson Partnership for funding of implementation.

**SELT: Ideas For Next Issues:** Kevin Horrocks suggested addressing what you can and can't do to stabilize the shoreline; where can I get native plants for restoration? Some people would rather do it themselves. Cover the change in fishery with global warming. Frank Pratt gave a talk about it. Mike Persson suggested addressing the regulations on docks, lifts, etc. Kevin asked if you have any ideas, get them to Jim Coors.

**Clean Boats Time Off:** Mark Laustrup told the Board that Eli won't be taking any more time off after the Montana trip.

**Mechanical AIS Removal:** Kevin Horrocks suggested that COLA look at grant money to acquire the equipment.

**Shoreline Restoration:** The Jo Yanish place is growing back in on its own. She will add some landscaping. Keven Horrocks will look at runoff in a heavy rain event.

**New Business:** Art Malin wants COLA to look in to cameras at launches. Mike Persson saw one at Lakewoods launch ramp on Namikogon that has a camera with audio. The Camera checks boats going in. Dick Laumer and Mark Laustrup will check out a setup.

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