

MEETING MINUTES



July 23, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Jim Coors, Mike Persson, Jeff Aspenwall, Dick Laumer

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

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Mike Persson 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 \$85,257 in the checking and \$7,146 in the savings (savings account is strictly Eco-Harvester donation funds). Donations totaled \$2,450 for the month. Clean Boat inspectors were paid \$700 in July. Chris paid the accounting firm \$1,000 for the 990 tax return. Kevin Horrocks asked Chris Bedwell if the payments from the Tribe to LimnoTech had been made, and to her knowledge they have not been paid yet. Emails will be sent to Dan to check on payment status of those invoices which are for the Musky Bay project. According to Dan, the Tribe should be able to pay for the Musky Bay project with grant funds vs. COLA paying those invoices through regular donations. A motion to accept the budget was made by Mike Persson and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

COLA By-laws Vote to Amend: Jim Coors said the new by-laws reflect what is actually happening within the COLA organization. Most of the work was done by Alf Sivertson. We are sticking with the membership term within the by-laws. Board membership has been reworked to allow for multiple terms. Alf went through the changes he made to the previous version. A motion to accept the new by-laws was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Chris Bedwell. Rick O'Neill asked if a one-year donations confirmed membership in out years. Alf will fix the verbiage to indicate that membership is yearly and dependent on donations. The motion to accept the amended by-laws passed unanimously.

Eco-Harvester Plans: What will happen for the remainder of the summer? Should we wait until next year to ? Anchor Bay? Little LCO? Need help with this. Kevin is breaking up. Jeff Aspenwall stated that we will get a black eye if we don't get in there and take care of the problem. Where? Jeff also asked about moving the meetings to some other day than Friday. Eurasian water milfoil fragmentation is a concern. Should we continue? Gary Pulford said that there were satellite boats out there marking beds. The plants were at 8-feet and came out broken up. There was some drifting of material. Gary and Brett McConnell mapped Little LCO; there were 50+ patches, 200 to 10,000 square feet in area. Little LCO is in

bad shape; the whole waterbody is ringed with milfoil. A decision was made to go ahead and harvest; boats are plowing through it. Kevin Horrocks suggested to go ahead and clean the areas in front of homes so they can use the lake. Gary Pulford suggested that we discourage people moving between the two lakes to mitigate the spread. Kevin stated that boaters that enter Little LCO will go back to their dock on Big LCO and it will be there next year. Gary said that all the Little LCO beds were mapped using Collector. Kevin stated that we need to schedule the work and get it done. Jim Coors will put out an announcement on moving between the lakes.

Miller/Hill Construction – Next Steps: The Board of Appeals voted to accept the Miller request for the after the fact permit as it was presented. Alf Sivertson said that BOA chair said he felt they did a good job which is an arbitrary decision. Once the decisions of fact come out, we have 30-days to file. Gary Pulford said that they didn't issue a Finding of Fact and Kevin Horrocks agreed. Kevin said that Mark Olson provided it, but his motion was voted down. Gary suggested that it looks like an iron clad case in our favor. Alf Sivertson replied that nothing in litigation is a sure thing but yes. Kevin Horrocks made a motion that as soon as we get the written order and review it, we immediately file with the circuit court. Kevin explained how totally incompetent and wrong the BOA was in its decision. Chris Bedwell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Wait until the decision is published and then decide on whether to write a letter to the editor.

Closed Session

SSC Update:

Open Session

Annual Meeting: Kevin Horrocks sent out an outline of the topics covered in the Zoom meeting August 11 from 7-8 PM. Chris Bedwell stressed the importance of sticking to the time allocations. Kevin will provide the introduction and Jim Coors will follow up with the new organizational structure. Chris Bedwell asked if there was a minimum contribution. Jim Coors said that there is not. Chris will cover financials. Gary Pulford will cover the SSC update. Kevin Horrocks said we need to focus on why we are doing what we are doing. Gary Pulford said that phosphorus kills lakes. Then he will move on to Prehn and the Republicans effort to torpedo the SSC. Kevin suggested that we need to explain what an over-abundance of fertilizers does to speed up lake eutrophication. Gary replied that the residents around the lake are a bigger problem than the cranberry industry. Paul Eckerline reported that people are fertilizing at night. Grass lawns are taking over the 35-foot buffer zone.

State of the lakes will be covered by Bret McConnell (Eco-Harvester) and Mark Lastrup (Clean Boats). State of the Lakes will be moved to a header and SSC, Eco-Harvester and Clean Boats will fall below. Alf Sivertson will cover fundraising and Jim Coors, legacy planning. Kevin will provide closing comments and ask for questions. Jim Coors said that we may not have the bandwidth to cover more than 100 people logging in. Kevin Horrocks asked Jeff Aspenwall if there are any work arounds for the failings of Zoom. Jeff said to make sure you have a good connection. Paul Eckerline suggested limiting the number of presenters to save time. Chris Bedwell does not see a problem with the current outline. Jim Coors said that we need to schedule a practice session. Jeff is good any mornings and any evenings except Tuesday. Provide presentations to Jeff in PowerPoint, PDF, Word, etc. Get the presentations to Jeff a day before the practice session. Kevin will look at the calendar and get back to the board on the date and time of the dry run.

Musky Bay Spawning Restoration: Mike Persson stated that the dredging application has not been submitted because Limnotech is waiting to hear from Dan Tyrolt and Kevin Horrocks.

Fundraising Plans: Alf said it is in a holding pattern while those directly involved decide on the nuts and bolts.

Clean Boats: Mark Lastrup stated that there has been no movement over the last month. We are waiting to hear back from WDNR.

Shoreline Buffer Update: Mark Lastrup said that there has been no movement over the last month. We are waiting to hear back from WDNR.

Cisco/Whitefish Data: Gary Pulford said that WDNR will compile a report in 2022. They have found cold water fish in their lake netting, 79 Cisco last year but no Whitefish.

Highlands Correction Plans: Chris Bedwell said they are scheduled to complete the corrective work in September.

Adjourn: 4:51 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.