

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



July 26, 2019

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Jim Coors, Chris Bedwell, Mark Lastrup, Paul Eckerline

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

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Lastrup

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. Membership dues came to \$1200 for the month of July. Expenses included the picnic (\$765) AIS treatment invoices, Ely Robbins (landing monitor) pay, legal and Limnotech (\$7900). Kevin Horrocks said that clothing sales are very slow. The board agreed to pay \$300 to Bass Lake, Muskies, Inc. and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

SSC Update: Closed session.

LimnoTech 2019 Budget: Gary Pulford said that the musky habitat study is over the \$10,000 budgeted and so is litigation support. We will spend more than budgeted \$45,000. Gary suggested moving the \$20,000 budgeted for shoreline restoration to Limnotech. A motion to move the \$20,000 was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Meeting, Picnic Recap: Kevin Horrocks stated that COLA needs to recruit younger people. He asked if we should we combine the annual and the summer picnic meetings? Chris Bedwell said that no, it would take too much time to cover everything. It was suggested that COLA ask membership if we should drop the picnic. Tell them cost versus benefits: 95-people attended while COLA paid for 130 meals.

EWM West Basin: Gary Pulford said that the west basin bed of Eurasian milfoil is pretty much gone. It was a successful application. Tom Connell treated it and it's gone.

Post Treatment Surveys of Musky, Stuckey and Barbertown Bays: Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds completed the surveys. In the future we need to map all instances of AIS. They provided maps of distribution and want feedback on usefulness.

WDNR on Reduction of Reimbursement: Chris Bedwell is making sure that all invoices are paid separately. Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford and Chris Bedwell will get together to work on the issue.

Boat Landing Cameras: The company may be out of business; their business phone has been disconnected and they are not answering emails. Mark Lastrup will continue to research availability of the service.

Wisconsin Greenfire: Mark Lastrup summarized the organization and asked for COLA to financially support them. Because this wasn't budgeted for, the Board said maybe next year. COLA needs to collectively review advocacy groups and put our money behind the most deserving. Wisconsin Lakes Partnership was mentioned and Jim Coors will add info in the next SELT. Jim also mentioned the River Alliance of Wisconsin as another good group.

COLA Membership: Jim Coors and Rick O'Neill summarized where we are now. We have 277 members so far in 2019. The policy is it is a calendar year membership. Work has started on using the relational database to target recruits. Also target Trails End Resort for new members. Add a dear new home owner on LCO letter. Dan Tyrolt said that County Zoning keeps a list of new lakeshore owners and COLA should use the information to keep the database updated. Every year, request a list of new property owners on the lakes. COLA also needs to put together a list of needed expertise on the board and COLA committees.

East Basin USACE Project / TAS Update: Dan Tyrolt said they are still waiting for legal on both issues.

AIS Plan Update: Gary Pulford and Dan Tyrolt said that it is a work in progress. Dan wants to use the 2019 water quality data to update so look to September/October for movement.

Musky Spawning Restoration Update: Mike Persson was not in attendance. Dan Tyrolt said they just got a \$30,000 BIA grant for the sediment coring of Musky Bay. Gary Pulford also said that Limnotech is about to release their work on restoration, including bidding documents.

SELT Ideas for Next Issues: A membership update on legal issues is one idea.

Mechanical Boat for AIS Removal: Quiet Lakes Association (Dave Newswanger) is in process of setting up demonstration for COLA. Gary Pulford will send out notification to the board. They have a fair amount of experience. In a related matter, Dan Tyrolt said that DASH (suction dredging) is not meant for large beds; Round Lake was trying to take out multi-acre patches.

Shoreline Restorations: Kevin Horrocks said that they still need to burn the brush pile. Kevin said nature is doing a good job; flowers taking over slope.

LCO-Little LCO Channel: Kevin Horrocks said that kids are throwing rocks off bridge and impacting navigation in the channel between LCO and Little LCO. Dan Tyrolt said that modifying the bed of a water body is illegal. Gary Pulford also mentioned that some are modifying their shorelines; installing beaches and rip-rap and enforcement actions are being taken.

Adjourn: 4:58