

## MEETING MINUTES



**August 23, 2019**

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

**Present from Committees and Guests:** Alf Sivertson, Kris Sivertson, Rick O'Neill, Susan Horrocks

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks call the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$3906 in the checking account. Kevin Horrocks asked Alf Sivertson to keep him up to date on legal expenditures. Alf said that legal is within budget and in good shape. Kevin voiced concern that we will approach the budget limit which we have never done before. A motion to accept the budget report was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

**SSC Update:** Closed Session

**AIS Update and Planning:** Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds completed post treatment surveys of the basins. Eurasian Milfoil was mapped in Stucky Bay, by Grindstone creek, at the rock pile, and in Barbertown Bay. Curly Leaf Pondweed is thicker in Musky and Stucky Bays, Barbertown Bay, and little LCO.

**WDNR Reduction in Reimbursement 2018:** Jeff Aspenwall said that has no information on why the reduction. Kevin Horrocks said that there are records from the reviewers of the grant. Jeff countered that with a change in personnel, there was no feedback as there was in the past. Gary Pulford said that what we need to do is send in a reimbursement request for 2019, including in-kind. Dick Laumer is waiting for time-in-kind from shoreline monitors. Chris Bedwell will pay all invoices separately and we can then apply for reimbursement. Paperwork needs to be filed by end of September. Dick will press to get the sheets in by the end of next week. We need a draft of the reimbursement request by Oct 1. Jeff will look through the records.

**2020 Grant Applications:** Reapply for little LCO. Can we get more AIS money for LCO? Not sure. Someone needs to come on the board and handle AIS. Kevin Horrocks will speak with Mark Sundeen on which way to go. Grants are due by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to DNR website and search 'grants'. We need to be more prepared this coming spring. We can't miss the window for permit applications. Send WDNR 2019 post treatment surveys for 2020 application permits. Part of problem with identification is the WDNR

methodology; 150' or 300' is too coarse for Musky Bay. Jeff Aspenwall will look in to using a drone to create maps of infestations. Jeff saw the survey boat and it didn't look like they were moving in survey mode. Chris Bedwell suggested a move to another vendor. Mark Lastrup suggested we find out if COLA can access the ESRI drone/field mapping software at a reasonable cost. Kevin Horrocks said that Jim Scharl suggested an app (MotionX) for collecting GPS points that is free.

**Institutional Memory:** Kevin Horrocks said that COLA needs to develop a database that includes the information on its actions so we don't have to start over when people leave. Kevin developed a draft that he will distribute to the board for comment. Kris Sivertson asked if he was still on the board. Kevin Horrocks replied yes. Jeff Aspenwall said that what we need is committee members, not necessarily board members. We need to organize neighborhood groups to take care of neighborhood issues; hand pulling, etc. Alf Sivertson provided a history of how COLA was originally organized; committees had a much stronger roll. Kevin suggested we create a calendar of activities; when people are needed for COLA activities. Kevin suggested putting materials together to help others identify CLP and milfoil. Kevin also covered legal. Kevin will email.

**Membership:** Need to refine definitions of membership; is it a property, a couple, multiple persons under one household membership.

**2020 Planning:** The COLA board needs to get going on 2020 projects plus budgeting.

**Mechanical Boats for AIS Removal:** Gary Pulford mentioned a meeting at Boulder Lodge on Lost Land Lake from 1-4 tomorrow. A move to mechanical removal would make our lives much simpler. There is a possibility of WDNR grant money available for equipment. Gary will email for on-water demo next week.

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