

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



August 25, 2017

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Mark Lastrup, Chris Bedwell, Jim Coors, Kevin Horrocks, Steve Umland, Chuck Gundersen, Dick Laumer

Present from Committees and Guests: Dan Tyrolt, Susan Kendrick Susan Horrocks, Carol Heinrich

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the June 24 minutes was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the profit and loss statement for January 1 - July 28 showing a balance of \$15,961.38. Some funds go to the Foundation but a lot of membership money came in in August. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Membership: Kevin Horrocks suggested focusing on what we can get realistically; don't waste time going after a couple of people. He also argued for a web-based membership database. Chris Bedwell said that membership paper comes in to her and then she has to scan to get them to Chris Gales. Kevin Horrocks asked for a separate meeting between himself, Susan Horrocks, Susan Kendrick, Jim Coors and Chris Bedwell to develop a strategy. COLA should push people to renew membership on line: Chris Bedwell suggested that COLA look at nonprofit rates for software and use the Foundation to purchase. Jim Coors will call Kevin Horrocks to schedule the meeting.

COLA Bling: Jac Coverdale will help with the design of caps, shirts, beverage containers. The LCO beverage containers came from Walgreens.

SSC Update: Closed session.

Open session:

Shoreland Buffers: Sarah Boles asked Gary Pulford and Kevin Horrocks about criteria for program acceptance. Kris Sivertson communicated with her on the issue. The 35' buffer and native plant

requirements created problems for implementation. Kris Sivertson has all of the information to contact potential clients. COLA will suggest a 15' minimum but suggest more and tie the grant amount to depth of buffer. If COLA can get WDNR grant money for buffer development, it will use the money for 35' projects, Foundation money will be used for projects with a buffer depth less than 35'. Chris Sivertson said that COLA would have to resubmit a grant to access WDNR buffer dollars. A discussion followed on buffer depth: beware, 35-feet was a political number; the actual depth should be 75-80-feet. Dan Tyrolt said in some cases, the buffer should be 150-feet deep. Steve Umland asked if anyone saw a problem with taking shoreland buffer photos. Keven Horrocks responded that it depends on what we do with them. Updating photos on website is OK. Education important. COLA needs to get people thinking about it before the summer season. In siting restoration projects, geography should be part of the equation to spread projects out to try to influence neighboring properties. Kris Sivertson will have a rough draft of the contract with Sarah Boles available next meeting.

Boat Launch: Mark Lastrup said that the kerfuffle at the LCO boat ramp was due to Eli Robbins sister taking over for him so that he could play in the Hayward golf tournament. Eli had been previously given permission to get a sub. His last day is 9/29, this coming Sunday. He is on his way to Madison to start college. The deadline for submittal to WDNR for reimbursement is Dec. 10.

OHWM Gauge: The gage has been installed. Kevin Horrocks and Gary Pulford inspected the gage and found that the ordinary high water mark (1287.27' above mean sea level) reads 1.17 on the staff gauge. Kevin said that the lake is up 5-inches from rain event from last week. The gauge information will be available on the COLA website. Dan Tyrolt said that the dam doesn't have as much influence on lake level as evaporation does.

GIS Software: COLA has applied to the ESRI Nonprofit Program that provides GIS software for a nominal fee to nonprofit conservation organizations. COLA has applied through the Foundation and needs access to the program in order to provide and support map hosting services to the COLA website. We are awaiting notification on acceptance to the program.

New Tribal Chair: The new tribal chair is aware of and supports the partnership but is busy with the transition. As time permits, a meeting will be scheduled.

Shoreline Monitoring: Dick Laumer is taking over for Susan Horrocks. There is a need to develop a strategy for hand pulling and to coordinate monitoring with harvesting. COLA should stress the use the forms on website to report and coordinate. Susan Horrocks suggested having Sawyer County provide another training class on plant identification.

Highland Condo Runoff: Gary Pulford and Chris Bedwell said that water samples taken during a rain event showed 300 and 500 ppb phosphorus coming off of the condo parking area. Todd Bedwell has pulled two additional samples. A meeting has been scheduled between WDNR, COLA and representatives of the condo association.

Musky Bay Sediment Deposition Sites: Chuck Gundersen knows someone with land on Musky Bay that might be available for the temporary storage of dredged material. Chuck will pass the information along to Mike Persson.

Other: Chris Bedwell is sending in the Wisconsin Lakes membership renewal. Mark Lastrup informed the Board that St. Francis has completed the installation of internet access to the meeting building and

COLA needs to pay the \$500 that the Board approved for the project. Chris Bedwell asked Mark Lastrup to provide an email requesting the payment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.