

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES



January 27, 2017

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Laustrup, Chris Bedwell, Steve Umland, Chuck Gundersen, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline, Kevin Horrocks

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt, Susan Kendrick

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the January 6 minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Chuck Gundersen. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the 2017 budget summary and a recap of 2016. COLA is starting out 2017 with \$7650 in the account

Final Adjustments/Approval of the 2017 Budget: Chris changed/rearranged the names of accounts per the January 6 meeting. The total budget for 2017 is \$258,500 with \$138,000 coming from the Foundation. A motion to approve the budget was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Summary of LCOFI Board Meeting: The LCOFI Board met via conference call earlier in the day. The year 2016 turned out to be a record year with \$118,000 collected from 332 donors, up from 268 in 2015. Some Board members were worried about donor fatigue and it didn't happen. The LCOFI Board recognizes the importance of the communications campaign in increasing donations in 2016.

Summary of WDNR Fisheries Forum: Mike Persson said that Max Wolter thinks the musky problem in LCO is due to northern pike predation and the lack of spawning habitat. They will remove 3000-4000 pike and restock other lakes and/or provide to food pantries. Max is looking to remove fish with an average size of 20-inches. Large pike will be returned to LCO. Mike said that Muskies, Inc. will donate \$1,000 to the musky spawning habitat feasibility study with additional support in later years if necessary. Mike Persson will use Max Wolter, Dan Tyrolt and Frank Pratt to scope the feasibility study. Kris Sivertson said that COLA will need a document as part of the study to submit for funding of the actual work and a consultant should be hired to develop the material.

Approval of Donation to Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin: A motion to provide \$250 to the kids fishing event was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Chuck Gundersen. The vote was unanimous.

Update on UWSP Forestry Practices Evaluation: Gary Pulford summarized the project. Phase 1 will show who owns Forestry 1 land in the UCRW watershed and whether or not BMPs have been developed for those lands. Phase 2 will identify lands susceptible to erosion based on slope, soil type and proximity to waterbodies. Phase 3 will develop forestry web tools that consultants can use to design cutting strategies and Phase 4 will analyze aerial photography/satellite data to develop a clear cut data layer that will then be compared to lands at risk per Phase 2. Kevin Horrocks suggested that UWSP look at the WDNR Hunting page that shows what forestry parcels are available for hunting.

AIS/CBCW Update: Steve Umland said he was applying for a grant for big LCO and believes Alex Smith will act favorably. With the grant come requirements and some feel it would be better to fund AIS work through the Foundation. Mark Laustrup suggested going after grant money in order to free up Foundation money that could be spent elsewhere. Kevin Horrocks stated that it was the responsibility to members to try to get the state money. Mark Laustrup made a motion to go after the grant and the motion was seconded by Chuck Gundersen. The vote was unanimous. Steve Umland said that the pre-survey will include Stuckey Bay and that the Jonjak canal also needs to be treated; it's the source of yearly re-infestation. Dan Tyrolt said COLA needs to revise the Aquatic Plant Management Plan to include triggers for treatment. COLA will need to determine at what level, treatment is necessary. No additional field work is required as there are data available from what's been done in the past. Dan will head up a review of the existing plan. Steve Umland said that Stuckey Bay will be treated this year. Mark Laustrup said that Ely Robbins has agreed to work the LCO Hwy K boat ramp the summer of 2017 and will be paid \$12.50 per hour.

Status of WDNR-WSCGA Settlement: Closed session. The discussion resulted in agreement to authorize the attorney to prepare for round 2.

Email Blast to Membership on Fleur de Lane Rezone Request: The communication will be sent out to membership explaining COLA Board action and notifying members of the February 16 County Board meeting on the request.

COLA Webpage Update: No action

Communication Strategy, Next Three Months: No action

2017 Event Dates: The July picnic will be at Trails End Resort. Kris Sivertson will work with Michelle to set a date. The Annual Meeting will take place June 17, 2017.

The next COLA Board meeting will occur March 3, 2017.

Adjourn: 5:15 PM