



## COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2015

**Present from Board:** Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Laustrup, Steve Umland, Steve Lilliblad, Jim Coors, Kevin Horrocks, Paul Eckerline

**Present from Committees:** Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Kris Sivertson.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Lilliblad reported a balance of \$9,000 in the COLA account and the net cost of the picnic at \$570. Steve informed the board that the Wisconsin Lakes membership has gone from \$350 to \$750 because of the withdrawal of financial support by WDNR. Mark Laustrup made a motion to pay the \$750 and it was seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

**Election of Officers:** The board decided to keep the board membership as is for the time being.

**LCOFI Golf Tournament:** Kris Sivertson reminded everyone of the upcoming event at Big Fish Golf Club. He asked that those who want to play or host a hole to let him know. Steve Lilliblad will be taking photos at hole #2. Kris asked that everyone spread the word to increase participation.

**Clean Boats Monitor and Invasive Species Update:** A discussion on whether to pay the dismissed individual culminated with a motion by Steve Umland that without documentation, there should be no payment. The motion was seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous. Kris Sivertson indicated that COLA needs to confirm that the new inspector is available. Mark Laustrup will call Allen Hoeft to find out the status.

Steve Umland will be checking for Eurasian Milfoil tomorrow on Little LCO. There will be no application for a rapid response grant this year; the plants are dispersed and will be hand pulled. Steve said he had a discussion with a Mr. Spaeth who is concerned that the treatment of Musky Bay is impacting the fishery. Spaeth suggested to break the bay up into six sections and treat one or two sections per year. Paul Eckerline suggested that we add him to the Invasive Species Committee. Gary Pulford will send him the 2014 final report and a copy of the 2015 permit. Kevin Horrocks suggested that Mr. Spaeth visit with Alex Smith, WDNR. Jim Coors said that there are different opinions on the impact of treatment on the fishery and that Art Malin should be contacted for his opinion.

**Recap of Annual Meeting, Boat Parade and Picnic:** The general consensus was that the low turnout at the Annual Meeting was probably due to the good weather. In addition, it conflicted with

Musky Fest. Kris Sivertson suggested moving the Annual Meeting up a week to eliminate the possible conflict. He also suggested using handouts next year instead of presentations.

Paul Eckerline said that there was some confusion as to the start time and location for the July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade. He will work with Tom Jones to better communicate next year.

Kevin Horrocks said that we need to get Allan and Barbara Hoeft to come to the monthly meeting and explain what is involved in putting the picnic together. We should make sure that they attend the August meeting.

**Review and Approve Admin/PR/Legal Strategies:** Alf Sivertson indicated that dates and direction have been agreed to by the Tribe and COLA. The PR strategy will be ready for the August meeting.

Dan Tyrolt said that the EPA decision on TAS status is expected by June 2016. Gary Pulford recapped the plans for the 2016 Impaired Waters list (West Basin & Whitefish) Steve Umland said the COLA should be prepared for pushback from Whitefish Lake. Jim Coors suggested that COLA start contacting property owners directly on Sand Lake and Whitefish Lake. COLA will use a consultant for implementation of the 9 key element plan. Limnotech will provide names of facilitators. Kevin Horrocks suggested asking Dale Olson (Sawyer County) to host a meeting amongst Upper Corderay River watershed lakes to address septic systems and direct drainage buffers, those things that individual property owners have some control over. Kevin Horrocks agreed to help with forestry BMP's and Gary Pulford and Mark Lastrup will work on agriculture. A motion to approve the strategies (up to legal) was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous.

Legal – Executive Session. Motion to accept, Steve Umland and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous. Executive Session ends.

**Recap of Meeting with NRCS/Sawyer County:** Gary Pulford and Mark Lastrup met with Tim Siedl (Sawyer County) and Ron Speiring (NRCS) to define a strategy to inventory ag lands within the Upper Couderay River watershed (UCRW). Tim and Ron provided information on databases available to address the effort, including interactive GIS maps of soil characteristics and slope. A general consensus was reached on responsibilities associated with the 9 key element plan. Limnotech thinks they can handle the inventory using USDA databases. Dan Tyrolt indicated that the information is required to meet the requirements of a 9 key element plan'

**Short Ears–Long Tails:** Jim Coors indicated that the contract with Kathy Hansen is for six months and upcoming articles on Musky Bay Fishing, Watersheds and Chicago Bay will fulfill her responsibilities. Jim asked if COLA wanted to continue with the effort. Steve Umland stated that the effort must continue. A motion to extend the contract for six months was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. Jim Coors told the board to begin thinking of topics.

**Shoreline Restoration Update:** Kris Sivertson indicated that they will be breaking ground on the first project the beginning of next week. Kris has taken the before pictures and Kelly (Sawyer County) will document progress. A couple of others are in the works.

**Website Update:** Mark Lastrup summarized activities that occurred the previous month. Jim Coors indicated that he was having trouble accessing the site using Mac devices. Mark Lastrup said he would contact Applied Data Consultants to rectify the problem.

**New Board Member:** Jim Coors will approach Chris Gales to see if he is willing to serve as the Membership Chair.

**Coaster Update:** Mark Lastrup indicated that coasters have been placed at Trailways Inn, Trails End Resort, The Fireside and Italia Ristorante. Kris Sivertson asked Mark to approach The Waterfront.

**Fall Loon Call:** Kevin Horrocks asked that articles be provided to him by late summer.

**Teleconference Update:** Gary Pulford indicated that the cost will approach \$400-\$500 for a good unit. Kevin Horrocks made a motion to purchase a unit and it was seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

**Other:** Gary Pulford said that Limnotech has completed the initial TDO3 modelling and the results indicate a need for additional modelling. A motion to provide Limnotech with an additional \$13,000 was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Steve Lilliblad. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.