



## COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2015

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

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

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM by Kris Sivertson.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Lilliblad reported a balance of \$13,600 in the COLA account. The \$1300/month COLA is paying for communications consultants will begin to draw it down. The overall outlook is good.

**Annual Meeting...Are we ready?** Gary Pulford indicated that Cathy Hanson and Susan Kendrick will not be attending. There was discussion on Susan adding her name to COLA documents. The decision was yes on non-policy documents. Policy documents will go out with the signature of the President. The annual meeting outline was reviewed and everyone who is presenting is ready. The end of the terms of four people are coming up and will need to be voted on.

**Drone Purchase** Alf Sivertson reviewed the legal basis for the use of drones and they are legal although rules are currently being promulgated. Sue Horrocks said that people don't like the idea of drones flying over private property. Alf Sivertson stated that it would be used to document degradation of Musky and Stuckey Bays. Kevin Horrocks said that nothing the growers are doing is illegal and what benefit are photos in that environment. Alf Sivertson asked to board to look at the track record with photos that have benefitted COLA. Dan Tyrolt indicated that the drone photos would be useful for a bay wide view. Plant concentrations can be analyzed throughout the growing season and the progressive growth of algae throughout the bays can be documented. It would also be useful to document discharges and a rapid response benefit to characterize the impact of big rain events. A motion for COLA to contribute not more than \$3000 for the purchase of a drone for the LCO Conservation Department to visually document in-lake

changes to water quality was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Steve Lilliblad. The vote; three were opposed and one abstained. The motion carried.

**2015 COLA Budget Adjustments** Kris Sivertson asked if there were adjustments that we should let the LCOFI know about. Steve Umland indicated that additional funds for CLP treatment will be required this year because of new discoveries and Gary Pulford said that water quality monitoring should be \$20,000 instead of \$15,000.

**Clean Boats Inspections** Allan Hoeft indicated to Mark Lastrup that the individual who was hired to do boat inspections was not fulfilling his obligations and that he was going to be fired. Allan was leaving for Alaska and said he would take care of the problem when he returned. Mark Lastrup contacted Eli Robbins whom Allan had mentioned and he was interested. Kevin Horrocks asked what happened to reporting requirements. The issue was tabled until Allan returns and an announcement will be made at the Annual meeting for someone to take over the administration of the clean boats project.

**COLA Hats** Mark Lastrup indicated that the hats will soon be delivered and asked what they should be sold for. He indicated that \$15 would cover the cost and made a motion to sell them for that. The motion was seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

**Communication and Legal Strategies** Executive session. Executive session ends

**Next Steps, Communication** Susan Kendrick will work with Shawn (LCO) and Jim Coors to initiate the campaign.

**Update and Help on the Shoreline Buffer Project** Kris Sivertson said that one property is under contract and one is in negotiation. Properties will be selected to represent different environments. A question was raised on whether COLA needs a contract with contractors. Kris Sivertson will look in to it. Kris suggested that the board talk it up to neighbors to get new clients. The project is massive and help will be needed in coordination and outreach. Kara Fitzpatrick is scheduled to complete the parcel work in the Thoroughfare Road neighborhood.

**CLP Update** Steve Umland indicated that the re-infestation of Stuckey Bay and Musky Bay and the identification of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Little LCO has dealt the treatment program a setback. He asked that given the circumstances in Stuckey Bay, do we continue to treat there. He said that Little LCO a big problem, as bad as Musky Bay was 5 years ago. Stantec has to wait for WDNR points in Little LCO before that can begin work.

**Healthy Lakes Workshop Recap** Gary Pulford said that an interesting outcome of the workshop was the observation that lake researchers are seeing a pattern establishing

itself based on property lines; tree lines are establishing inflection points and the concave shorelines between the tree lines are eroding.

**Other Items** Kris Sivertson indicated that the tribal emergent school is holding a golf tournament and can we support it? After some discussion, Kris Sivertson made a motion to provide \$1000 and the motion was seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.