

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



September 22, 2017

Board Members Attending: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Paul Eckerline, Steve Umland, Dick Laumer.

Also Attending: Dan Tyrolt and Jeff Aspenwall.

Secretary was not at the meeting so Kevin agreed to take Minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Gary to approve August meeting minutes, Paul seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell had sent Treasurer's Report ahead of time and she phoned in to go over it.

- *Some adjustments likely to be seen over next month are 2-3 more invoices paid regarding shoreline restoration and @ \$40,000 refundable from the DNR for the restorations.

- *SquareSpace website billing is new and will be coming.

- *Trail's End will be getting the invoice to Chris for the Annual Picnic for @\$2,000 Oct.

- *Last month got another \$250 in memberships.

- *Eli has been paid for the Clean Boat work.

- *Attorney fees for July and August.

- *Susan Kendrick two invoices.

- *PIT Tags for the musky stocking will be half paid for by COLA and half by Muskies Inc, it will show up next month.

Steve moved to accept the Report and Paul seconded, all approved.

SSC Statewide Rulemaking: There will be work with the DNR to hammer out the rules and specifics. There is an advisory committee for adopting statewide Site Specific Criteria administrative rules, as the rules shape up this can affect how the DNR proposes SSC for LCO. We can expect the cranberry growers to have representation there. No foreseen environmentalists there. Pines Bach 'can' monitor it. Hans from LimnoTech 'could' go.

Gary 'can' go and **Paul made motion for Gary to go and expenses be covered by COLA, Steve seconded, all were in favor.** This will allow COLA to have closer understanding of what's going on, and what, if anything, to do.

Musky PIT Tags: COLA had earlier voted to pay half of the cost for the Tags. These are little sensors attached at the fish's gill which can subsequently be read by a scanner. DNR has scanners and Dan pointed out that many musky fishermen also have the scanners so netted or caught fish "information" can be scanned and turned over to the DNR.

Max Wolter had asked for assistance with netting, pit tagging and moving and releasing the 3,900 muskies into LCO October 10 and 11. Gary, Mike Persson, Allen Hoeft all volunteered to help.

Kevin to contact Max regarding additional assistance if he needs it, and to go over details of Crowd Funding this effort to try to recover some of the money for COLA and for Muskies Inc. Paul made a motion to try this and Steve seconded, all were in favor.

Final EVAAL Report: Gary and Kevin are and will be working on PR and clarification of the Report regarding Erosion Vulnerability.

ESRI Nonprofit status: The licenses for the mapping software are \$100 per user, At this time agreement is to get two, one for Mark and one for Jim. These should help as more work is done regarding Best Practices for erosion for agriculture and for Forestry Best Practices.

Steve brought up using drones for corresponding shoreline photography/monitoring. Gary brought up that the protocols are "not" for aerial images. But, perhaps the protocols could be enhanced with aerial. On the other hand the County does not have up to date Lidar (sp?) measures showing the elevations which are key to all the erosion concerns. Theirs date back to the 1940s. Cost at \$45,000 to \$50,000 too high for COLA to do. Steve and Jeff will bring a proposal to the October Bd meeting for completing an updated shoreland survey of the LCOs using MN/WI protocols possibly enhanced with aerial imagery

Neighborhood Network idea: COLA has other communications needs directed to members and shoreline owners which may not be best handled by Short Ears Long Tales, or by the website, or by e-mail "BLASTS". However, some of the options may expose COLA to greater involvement in non-water/lake related issues; insurance, social gatherings/issues, rental issues etc. Paul brought up that in his area of the lake there is an informal sharing of e-mails and communication between neighbors. Should COLA get involve in some other/additional means of communicating?

FaceBook was brought up as an example, too. Part of the question is how many COLA members or LCO Shoreline owners are "on" FaceBook? How many look up LCO Lake issues on FaceBook? With how many other topics are on FaceBook does this work?

No decision made. More information will likely be needed.

Rock removal in channel from Big to Little LCO: Need a permit from DNR or permission from the Tribe, and two of the landowners along the channel. No decision to proceed.

Question came up of having access to Bass Lake Town Hall internet while having meetings in building. Kevin to follow up.

Clean Boats: Kevin went over conversation he had with COLA member who had reported lack of inspection of boats when Eli had to have a weekend off and had his sister (?) cover for him. Basic decision was that for 2018 Steve, if necessary, will help train the monitor as to the two main weeds of concern; CLP and EWM. If monitor cannot cover all days there will likely be no backup, at least no backup the monitor picks unless COLA has trained that person, too. Or perhaps one or two COLA Board people would cover on a volunteer basis.

2018 Impaired Water Listing of LCO: Gary is drafting the COLA comment letter from which an example comment for members can be drafted by Susan. The DNR may notice the draft list “any day” and then there will be 30 days for response. Key is to focus on dissolved oxygen and less on phosphorus as the lake is being declared impaired due to the DO problems.

Sediment depositing: Mike Persson will be in contact with Chuck Gunderson regarding the shoreline owner Chuck knows who may be a back up to the agreement Mike might have already made with another owner.

Website maintenance: Though Mark and Jim were not present it was agreed it makes sense that they be the two COLA Board members of primary responsibility. However, any voting will be delayed until meeting when both are present. Also, Kevin asked that all Board members go onto the site and look it over and be prepared to discuss it at next meeting.

Other: On October 6 Dave Kasper will meet with Alf and Gary regarding point source definition.

Kevin briefly discussed his first meeting with the LCO Foundation, Inc meeting.