

## **Minutes of CFAPOA Board Meeting August 8, 2024 in person and at the Town of Hunter Offices and via telephone**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order in person at the Town of Hunter Offices and via telephone with members present at 6 PM. Members present: Mike Gardner, Tony Schubert, Paul Tweed, Kevin Krug, Terry Wall, Randy Hulke, Mark Zich, Kevin Flesch, Jeff Wolfe, Lindsey Schubert, Randy Hulke and Dave Koenings. Guest was Dennis Claggett.

### **2. Public Comment**

No Public Comment taken.

### **3. Board Minutes**

The Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 11, 2024 were reviewed and minor revisions suggested. The motion to approve amended minutes by Hulke and seconded by Wall. Motion passed.

### **4. New Board Members and Elections**

New board members were welcomed and general discussion about board members elected to the open two year terms (filling prior resignations) and three terms. It was decided that Tony Schubert and Mark Zich would fill the two year terms vacated by prior resignations of board members. The other board members elected at the annual meeting will be for the customary three year terms.

Board Officer Elections commenced by Randy Hulke and Kevin Krug nominating Mike Gardner to be Chair of the Board for the next year. There was also a nomination by Hulke and Krug to nominate Tony Schubert as Vice Chair, Kevin Flesch as Secretary. Finally, Terry Wall and Tony Schubert nominated Randy Hulke for Treasurer. The nominations were then closed and the board voted unanimously on those nominated to fill the leadership roles for the Board until the next annual meeting.

### **5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement**

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and questions answered. Highlight of report included that we spent more this month than we brought in but that is not unusual for this time of year. Still have \$14,000 in unrestricted funds. \$153,000 in reserves in the bank at this time. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Moved by Schubert and Wall. Motion passes unanimously.

General discussion was then had about the grant process for next year and keeping track of volunteer time to leverage money gotten through grant potentially. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **a. Invasive Species**

Clean boats/clean waters going well. Program continues to run well.

Aquatic Plants: 525 point survey is being completed now. Will be interesting to see how it compares to full lake survey next year. Work in progress on update on full lake survey for 2025 and an updated aquatic management plan in 2026. Looking forward to some real scientific data for use in making decisions about the habitat drawdowns in the future. General discussion about

Will work on Grant placeholder by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Fisheries**

PIP is ongoing and seems to be working well. Reminder that possession limit for pike is 10 total. Discussion about the potential for more tree drops this Winter.

**c. Citizen Science/Loon Rangers**

Northland College is having significant financial concerns and unsure how this will affect the Loon Ranger/Watch in the future. This year zone 3 has had some unusual activity with 24 adults and no chicks. Suggestion raised that rising water during nesting has affected ability of adults to have chicks this year. Potentially leading to 2<sup>nd</sup> nesting cycle. Will wait for reports in the Fall. Did recruit three more volunteers and requests for additional platforms for next year.

**d. Shoreline Protection**

Still watching for legislation that may be introduced in the Fall. Recommendation for Board to view the diagrams about effects of wake surfing and to continue to educate any members who have questions. Reminder that the average depth of the Flowage is 12 feet- a lot of damage is done by wake boats at the 12 foot depth range.

**e. Membership**

Membership is down by 31 members. Discussion about what efforts need to be made to make the Association more interesting and important for people to join. Also down about \$ 4,000 in donations. General discussion again about going to Tiger Musky, Musky tale and Big Musky to bring in new members in those communities.

It was realized that we need a new plaque for lifetime members who join. Our current plaque is almost completely full. Motion to approve the purchase of a new plaque to publish lifetime members. Moved by Tony Schubert and seconded by Gardner. Motion passed unanimously.

**f. Communications**

Echoed concerns about membership being down and the need for more communication/marketing of the Association to landowners relating to all that the area

offers in recreational activities and how our Association is a steward for them get involved in promoting and protecting the area.

General discussion about Board meeting logistics and the use of more technology for meetings to include zoom, meeting owl and how we should continue to meet throughout the year. No action taken and September meeting will continue to be in person and by tele-conference. Discussion about the Town of Hunter and what Wi-Fi resources and other electronic means are available through the Town. No action taken but further research to be done.

A proposed Membership Renewal Form had been provided to the board prior to the meeting. Randy Hulke discussed in general why the form could/should be modified to streamline the renewal process and to potentially help with accounting for membership dues and donations. significant time was spent discussing how the online forms affect how moneys are accounted for and how the members may view the new forms in changing habits in renewals and donations. It was agreed that with whatever change is made the change should be to make the process easier for everyone and less costly to implement changes in the future considering the technology needed to stay up to date.

## **6. Chair Agenda**

### **A. Board Policy Manual**

Chair Gardner proposed that the Board needs to update the Board Manual given to new board members as it is out of date and needs revisions. Additionally, it needs to be provided for each board member but right now is not very helpful when considering our current structure and how the board operates. In the coming months, he made it a goal to make the updates in the Table of Contents, included documents, by-laws, accounting procedures, policies and job descriptions so it can be ready for use later this year and fully integrated for the next Board to be provided. No formal action was taken by the Board.

### **B. Annual Meeting**

Annual meeting went well and we are very excited to have the new board members joining us. Looking forward to great work from this Board this year.

### **C. Other Business**

None

### **D. New Business**

None

## **7. Next Board Meeting September 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM in person and by telephone.**

8. **Motion to Adjourn by Hulke and seconded by Tony Schubert, unanimous approval Meeting Adjourned at 730 pm.**