

Minutes of CFAPOA Board Meeting April 4, 2024 via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order electronically via Zoom with members present at 6 PM. Members present: Mike Gardner, Tone Schubert, Terry Wall, Dave Koenings, Doug Kurtzweil, Jeff Wolfe, Mark Zich, Dustin Pyykola, and Kevin Flesch. Dennis Clagett and Julie Thompson were guests.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment taken.

3. Board Minutes

The Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 7, 2024 were reviewed and accepted. The motion to be approved by Wall and seconded by Koenings. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Treasurer's Report was reviewed relating to the electronic filings and discussion about renewing CD when it comes up for renewal. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Moved by Schubert and Seconded by Wall. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

a. Invasive Species

Clean Boat Clean Water Committee is still seeking two new ramp monitors. Discussion about timing of hiring of volunteers and opportunities as Summer gets closer.

b. Fisheries

No report but discussion about placing cribs and positives and negatives for this type of fish habitat restoration. No action taken.

c. Citizen Science/Loon Rangers

Loons have been spotted on the lake within the last couple of days. Forms and instructions will be sent out to volunteers. Northland College has been a bit slow this year in their response to inquiries. More information to come next month.

d. Shoreline Protection

Plant sale is a go for the Spring 2024. Emails sent out last week. Sale will be May 23-25. April 30 is the deadline to order for the sale.

e. Membership

Discussion about decline in membership and what the causes may be and whether the significance of the decline is accurate. Generally, all agreed that membership needs to be driven by the group having more outreach to the community and engagement with users of the Flowage to increase members.

f. Communications

Slide presentation by Dave Koenings relating to work of the committee and plan and recommendation of committee for future communication with the community. No action taken at this time by the Board.

6. Chair Agenda

A. Spring Fling

Motion to eliminate Spring Fling for 2024 and into the future as membership does not seem to want it and attendance has been low the last several years. Moved by Pyykola and Seconded by Koenings. Motion passes 6 in favor and 3 opposed.

B. Partner's Meeting on April 4, 2024

Discussion at meeting about need for invasive species and plant management plan. DNR grant will be applied for with all stakeholders taking part in a full survey of the lake in 2025. General discussion about grant process, use of volunteers vs. private consultants and biologists.

Hay Creek Boat landing will be improved this year, including pit toilets to be added.

C. New Business

Nancy Ruhlow has passed away. General discussion of her involvement in the organization and her love of the Flowage. She has been a real asset and ambassador to the resource. She will be missed.

Motion to send a donation in Nancy's name of \$100 to the Hayward Community Food Shelf on the part of the organization in recognition of Nancy's lifetime of service to the Chippewa Flowage and its members. Moved by Wall and Seconded by Kurtzweil.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. Next Board Meeting May 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM in person and by telephone.

8. Motion to Adjourn by Wall and seconded by Flesch, unanimous approval Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm