

Minutes of CFAPOA Board Meeting December 7, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at the Town of Hunter Town Hall with members present Via Zoom at 6 PM. Members present: Mike Gardner, Tony Schubert, Terry Wall, Mark Zich, Dustin Pyykola, Kevin Flesch, Dave Koenings, Julie Thompson-Czub, David Koenigs, Randy Hulke and Jeff Wolf. Dennis Clagett was a guest.

2. Public Comment

No topics were raised during public comment.

3. Board Minutes

The Minutes from the Board Meeting on November 3, 2023 were reviewed and accepted. Motion to approve amended minutes. The motion to approve by Hulke was seconded by Pyykola.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Randy presented the Treasurer's Report and last month's financial statements. Accounts and balances are recorded and accurate. Flesch Motion to approve Report, Second by Wall, all in favor, treasurer's report was accepted.

Annual Budget was presented and discussion was had regarding the proposed budget. Explanation of process of moving money from general funds to special projects was discussed. Discussion about PIP and what level of funding should occur for 2024 as to the budget and implications. Discussion about member management software and need for upgrade for better control and communications.

Motion to approve Annual Budget as presented. Moved by Schubert and seconded by Wall. Budget approved unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

a. Invasive Species

Discussion about the wonderful work done by the Adopt a shoreline volunteers. Dennis Clagett to schedule meetings about loose strife recognition for continued education for all..

b. Fisheries

Discussion about the Pike Improvement Project (PIP). For 2024 and what amount of prize money should be allocated from the organization. Also, discussion about the rules and modification considering the increase in legal bag limits as of May 2024. Motion to reduce prize money to \$1000 total, \$500 for first prize, \$300 for 2nd prize and \$200 for third prize. No bonus prizes allotted. Also authorize up to \$250 to be paid toward any tagging program created by the DNR for more accurate evaluation of results of program. Moved by Wall and seconded by Schubert. Motion passed.

Additional discussion about needs for change in wording in posters and discussion about contacting author of posters for changes to be made. Finally, general discussion about need for “summit” with other lake associations to discuss results in other places and to learn about how to make management of the species better for the Flowage.

c. Citizen Science/Loon Rangers

Report has been submitted to Northland College. Loon recruitment this year was good. Looking into using app through Cornell Lab to more easily track loons in the area. May test in Summer of 2024 for widespread use the following year.

d. Shoreline Protection

Plant sale is a go for the Spring 2024. Lots of discussion throughout the State about the wakeboard legislative initiatives. Will continue to monitor and update Board with legislative actions.

Motion to send letter supporting legislation AB6561 and SB680 to appropriate sponsors of the legislation. Moved by Wall and seconded by Schubert. Motion passes unanimously.

e. Membership

Discussion about need for updated software for continued communication with members and to facilitate an easier publication of updates and newsletter. No action taken at this time.

Monthly meeting minutes need to be updated on the website more frequently. Secretary Flesch will get minutes uploaded quickly in the future.

6. Chair Agenda

A. Grant Discussion

Grant application was not submitted because we were missing critical data from other sources that was not available by the deadline last month. Hoping we can receive additional information by grant deadline in 2024.

B. New Warden and status of Flowage

New warden has been hired, Chad Ziegler. There is planned construction work to be performed on CC North Boat Landing. Not sure when construction is to occur.

Construction on Hay Creek boat landing has been postponed. Contractor issues. Water level outflow currently is low as no snowpack and very little moisture the last month.

New Business

- A. The newsletter needs updates for the Winter edition from all committees and any other articles by January 12, 2024.

7. Next Board Meeting February 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM

8. Motion to Adjourn by Hulke and seconded by Wall, unanimous approval Adjourned at 7:35 PM