

**Cokato Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 16, 2024  
6:30 pm  
COKATO LAKE RV RESORT – Big Red Barn**

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

Motion: Glen Posusta

Second: Scott Schoolmeesters

Self-introductions by Board members

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

A summary of the June minutes was read by Scott Schoolmeesters (substitute for Secretary - Heather Coffelt who was ill and had to miss the meeting)

Motion to accept minutes

Rob Huls

Second: Glen Posusta

**TREASURER REPORT:**

By Jim Wood

Reviewed financial info (please see Financial Statement on the last page)

Fish Fund

Annual meeting meals

Fish stocking

New line items: Credit card fees

Net assets \$9K

Motion to approve report: Rick Schultz

Second: Scott Maki

**VARIOUS UPDATES by Louis King:**

Boat landing access clean up

Fish stocking: approved sun fish stocking only. \$2K; different than past years; 800 fish in the 6"-8" range; 500 fish in the 2"-4" range. Goal: to attack carp eggs.

Individual contribution of 500 Walleye fry

DNR did not stock Cokato Lake this year

Perception is carp numbers are down

DNR: were on the lake last week; doing a survey of small fish by shore; hoop net seen on north end

We had 79 walleyes in a pond hour last year, and lots of small perch (3-4")  
Could explain why walleye fishing is slow this year

Water levels: higher than past years

Buoys: not placed this year, due to higher water levels. Designed to be in 2' water; have 4' chain length

Dual culvert and pond by the access.... Both township and County have approved to redo culverts; 3 piles of sand were placed at the lake access... might not get to it this year, hoping they will move the sand; will seek to get notified of timing

Project details are not known

Weed growth is being seen; 4-5 patches of bull rushes/cat tails now  
Hoping for more growth of this to help with habitat for our pan fish

Water Clarity: it has taken a step back from the trend of improved cleanliness  
Why? Guesses: lots of run off into the lake; 16,000 # carp removal results?  
More blooms this year.

Carp removal update: cannot get it done because financial benefit (the carp market) for carp fisherman is not there (low value of carp); only being done by private fundraising and paying to get it done. Need \$100K (we do not have this in our budget; we are looking at DNR funding options)

Reality: we will always have some carp

We have carp fisherman at night helping

Danny Winkelman is working on alternative funding options; hope to have options for our April meeting

**NOMINATIONS:**

Need all nominations by our June meeting for NEXT August election

All members are invited to be nominated;

For next year: 2 positions (Vice President and Board Member)

Motion for Jim Wood and Rick Schultz to be elected to Board positions

Jim Wood – Treasurer

Rick Schultz – Board Member

Motion: Scott Schoolmeesters

Second: Rob Radermacher

Approved

Comment about new vegetation:

Part of our plan is to grow vegetation; suggestion is to put orange fencing around it to protect it?

Motion to adjourn:

7:05 pm

\*See next page for Financial Statement

Cokato Lake Improvement Association

## Statement of Financial Income and Expenses

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

### Income

Dues	\$2890.00
Fish Fund	\$2536.00
Annual meeting meals	\$158.00
Total Income	<u>\$5584.00</u>

### Expense

Annual Dinner Meat	\$400.00
Fish Stocking	\$2000.00
Credit Card Fee	\$17.29
Website/Tech	\$159.17
Total Expense	<u>\$2576.46</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3007.54</u>
Transfer to CD	\$2000.00

## Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2024
Checking	\$2729.02	\$3736.56
CD	\$3596.12	\$5667.82
Total Assets	<u>\$5190.09</u>	<u>\$9404.38</u>

Active Members- 83