

COKATO LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY - August 13, 2021
Cokato Lake RV Resort - Big Red Barn
5:30pm - Registration
6:00pm - Potluck Meal & Pork Chops
7:00pm - Annual Meeting

Board Members in Attendance:

Louis King, Scott Maki, Jim Wood, Heather Coffelt, Jim Anderson, Rick Schultz and Tom Kenney

Approximately 60 members in attendance for the annual meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Motion: Mike Goetzmann

Second: Pat Kretsch

Secretary Report

Minutes from the last quarterly meeting in June 2021 were read by Heather Coffelt.

Motion to approve: Scott Maki

Second: Lynn Schoolmeesters

Treasurer Report – by Jim Wood

Cokato Lake Improvement Assoc. Fiscal Year 2020-2021

7/01/2020	Beginning Checking Balance	\$4,236.92
Income	Dues + Donations	\$3,577.00
	Fish Fund Donations	\$180.00
	Total Income	\$3,757.00
Expenses	Fish Stocking	\$5,500.00
	Annual meeting	\$421.03
	Buoys	\$832.78
	Misc.	\$118.15
	Total Expenses	\$6,871.96
6/30/2021	Closing Checking Balance	\$1,121.96

CD matures 10/22/2023- Current value- \$3,596.12

Motion to approve: Scott Maki

Second: Rick Schultz

Old Business:

1) Update on 3-year plan

Year 1 – Carp Removal

Year 2 – Stock with Sunfish

Year 3 – Vegetation

- Louis spoke to the commercial carp fisherman – he plans to remove carp from Cokato Lake this winter – weather dependent.
- Once the carp are removed, we will activate Year 2 of the plan.

2) Lake Association Fish Stocking efforts

- The association placed 50,000 walleye, 1,000 sunfish and 1,000 crappies in the lake this spring.
- In September, the DNR will conduct a shock test on our lake to gauge the success of their walleye stocking efforts. It will also provide the lake association information on our stocking efforts. The DNR did not conduct a shock test last year.

3) DNR Fish Stocking

- DNR placed 187,000 walleye fry in Cokato Lake this spring.

4) Membership Update

- We currently have 87 active members.
- 11 new members joined the lake association at tonight's meeting.

5) Placement of Hazard Buoys on Cokato Lake

- 3 Hazard buoys were purchased by the lake association and placed on the lake this spring.

New Business:

1) Possible Funding (Grant) Opportunities - Danney Winkelman

- Danney was not in attendance at the annual meeting – therefore, no update.

2) Vote on revised Association By-laws and Articles of Incorporation

Changes voted on at the annual meeting include:

- Candidates for election must be identified no later than the last quarterly meeting prior to the annual meeting.
- 3-year terms for officers
- 2 years of good standing with the association is required before being nominated and choosing to run for a board seat.
- Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting in August
- The board will include 4 officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and three additional board members for a total of 7 members of the Association Board.
- Staggered terms

- In case of vacancies or resignations, which may occur during the year, new Directors may be invited to serve on the board by the President but must be confirmed at the first subsequent meeting.
- Annual dues shall be payable starting 1st day of July each year in advance. Dues must be paid before a member can vote at any meeting after July 1st of the respective year. If dues for any year are not paid, the respective member shall no longer have voting rights. If a person is otherwise qualified, membership may be renewed at any time.

*****The revised by-laws are attached to the end of the meeting minutes.*****

Motion to accept changes to By-laws as discussed: Scott Schoolmeesters

Second: Jim Anderson

Vote to approve changes: All in favor with no oppositions.

3) Lake Level Study update

- Lake is very low right now due to the drought conditions.
- Louis King said he has been fishing here since 1988 (extreme drought year) and he hasn't seen Cokato Lake this low since 1988.
- Louis also told a story about Lake Minnetonka the year after the drought of 1988. In 1989 – within one month – the lake was above flood stage.
- Nobody can control the weather or the level of our lake.
- In 2002, Cokato Lake rose 5 feet in total depth in a matter of 3 days.

Fishing Report:

- Tough year for fishing on Cokato Lake.
- A couple people mentioned catching large catfish.
- Kids caught a lot of panfish at the RV Resort for the kid's fishing contest earlier this summer.
- Last two years has been tough for fishing but the water clarity has been great.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

Motion: Scott Maki

Second: Jim Wood

*****Note: See the updated By-Laws on the next page*****

Cokato Lake Improvement Association

By-Laws

1. The annual dues of each member shall be payable on the 1st day of July each year in advance and shall be \$26.00 per year unless an increase is voted at a regular annual meeting.

Revised By-law #1 (voted on this revision at the annual meeting):

1. The annual dues of each member shall be payable starting on the 1st day of July each year in advance. Dues must be paid before a member can vote at any meeting after July 1st of the respective year. If dues for any year are not paid during that calendar year, the respective former Member shall no longer have voting rights. If a person is otherwise qualified, membership may be renewed at any time. The Board of Directors shall establish dues for Members in amounts determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Dues may be changed or waived at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

2. The dues to the association shall be not less than \$2.00 per year plus any volunteer assessments.

Revised By-law #2 (voted on this revision at the annual meeting):

2. All Directors shall be elected for three year terms, or until their successors are elected and assume their office. The terms may be staggered so that one-third of the directorship shall be up for election each year. Directors shall assume their office immediately after their election. Only Members of the Association who are in good standing for 2 years prior may act as Directors. Candidates for election must be identified no later than the last quarterly meeting prior to the annual meeting. In the case of vacancies or resignations, which may occur during the year, new Directors may be invited to serve on the board by the President but must be confirmed by the membership at the first subsequent general membership meeting.

3. Delinquent members or property owners who are not members will not receive the services of the association.

4. The President shall preside at all regular meetings or Board of Directors meetings.

5. The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties and in the absence of the President he shall preside over all meetings.

6. It shall be the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer to keep a record of the associations; to call the roll, to keep an account between members and the association, to collect all dues and to pay all bills approved by the Directors and the President. He shall file a report of the receipts and expenditures for the year at each annual meeting. He shall deliver to his successor in office or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors to receive same, all moneys, books, papers and minutes of meetings, etc. pertaining to his office immediately upon expiration of his term.

7. Expenses of officers or Directors on official business of the association shall be paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

8. All bills of the association shall be passed on and approved by the Board of Directors.

9. No moneys of this association shall be spent for any purpose other than that for which the association was formed.