

***Cokato Lake Improvement Association
Quarterly Meeting
April 9, 2022
9:00am
GRACE HILL CHURCH
15905 US Hwy 12
Cokato, MN 55321***

Attendees: Louis King, Scott & Rhonda Maki, Heather Coffelt, Jim Wood, Troy Noor, Mark McDonald, Toby Kotila, Michael Siegfried, and Darren Jakel.

Meeting was called to order at 9:07am

Motion to approve agenda: Scott Maki

Second: Troy Noor

Secretary Report

Meeting Minutes from the January Quarterly Meeting were read by Heather Coffelt.

Motion to approve Secretary's Report: Rhonda Maki

Second: Jim Wood

Treasurer Report:

Read by Jim Wood - Treasurer

Statement of Financial Income and Expenses

July 1, 2021 through April 9, 2022

Income

Dues	\$2241.00
Fish Fund	<u>\$525.00</u>
Total Income	\$2766.00

Expense

Printing	\$24.19
Annual Dinner Meat	<u>\$239.80</u>
Total Expense	\$263.99
Net Income	<u>\$2502.01</u>

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	April 9, 2022	June 30, 2021
Checking	\$3623.97	\$1121.96
CD (matures 10/22/23)	\$3596.12	\$3596.12
Total Assets	<u>\$7220.09</u>	<u>\$4718.08</u>
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00

Membership Update: 62 paid members for 21/22.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Scott Maki
Second: Troy Noor

Old Business

- **3-year plan Update (Louis King)**
 - Our 3-year plan starts with Carp Removal. We can't implement the remainder of the plan before the carp harvest occurs.
 - Commercial Fishing/Carp Removal didn't happen this winter. Unfortunately, we don't have control over the commercial fisherman's timeline.
 - Louis agreed to research the cost associated with hiring a commercial fishman to harvest the carp.
 - If we decide to hire someone to harvest the carp – we will ask for donations to cover the cost. We've had people express an interest in donating for this cause.
 - Mark McDonald volunteered to Chair a project to collect donations to harvest carp - IF we decide to pursue hiring a commercial fisherman.
 - Mark McDonald and Louis King plan to attend a meeting at Rainbow Sportman's Club in Cokato to ask if they have interest in donating to harvest carp from Cokato Lake.
 - After the carp are harvested, the second phase of our 3-year plan is to replenish our sunfish population to curb the remaining carp population (sunfish eat carp eggs). This will occur the spring after carp removal.

- 3rd phase of our 3-year plan is to plant vegetation in the lake. This will occur in the spring/early summer after Phase 2 is implemented.
- **Missing Buoy**
 - Louis will search for the buoy on the shoreline once the ice is gone.
 - We do not plan to order a replacement buoy at this time – we will focus efforts on finding the lost one.
 - Louis will place the two remaining buoys in the lake once his boat is in the water this spring.

New Business

- **Fish Stocking plans for 2022:**
 - Association will spend \$2,500 to stock sunfish and walleyes. Equates to approximately 1,500 sunfish (typically \$1/sunfish) and 50,000 walleye fry.
 - We will purchase additional sunfish and walleye with the specific fish donation funds (\$525). The \$525 will be proportionately disbursed using the same sunfish/walleye ratio as was used for our \$2,500 payment.
60% sunfish/40% walleye fry = \$315 sunfish, \$210 walleye fry.
 - Louis will ask Rademacher about Jumbo perch (Rademacher is where we purchase our fish for stocking).
 - Anglers were catching a lot of walleyes in the 6-9 inch range this winter which is the walleye fry we put in the lake in May 2021. This indicates we had a successful fish plant last year.
- **Lake Level**
 - Our lake will always fluctuate to some degree because of our tributaries.
 - The DNR does not allow us to influence the dam functions/levels. The DNR is in control of the dam process and procedures.
- **Discuss Cokato Lake Improvement Association's Vision for 2022**
 - Mark MacDonald suggested an association project for Lake Cleanliness.
 - Research tributaries and watershed to see if there are tangible actions we can take to prevent direct run-off into Cokato Lake
 - Mark MacDonald agreed to chair this project.

- **Board Member Elections at 2022 Annual Meeting**

- President position is up for election this year
- 2 board member positions are up for election this year.
- Candidate submissions/nominations need to be received prior to the June quarterly association meeting OR at the June meeting. Our Association By-laws state that candidates for election must be identified no later than the last meeting before the annual meeting (in this case that would be June 18, 2022).

Excerpt from By-laws:

“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.”

- If you wish to submit your name or nominate someone for the President position or Board Member positions – please submit the information to Heather Coffelt (Secretary of Cokato Lake Improvement Association).
 - Heather’s contact information:
 - cokatolakeimproveassociation@gmail.com
 - heather@priortotheplate.com
 - Phone: 612-270-4290

Next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2022 at Grace Hill Church – Cokato, MN at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Motion to adjourn: Scott Maki

Second: Rhonda Maki