

# Cokato Lake Improvement Association

## Quarterly Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2023

9:00 am

Cokato Campground Conference Room

2945 County Hwy 4 SW

Cokato, MN 55321

Attendees: Louis King, Scott & Rhonda Maki, Jaime Chelman, Danney Winkelman, Nicholas & Jane Wattes, Mark & Stacy Raymond, Mac & Nan McDonald, Chad Johanneck, Toby Kotila, Rod & Rachel Huls, Dale Worm, Darren Jakel, Claire & Frank Roberts, Jim Stenzel, Loni and Aaron Miller, Alan & Tammy Hayda

**Motion to start meeting:** Danny Winkleman **Second:** Jamie Chelman

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am

### **Secretary Report:**

Annual Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2023 were read by Rhonda Maki

**Motion to approve Secretary Report:** Scott Maki **Second:** Danny Winkleman

### **Treasurer Report:**

**Statement of Financial Income and Expenses** - July 1, 2022 through April 4, 2023 read by Scott Maki

#### **Income:**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Dues                 | \$1,825.00 |
| Fish Fund            | \$256.00   |
| Annual Meeting Meals | \$230.00   |

Total Income: \$2,311.00

#### **Expenses:**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Buoy Chain         | \$52.95  |
| Annual Dinner Meat | \$318.00 |

Total Expenses: \$370.95

**Net Income:** \$1940.05

### **Statement of Financial Position**

| Current Assets        | July 1, 2022 | April 4, 2023 |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Checking              | \$1593.97    | \$3534.02     |
| CD (matures 10/22/23) | \$3596.12    | \$3596.12     |

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|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Assets | \$5190.09 | \$7130.14 |
| Liabilities  | \$0       | \$0       |

55 Active Members

**Motion to Approve Treasurers Report:** Jaime Chelman **Second:** Toby Kotila

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on 3 year plan (Louis King)
  - Commercial Fishing/Carp Removal
    - Nothing happened with the carp this winter. Mac McDonald started discussion about looking into alternative information and facts. Talked about Sauk Lake and Marion and fundraising for sweeten pot. Mac discussed talking to County and start tracking our lake with water samples and then they may be able to help.
    - Jim Anderson was called to give us information about his water sampling he does and who he submits it to. He informed us he enters his information to the PCA website (Pollution Control Agency). Mac indicated he would take on the water testing so the County may help us for free. Mac is going to find out all the information on what that would take and research other local lakes association to see what their processes/costs are for removal of carp.
    - Scott Maki asked how much it will cost to get Jeff Reidman out and get it done. Mark Raymond asked if our Jeff is for sure licensed and licensed this year to do Cokato Lake and what is his \$ to get out here. Louis asked if he should negotiate using some of the Associations funds. Darren Jackel agreed its time to get the \$ and facts from Jeff to see what it would take to get him out here soon. Mark mentioned it's important to start negotiations soon so we don't miss out on prime season of catching them. Scott mentioned there is potential \$3500.00 he could use to negotiate.
    - Danny Winkelman stated he was nervous about starting down a road where we open it up so that he won't come in the winter (for free as he said he would) now that we are opening paying him money.
    - Louis mentioned he would like to start around \$2,000 to see where the carp guy is at but if he goes upward of \$3500, Louis is going to ask for some sort of performance guarantee and guarantee two trips out.
    - Had motion to members to give Louis authorization to talk to our carp guy using up to \$3500 with guarantee 2 trips out. All were asked for their agreement - All said yes. Any No's? There were none.
    - Louis will let Heather know as soon as he has any information regarding his negotiations with Jeff. Heather will email everyone with this information.
- Lake Access Clean Up Project
  - Louis mentioned the Cleanout of the woods for clearer sight has been an improvement.
  - More small limbs, etc. cleanup will be done in the spring.
- Lake Access Depth
  - Darren asked if there has been spot dredging at the landing but Toby mentioned the sand will just naturally fill back in due to the nature of the lake.
  - A member has agreed to dredge the landing this spring at his own expense
  - No update from Jim Wood or Dustin Rademacher on the conversations with the DNR regarding the dam status and information they retrieved.

- Discussions regarding current buoy locations and new members requesting maybe a couple more in bad areas. Discussion was had that it's very important for each boat operator to know the lake. This lake is filled with rocks and we couldn't possibly put buoys everywhere where its hazardous. As well as the water levels play a significant role in when it's hazardous. New members requested maybe a map of the lake with hazardous/shallow areas be marked. No further movement was taken on that suggestion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fish Stocking Plans for 2023 – no discussions were had.
- New Carp Plan – Discussed in old business and a plan was developed and approved.
- Officer Nomination – Louis mentioned Heather will continue to be secretary but if anyone is interested, they should let us know before the August meeting. A Board Member (3year term) currently held by Jim Anderson is open and anyone interested must submit prior to our Quarterly Meeting in June.
- Fundraiser – Decision to first get all information/facts from Mark (looking into other local Associations on their carp removal costs/tactics) and Louis who will be reaching out to Jeff Reidman (our current commercial carp fisherman) to see what it would take financially to get him out on our lake as soon as possible. After that data is given, we will discuss if a fundraiser is necessary.

### **MEMBER FISHING REPORT**

- No fishing reports were given.

### **REMINDER**

- Louis reminded everyone as lake opens back up to be courteous when using boats and getting too close to one another.
- Louis encourages everyone to talk to their neighbors to come to the next meeting if they care about the lake and want it better.

**Motion to adjourn meeting:** Scott Maki **Second:** Jamie Chelman

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am