

# ***Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**03-15-2023 Zoom Board Meeting**

- I. Call to order** @ 7:04 PM Via Zoom
- II. Roll call:** Jeff Lindeman (P) Chuck Kowalski (P) Sharon Vaughn (P) Jerry Janssen (P) Rex Vaughn (P) Eric Wagner (P) Tammi Bennett (P) Kellie Hanna (P)
- III. Public Comment Agenda Items Only:** N/A
- IV. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Minutes-Meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022:
  - B. Treasurer Report:
    - i. AICLA Bank balances as of 2/1/2003: \$17,979.96
    - ii. AICLA Save the Lake Bank balances as of 2/1/2023: \$13,043.88
    - iii. Audit Report: Audit for FY 2021-2022 completed by Liske, Massey & Bueche, P.C. (See Attached)
  - C. Membership Report: 314 Paid members as of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Expired members sent a notice of expiration and request to renew membership.  
  
Motion by R. Vaughn to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Support by Linderman. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
- V. New Business:**
  - A. AICLA Membership Initiatives for 2023: Kowalski presented a Power-Point on benchmarking other lake community associations. Discussion on Electronic Payment options for members to pay AICLA membership fees and STL donations: Motion by R. Vaughn to authorize Kowalski to initiate a PayPal account and work with website designer to implement electronic payments for the AICLA-not to exceed \$500. Support by Wagner. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
  - B. Newsletter Distribution: Kowalski presented information from the benchmarking study that most lake associations only distribute their newsletter for paid members. After discussion, the AICLA will continue sending the newsletter to all Riparian owners on Cedar Lake for 2023. Distribution will be reviewed for 2024. Advertising will be offered for 2023 to help defray costs of publishing and mailing the newsletter.
  - C. Resignation-Brian Vokal- Interim Vice President: Accepted resignation w/regrets

- D. Appointment to Vice President vacancy: Motion by Linderman to appoint Kowalski to Interim Vice President. Support by Bennett. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
- E. Appointment to Secretary vacancy: Motion by Wagner to appoint Bennett to Interim Secretary. Support by R. Vaughn. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
- F. BOD Terms-Election: (Jeff) Currently all BOD terms are not staggered (All expire this year). If we extend 3 or 4 current board members to expire in 2024, this will preserve the legacy of knowledge onto newly elected members and eliminate the possibility of an all new board: Tabled to May General Meeting. Ad-hoc Committee will suggested bylaw updates, which will require membership presentation and approval of membership by 2/3 vote in the future.
- G. Committee Proposal: (1) Administration (2) Communication (3) Communication (4) Lake Science and Management: Discussion on creating committees. Current bylaws have “suggested” committees. Motion by Linderman to create 4 standing committees Support by Hanna. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
- H. Bylaw Revision: Discussion on bylaw review & updates. Motion by R. Vaughn to create an Ad-Hoc Bylaw review committee. (Linderman-Kowalski-R. Vaughn-Wagner) Support by Kowalski. Jeff Lindeman (Y) Chuck Kowalski (Y) Sharon Vaughn (Y) Jerry Janssen (Y) Rex Vaughn (Y) Eric Wagner (Y) Tammi Bennett (Y) Kellie Hanna (Y)
- I. 2023 Events Calendar:
  - i. Boater Safety: June 10<sup>th</sup> @ Harrisville Harbour Marina
  - ii. Annual Picnic: August 5<sup>th</sup> @ LSPOA Pavilion
  - iii. CBCW Initiative: July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend-DNR Launch
  - iv. Clean the Island: May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM
- J. Meeting Location: Greenbush Township available. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **VI. Old Business:**

- A. Treasurer Transition: No Issues
- B. Membership Transition: No Issues

## **VII. Informational:**

- i. **AICLA Membership Drive 2023:** (Jeff) 118 Members currently expired between FY 2022 thru FY2016. An email was sent to 77 expired members who provided email addresses. 41 letters USPS mailed to expired members who did not provide an email with their previous application/renewal. Expired Memberships will be reviewed by the Membership Team for further options going forward. Receipts for \$98.71 forwarded to Sharon/Eric for reimbursement. (Stamps-Paper-Ink Cartridges-Address Labels-Envelopes)

- ii. **Website Update:** (Jeff) Added new Board Members to the BOD Page with email addresses. Added Board Documents- 3 tabs: (1) AICLA Budget (2) AICLA Bylaws and (3) AICLA Board Meeting Minutes. {FY 2021-2022} Also added Meeting Dates for 2023. Invoice of \$75 forwarded to Sharon/Eric from Web Designer for payment. I can do minor updates to the website going forward, however major changes will need to be performed by our consultant.
- iii. **Clean Boats Clean Water:** (Jeff) EGLE & MSU Extension announced a CBCW grant for up to \$3,500 for this initiative on Inland Lakes. Our group has been involved as volunteers with this initiative for several years. I applied and requested \$2,400 for shirts-towels-advertising and postage for event feedback. If awarded, we would conduct this awareness at the Cedar Lake DNR Ramp on the 3 major holidays for 2023. Decisions and Grant Awards will be announced in May 2023. Any future Grant submissions will be evaluated by the Administrative Committee if created for submission.

UPDATE: Received denial email of grant application on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- iv. **Consumers Energy Planet- Land Water Air:** (Jeff) Consumers is offering \$500,000 in Grants for Non-Profits for the preservation and improvement of water quality. I attended a Grant Writing Class and prepared a Grant Request for \$150,000 for Cedar Lake Improvements. Outlined in this grant application were (1) Invasive Aquatic Harvesting (Mechanical-No Chemicals) (2) Habitat improvement to increase fish structure to promote spawning and growth of native species in Cedar Lake. (3) Increased fish stocking of Cedar Lake to include Walleye-Perch-Northern Pike and Red Ear. Consumers contacted me and advised our application was accepted and being forwarded for consideration since the application met all of the requirements. Decision and Grant Awards will be announced in May 2023. Any future Grant submissions will be evaluated by the Administrative Committee if created for submission.

UPDATE: Received denial email of grant application on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- v. **Lake Level Control Structure:** (Jeff) There have been several inquiries in regards to the “Lake Level Control Structure” Leaking. This has been discussed several times by the CLIB, with updates provided by the Alcona acting Drain Commissioner. Social Media focused on Cedar Lake has again called into question this structure and flowing water downstream of the structure. Based on these continued complaints, I contacted EGLE-Gaylord and spoke with Dam Inspector Mr. Size. Mr. Size stated he would review documentation about the construction of this structure and conduct a site visit once the snow has melted. Once completed, the entire board will need to review this information.

As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No action taken by EGLE.

- vi. **Briarwood Cut:** (Jeff) AICLA received a question/concern from a riparian resident in regards to the low water levels and sediment buildup in the channel area of Cedar Lake. These conditions cause the inability to navigate boat traffic through Briarwood Cut. This condition is prevalent during the fall when our lake level is extremely low. The resident and myself brought this concern to the CLIB for possible action. The CLIB was unsure if a dredging project could be initiated by the CLIB and was unsure who was responsible for such action. (Possibly AICLA or Lakewood Shores POA) EGLE-Bay City contacted (Samantha) who explained the permit process and limitations for each type of permit, depending on the amount of spoils from dredging. I will update the board after discussion with the CLIB.

Received notification from CLIB on this proposed project from CLIB Attorney dated March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Project is being reviewed by the CLIB.

VIII. **Public Comments: N/A**

IX. **Board Comments: None**

X. **Motion to adjourn** @ 8:57 PM