

## CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes-March 16, 2021

Location: Watkins Skating Rink-Face-to-face meeting

### **Meeting Called to Order at 7:14 PM by president, Denise DeJuliannie**

**Board Members Present:** Ron Graham, Denise DeJuliannie, Rob Swanson, Rick Thoman (virtually), Jim Wirz, Amy Ertl

**Board Member Absent:** Joe Kuechle (get well soon, Joe!)

### **President Report-** Denise DeJuliannie

- Discussion about bylaws of CLPO
  - Currently 7 is the maximum number for members of the board of directors for CLPO
  - Currently a term is one year but there are no limits on how many terms can be served consecutively
  - At next meeting we will come up with a proposal about terms and send notification out to all the member of the lake association
- Discussion about Bruce Hall resignation from the CLPO Board of Directors
  - Bruce will participate as a member of the lake association, but not as a member of the board
- Discussion about committees as proposed by Bruce Hall while he was president
  - CLPO is the “parent”
    - CLIP
    - Finance Committee (under CLPO)-Ron Graham chair with Jim Wirz and Rob Swanson as committee members
    - Membership Committee (under CLPO)-Denise DeJuliannie and Amy Ertl as committee members
    - Lake Quality Committee (under CLIP)-Rick Thoman and Joe Kuechle as committee members (with caveat that Bruce Hall will assist as needed)
    - Ron Graham made a motion to move forward with these above-stated committees, Jim Wirz seconded that motion, motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement

### **Secretary Report-**Denise DeJuliannie

- Minutes from February 16, 2021 Board Meeting were emailed to the CLPO board members
- Minutes from the February 27, 2021 Board Meeting (DNR Grant Discussion) were emailed to the CLPO board members
- Rick Thoman made a motion to accept/approve both of the above-stated meeting minutes, Amy Ertl seconded that motion, motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement

### **Treasurer Report-**Rob Swanson

- General Fund Balance-\$1312.31
- Improvement Fund Balance-\$8819.59

- CD's Balances-\$10863.76
  - Total of \$20995.66
    - Jim Wirz made a motion to accept/approve the treasurer's reports and Ron Graham seconded the motion, motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement

#### **Membership & Communications-Denise DeJuliannie**

- We will have our spring membership meeting for all of Clear Lake Association on April 17, 2021 at 11 AM at the Watkins Village Hall (CLPO Board of Directors should plan on being there at 10 AM that day)
  - Need to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines of 70% or less capacity
  - Should have hand sanitizer available
  - Masks should be worn
- Gus Bobendrier donated the sound system that Guy used for CLPO-discussion about how to thank him
  - Amy Ertl made a motion for CLPO to provide a \$25 gift certificate to Keek's (and a thank-you) card to Gus, Rob Swanson seconded the motion, motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement
  - Amy Ertl will pick up the thank-you card and the gift certificate
- 2021 paid membership so far: 6 paid members
- Denise will mail out the form (bill) for membership dues to Clear Lake property owners this week
- The plaque in memorial of Guy Bobendrier has been created and is at Backyard Garden Creations. Denise will email a picture of it out CLPO board of director members. Denise will work on finding some other memorabilia to display at Guy's Landing (north access).

#### **New Business-Denise DeJuliannie**

- **Grant update from Ron Graham:** At the 2/27/21 CLPO board of directors meeting we discussed and subsequently approved applying for the DNR grant applications. Ron Graham reports that we received a DNR grant of \$5000 for Clear Lake and \$1500 for Little Mud Lake. The DNR grant money is to help with management of AIS.
- Discussion about grants:
  - Need to coordinate with Meeker County regarding the difference between the DNR grants and the Meeker County grants
  - Need to be able to submit a record of the number of acres harvested
  - Talked about delineations-according to Jake Walsh at the DNR, Eric can do our delineations
  - Ron Graham also spoke with Jake Walsh about the possibility of CLPO doing our own delineations. There is a software system that we can look into for this purpose. It is out of the University of Georgia and it is FREE. Our harvester operator would need to have a smart phone.
  - CLIP board of director members cannot do the delineations as it is a conflict of interest
- We want to present our project for 2021 at our annual spring membership meeting called, "My Weeds, Our Weeds."

- We need \$8200 from CLPO members to make this work
- We will ask for \$99 from each Clear Lake property owner
- This is to support offshore harvesting AND the shoreline weeds project
- Shoreline weeds project consists of CLPO purchasing 7 sets of shoreline weed management tools (this has already been approved via vote) which property owners can then loan
- Each CLPO board member will house a set of the tools
- Jim Wirz demonstrated the lake rake and the muck rake to CLPO board of directors today. There are other options to purchase including a cutter, etc.
- We have to show that we have spent \$6000 on this and we need to show volunteer time from property owners
- Ron Graham made a motion to move ahead with the “My Weeds, Our Weeds” project by asking each Clear Lake property owner for \$99, Jim Wirz seconded the motion, the motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement
- Election of secretary for CLPO board of directors
  - Discussion/asked for volunteers who would be interested
  - Ron Graham made motion to nominate Amy Ertl as secretary, Jim Wirz seconded it, motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement
- Clearwater River Watershed District-north end project
  - Bruce Hall will assist us with this
  - Will keep on the agenda and continue to discuss
- Discussion about AIS removal by harvester
  - SCSU will be removing the harvested weeds
  - Denise DeJuliannie will contact the SCSU professor regarding this and update board members at our next meeting
- CLIP discussion
  - CLIP is now incorporated in the state of MN (letter received)
  - Ron Graham applied for EIN number
  - Still need to apply to IRS to be 501c3 nonprofit
  - Jim Wirz will apply for 1023EZ (streamlined version for nonprofit)
    - This will cost \$275, our budget that was voted in/approved was \$465 and we spent \$189 to incorporate (which leaves \$276 left)
- Jim Wirz brought up that we need to discuss hiring Lonnie (the person who is going to do the AIS weed harvesting)---will discuss at CLIP meeting

#### **Other Business-Denise DeJuliannie**

- Discussion about Clear Lake Sewer maintenance
  - Ron Graham attended a recent meeting and we may be able to request grant funds to support lift stations (more to come on this)

**Next Board Meetings** (Discussion about having a meeting before our April 17<sup>th</sup> annual spring membership meeting):

- April 6, 2021 7 PM face to face at the skating rink
- April 17, 2021 10 AM face to face at Watkins Village Hall prior to spring membership meeting

**CLPO, Inc. meeting adjourned by Denise DeJuliannie at 8:38 PM**

**CLPO, Inc. meeting reopened (called to order) again by president Denise DeJuliannie at 8:48 PM**

- Jim Wirz made a motion to make Rob Swanson, Denise DeJuliannie, and Ron Graham signers on ALL bank accounts for CLPO, Inc. at Citizens Bank in Watkins, MN. Amy Ertl seconded the motion. Motion passed via vote with no members in disagreement.

**CLPO, Inc. meeting adjourned by Denise DeJuliannie at 8:49 PM**