

Comfort Lakes Association Board Meeting

June 5, 2025, 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Minutes

President Mike Crepeau called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

Members present:

Mike Crepeau

Sharon Sill

Dave Freemore

Tom Hobday

Chris Roche

Dick Berglund

Christine

Wawrzaszek

Members Absent:

Bill Keilty

Mike Motzko

Jackie Anderson

Guests:

None

Approval of the Agenda: Dave moved to approve the agenda after additions; Tom seconded. Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: Dave had submitted minutes from the April 2025 meeting to members for review. Dick moved to approve the April Minutes; Tom seconded. The April Minutes were approved.

Sharon had submitted minutes from the annual meeting on May 1, 2025, for review. Christine moved to approve the May Minutes; Chris seconded. The May Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report: Dick had emailed the Treasurer's Report dated June 2, 2025, to members prior to the meeting.

As of June 2, 2025, our finances are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 11,928.08
Fish Stocking Fund	\$ 100.00
Invasive Species Control & Prevention	\$ 495.00
 TOTAL	 \$ 12,523.08

As of June 2, 2025 our membership status and comparisons are as follows:

2022 Paid Membership	66 (year-end)
2023 Paid Membership	49 (year-end)
2024 Paid Membership	32 (year-end)
2025 Paid Membership.	30

Tom moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Mike C. seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

Agenda Items:

- **Annual Membership Meeting Recap.** Board members felt positive about the meeting and had received positive feedback. The speakers stayed within their allotted time periods which allowed the meeting to progress quickly and end on time. One comment to consider in the future is to ask speakers to focus remarks on how their work specifically impacts Big and Little Comfort Lakes. Two of the presentations did an exceptional job of that.
- **U of M Zebra Mussel Study** The study is under way. Mike C. distributed the metal plates to shoreline owners willing to hang them from their docks this year again. The plates are placed approximately equally around the lake. Mike C. will get in touch with CLFLWD to see if that organization is planning to put out plates and if it wants to coordinate placement.
- **Fourth of July Boat Parade - Subcommittee** Christine reported on the work of this subcommittee. Another flyer will go out soon with reminder details of the parade. The committee will look for judges and work on non-monetary prizes/certificates.
- **Membership Drive** There is ongoing discussion as to the dip in membership. We discussed reaching out to neighbors, especially those who have been CLA members in the past to inquire as to why they are not renewing membership.
- **Volunteer for Lake Sampling** For the past fifteen or so years Wally Ostlie has been taking water samples on Big Comfort for the purpose of testing the water quality then

passing that on to CLFLWD. The Metropolitan Council also has a role in studying the data this sampling generates. Comfort Lake is chosen as the site for sampling due to it being at the bottom of the chain of lakes. To have consistent comparisons, samples are taken from the same location in the lake at the same time of day twice a month from approximately May through October. The water samples are immediately frozen. Tom offered to take on this volunteer role. Christine will contact Wally and then connect with Tom to provide the appropriate information/necessary tools or get Tom and Wally together.

- **Lakes and Rivers Membership Dues.** Dick announced that it is time for us to renew membership in this lobbyist organization. Based on the organization's suggested contribution for CLA size, our contribution would be \$125.00. Tom moved that we donate \$125 to the Lakes and Rivers Association as our 2025 dues; Mike C. seconded. Motion passed.
- **Electronic Water Level Monitoring.** CLFLWD now has electronic water level monitoring in place for Bone, Forest and Comfort Lakes. People can go to the CLFLWD website and to see what the water level is for these lakes at any time. The data is updated every 12 hours. The DNR will post a "no wake" ordinance once the OHWL is above the OHW (Comfort's OHWL is 887.29 ft) for three consecutive days.
- **Curly Leaf Pondweed.** Several Board members commented that they have curly leaf pondweed in front of their property. Mike C. said he has discussed this with the watershed but was told the watershed was not going to treat for it as Steve McComas of Blue Water Science had said there was no need for curly leaf pondweed treatment this year. Mike C. will contact the CLFLWD and bring this issue up again.
- **July meeting date.** Christine motioned to move the next meeting date to July 10; Dave. seconded; Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Next Board Meeting:

July 10, 2025, 6:30 pm