

**Minutes of the Forest County Association of Lakes meeting
Friday, March 18th, 2016**

Call to order by Chairman Pam Schroeder at 9:00 a.m. in the Crandon Public Library

1. Pam Schroeder selected Pam LaBine to act as secretary for this meeting.
2. Pam Schroeder introduced herself to the group. The following members were present; Roll call: Stuart MacPherson, Harry Resch, Cliff Haskins, Mark Smith, Bruce Court, John Pruess, Pam LaBine, Pam Schroeder, and Del Baumgartner.
3. Sue Koshere was absent, the Chairman gave the treasurers report. Discussion was held on the donation from Mole Lake and what money should be spent on. No motions made.
4. **Motion by Cliff Haskins to approve the minutes of the January 15th, 2016 meeting**, second by Mark Smith, all in favor, motion approved.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Committee sign-up sheets were passed around and will be also at the next meeting.
 - B. The 1K donation from Mole Lake was recognized.
 - C. John Pruess handed out literature for the mussel workshop dates and locations. We will have the flyer posted on our website.
 - D. An informational e-mail by Pam LaBine was handed out to the members regarding lake dredging.
 - E. Discussion was held on other ways to prevent muck build-up in our lakes. **Motion by Mark Smith to have Pam Schroeder write a letter in favor of dredging for our next meeting**, second by Bruce Court, all in favor, motion approved.
6. New business:
 - A. Crowd source Webinar. Pam LaBine purchased a webinar on this subject and invited the Chairman to sit in. It is an alternative way to fund projects. The chairman said it would be good to have alternative sources of funding.
 - B. Website ideas, Michelle Gobert could not make it and will try for the next meeting or a later date. The chairman said the website needs to highlight reasons for lake owners to join FCAL. Linking FCAL's website to others should draw traffic to our site and help to grow membership.
 - C. Discussion was held on the upcoming DNR meeting to plant Musky in Lake Metonga. **Motion by Harry Resch to have Pam Schroeder attend and voice displeasure over the proposed musky planting**, second by Bruce Court, all in favor, motion approved.
 - D. There used to be lake fairs put on by FCAL that drew a lot of people. One member said that we have so much on our calendar now, maybe next year.
 - E. Storing historical documents. The Crandon Library is offering storage space for local group's historical documents. As time goes on, it's common to lose as volunteer leadership changes and this would be a good place to store them. We would need a contract for access. **Motion by Pam LaBine to make a contract for access with**

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C. SB315. This bill would make placing fish structures in the water liability free, and hold harmless the person that places the structure as long as it was accomplished with a permit.

D. Pam Schroeder and Pam LaBine will attend the Lakes Conference in Stevens Point.

E. Newsletter articles planned. General discussion was held on the content of newsletters.

F. April 16th gardening conference. Pam LaBine will be attending to bring the concept to Forest County.

G. Announcements. Harry Resch discussed the essay contest in April. Pick-up will be the following week. May 9 will be judging from 11 to 12 depending on Michelle Gobert for library availability. Sign up for judging will be the next meeting.

7. Next meeting will be April 15th, 2016

8. **Motion by Stuart MacPherson to adjourn**, second by Harry Resch, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by: Pam LaBine, Secretary Pro Tem FCAL on 4/5/2016