

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, May 20, 2016  
9:00 AM Crandon Public Library

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum –Declared by President Schroeder 9:04

Introduction of Board Members Present : Sue Koshere, Pam Schroeder, Pam LaBine, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Tom Palmer, Les Schramm. Cliff Haskins, Bruce Court, Harry Resch, Larry Sommers, Mary Sprenger, Stu MacPherson, Dennis Koshere

Guest: Ron Krueger

Acceptance of Agenda- Motion by Henderson to accept the agenda as it should have been printed, seconded by Sommers.

Acceptance of Minutes with correction of adding Bruce Court's name to the list of members present. Correction of adding that President Schroeder's report to the DNR was in opposition to planting Musky in Lake Metonga based on the decline in pan fish and walleyes caught in two other lakes in Forest County where Musky have been planted. This decline was dramatic and noted by FCAL Board members living on Roberts Lake and Lake Lucerne. The DNR has subsequently withdrawn its plan to plant Musky in Lake the mention that other lakes have muskies planted and experienced a dramatic reduction of other pan fish. Motion to accept the minutes with those two corrections by Sprenger, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer S. Koshere reported a closing balance of \$19,588.82. \$1000 donation received from Potawatomi Community. Membership is at 173. Asked to report back how many are businesses, individual, etc. Motion to accept the report by L. Lamers, seconded by Haskins. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Aquatic Invasive Species- Schramm showed maps indicating EWM infestation over the years in Lakes Metonga starting with 28 acres.

Treatment helped keep it under control but no grant was given in 2014 and the acreage increased to 117 in 2015. Demand for grants statewide have increased significantly. Awarded a grant in 2015 but DNR told them they could not use it to treat in 2016. An AIS workshop for kids was seen on TV and could be something we pursue.

- Snail/ Mussel Workshop Friday July 15, 2:30 Lake Lucerne Clubhouse. It is on our website.
- Distribution of book Lake Plants You Should Know – Each lake is being given one free. Members are encouraged to take the book to their lake association and offer the book for a membership fee of \$15. Motion by Haskins to give a copy of Lake Plants You Should Know to each new member, to each of the native communities, schools and libraries in the county and to order another case. Seconded by Resch.

## NEW BUSINESS

- County Report- LaBine had to leave early but gave a written county report that President Schroeder. See attachment.
- Annual Meeting, Oct. 1- speaker will be chosen soon.
- Newsletter will be ready by the end of May.
- Historical Archive Program Contract not yet available. Committee members Haskins and V. Lamers will meet to determine materials to be archived.
- Membership emails will be added to our email database by S. Koshere and V. Lamers
- DNR Shoreline Zoning Meeting, May 13 – L.Lamers attended and learned that wet boat houses can be rebuilt; there are grants for aeration systems; lake plans can cost up to \$25,000 with an average being \$15,000; 25% of the cost of a lake plan grant is covered by the applicant; zebra mussels are down in Metonga which may be due to calcium levels in the water being

down; shoreline zoning rules come from the DNR but the county regulates these rules except where it is a city which regulates their own; tree droppings instead of fish cribs are being used; there are 280 lakes in Forest County; and Wisconsin has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest concentration of glacial lakes in the world,

- Florence County Gardening Conference- LaBine not here.
- Board Members group picture is postponed until next meeting.
- Lake Metonga Pavilion Fund. Crandon Lions Club requested a donation. Discussion. Decision not to contribute due to the mission of our organization.
- Eutrophication Speaker – Ron Krueger presented the depth of sediment study done in 1974 as part of the Inland Lake Renewal Program. He stated that there is nothing wrong with dredging if you know that it effects and how it effects the lake ecologically. There needs to be a lot of oversight. He expressed concern about allowing people to do their shorelines themselves because this is where a lot of the life of the lakes comes from. The cost of dredging could be astronomical. He suggested that we as an organization should never support legislation that allows a general permit to tamper with the lake bottom. One method of dealing with sediment is to draw down the lake where possible and let the sediment compound.
- WRISC Annual Meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Florence Natural Resources Center
- CB/CW May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Crandon Public Library from 5-7
- Fall Forum, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – Co-chairs Wendy MacPherson and Pat Schultz need each board member to bring to our next meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> or send the names and addresses of those people to be invited to our Fall Forum.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:42 by Henderson, seconded by L. Lamers. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
FCAL Secretary Vi Lamers

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>.