

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2015  
9 AM, CRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL

Call to Order was made by President Lee Lamers at 9:00 at which time he declared a quorum as being met.

Members Present: Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Stu MacPherson, Pam LaBine, Les Schramm, Cliff Haskins, Bruce Court, Mark Smith, Mary Sprenger, John Preuss, Mike Henderson, Larry Sommer, Pat Schultz

Guest: Tom Palmer from Butternut/Franklin Lakes Association

Motion to accept the minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> –Sommer, 2<sup>nd</sup> –Sprenger. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the agenda: Motion to add “County Report” to each agenda. 1<sup>st</sup>-Schramm, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Haskins. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand \$16,671.26. Report presented on Annual Meeting. Motion to accept as printed: 1<sup>st</sup> – Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sommer. Motion carried.

Membership: 208.

Old Business

- Fall Forum Review: Consensus was to continue it. Suggestion to have DNR Fish Biologist Greg Matske or speaker on the topic of aging lakes.
- Annual Meeting Review: Consensus was speaker “Mother Nature” was informative but read too much from her notes. Suggestions for future speakers – Pat Goggins, Rhinelander, on Edible Forests or a speaker from Thousand Islands.
- AIS: Preuss spoke to all the grade schools in Forest County presenting the poster contest for grades 3-6 being conducted by Oneida County. The posters are due the first week in May. Awards will be given for the top three posters including trophies, a class ice cream party and environmental books for their classrooms. FCAL would like to be involved and asked Preuss to get back to us about what needs they have. Preuss asked if we would help judge.

Preuss is developing a workshop to train volunteers to monitor snails. Faucet Snails were found in Langlade County and Shawano Lake. The snails can carry parasites that affect waterfowl.

Schramm presented a disturbing report on EWM on Lake Metonga. The fall survey showed over 200 acres of it ringing the lake. The report from 2013-2014 showed it had doubled in density from the year before and 2014-2015 showed it double again. In 2014 the DNR did not allow Metonga to treat the EWM. The future treatment plan is being studied.

Mike Preul has purchased a weed cutter.

Board Members were asked to eliminate Preuss's cell phone number from his contact info.

### Old Business

- Elections: Motion to elect by unanimous ballot Tom Palmer to the board, Pam Schroeder as President, Lee Lamers as Vice-President, and Sue Koshere as Treasurer made by Sommer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaBine. Motion carried.
- Suggestion to advertise free on WXPB.
- The 2016 schedule was reviewed and tentatively set. (Listed at end of minutes.) Schedule will be finalized at the January meeting.
- County Report: LaBine presented a number of items.
  - ✓ Informed Preuss that Forest County will partner with Oneida County on their poster contest.
  - ✓ Shoreline zoning wording must be completed by Dec. 31. Discussion held about boat houses.
  - ✓ An RV ordinance will be addressed at next Tue. Meeting. An annual fee of \$130 is being considered.
  - ✓ The next meeting for the Land and Water Planning Committee will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January.
  - ✓ Muck at the bottom of the lake and under the lake belong to the DNR. A core sample costs about \$2400.

- ✓ AIS Risk Meeting will be held on Aug. 3. A rep from GLIFWIC is needed.
- ✓ A gardening conference will be held in April in Florence County addressing native restorations.
- Pine Lake representative Sprenger spoke of bass loss and muck in the lake. The amount that can be removed by hand are 3 cubic yards (9'x3'x3'). Discussion held on need for a major shift in thought by our legislators.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:22 by Haskins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson. Motion carried.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2016:

No December meeting, January 15, No February or March meeting, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 20 Fall Forum (depending on availability of Lucerne Clubhouse), September 16, October 1 Annual meeting (depending on Metonga's fund raiser), November 11(moved due to deer hunting).

Respectfully submitted,  
Vi Lamers, FCAL Secretary