

Forest County Association of Lakes, Inc.
Minutes of April 20, 2017 Meeting

I.Meeting was called to order at 9AM by President Pam Schroeder, who declared a quorum. Members present: Pam Schroeder, Leo Lamers, Vi Lamers, Bruce Court, Cliff Haskins, Mike Henderson, Pam LaBine, Stu MacPherson, Tom Palmer, Harry Resch, Pat Schultz, Mark Smith, Larry Sommer, Gary Miller, Mark Truman,Mary Sprenger.

II. Members introduced themselves and added a number of items to the agenda. President Schroeder explained that the meeting minutes should be added to the FCAL website after they have been approved and corrected but added that the treasurer's report does not need to be published on the website.

III.Motion made by Vi Lamers, seconded by Larry Sommer to accept the agenda with some additions.

IV. Motion made by Larry Sommer, seconded by Mark Smith to approve the minutes from 3/17/17.

V. Discussion of the Treasurer's Report included a statement from Harry Resch that his bill for the Wisconsin Lakes Convention was higher than \$165. A motion was made by Cliff Haskins, seconded by Mike Henderson to reimburse Harry for any discrepancy in tuition fees. A discussion followed regarding expenses that can be reimbursed by FCAL to members who attend this convention. Our secretary will be asked to research what is on record regarding reimbursement issues and this topic will be revisited. A motion was made by Vi Lamers, seconded by Mike Henderson to approve the Treasurer's Report.

VI.Old Business

A. A letter was passed out to meeting attendees written by President Schroeder (on behalf of FCAL). The letter was addressed to local legislators to elicit their support of the protection of the states' waterways. A discussion of this letter's content followed with suggestions from Pam LaBine in terms of its wording. A motion was made by Pam LaBine and seconded by Larry Sommer to send the amended letter on FCAL stationary via regular mail and e-mail. This should be done as soon as is possible. President Schroeder will send a copy of this letter to all FCAL board members.

B. The correcting of the essays submitted for the annual Essay Contest will be held on Monday, May 8th, 10:00AM to NOON with lunch to follow at the Crandon Hotel. The topic is, "My Favorite Memory of a Forest County Waterway".

Contest winners and their families will be invited to the Annual Meeting in October.

C. Some reports have been submitted to Vi Lamers for the 2017 Newsletter. Vi needs to send all articles in to the publisher by the middle of May. Please send your articles as soon as you can, via e-mail, if possible. A big THANKS to Vi for her continued work on this publication and to Mike Henderson as well for his work on addressing the newsletters.

D. Larry Sommer passed out the new Forest County Recreation Maps. The maps include FCAL logo.

VII. New Business

A. Pam LaBine reported that there is a new lake association to include in FCAL (Rice Lake). The Lidar grant has been updated. Clean Boats/Clean Waters is in Forest County now. Pine Lake is moving along with its dredging project. The county will apply for a grant to purchase a small dredging vacuum to be used in the area.

Pam would like to print copies of the winning essays in her "Land/Water" newsletter.

B. Larry Sommer will get 50 copies printed of the Forest County's Lake Courtesy Code to be distributed at upcoming area lake association meetings.

C. Harry Resch and Pam Schroeder attended the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership held recently in Steven's Point, Wisconsin. Both thanked the FCAL Board for supporting their attendance. Harry also thank the board for honoring him at the awards banquet. Each gave a brief summary of sessions they attended. Some highlights:

1. Shawano Lake has had success in getting rid of Eurasian Milfoil.
2. We have no AIS coordinator at present in Forest County but Marathon and Vilas County can assist if need be. (John Preuss is no longer the AIS coordinator. Motion made by Cliff Haskins, seconded by Mark Smith to send a note of appreciation to John for all he has done for Forest County- Vi Lamers will handle this matter.)
3. FCAL should get liability insurance (\$450/year).
4. General information on forming lake associations.
5. Round table discussion with various county representatives.
6. Lake spirituality discussion including the book, Blue Mind, (President Schroeder has a copy).
7. NOW is the time to submit budget proposals to the state.
8. There is a website (habitattitude.net) where information is provided on how to re-home your exotic pets.
9. County conservation funding is being reduced to 2013 levels.
10. President Schroeder can get free hats for Citizen Lake Monitors.

Both Pam and Harry were positive in their comments about the conference and encouraged others to attend in the future.

D. Larry Sommer will get the Kentuck Days form.

E. Cliff Haskins presented information on a meeting which will be held June 9th at Nicolet College in Rhinelander, WI. The meeting will be sponsored by Vilas County Association of Lakes and will be held at 9:00AM til NOON. Board members should encourage their lake members to attend.

VIII. Motion made by Leo Lamers, seconded by Larry Sommer to adjourn.
(Next meeting will be May 19, 2017)

Respectfully,
Pat Schultz (substitute secretary)