

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP - OCTOBER 10, 2015
T-Bob's, Laona, Wisconsin

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: President Lee Lamers called the meeting to order at 4:35PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (see sign in sheet)

AGENDA: Acceptance of Agenda as Printed-motion by Bill Hoffman, seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Acceptance of October 11, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes as printed- motion by Cliff Haskins, seconded by Bruce Court. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Acceptance of Treasurer's Report as Printed- motion by Al Schroeder, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion carried. Motion by Pam LaBine, seconded by Bill Hoffman: **Motion to move all money over \$2000 out of checking account and into money market account by end of November.** Motion passed. Treasurer Sue Koshere also reported that we got a few new members from the last newsletter.

ARDEN BIERMAN: Dennis Koshere spoke regarding the history of FCAL founder Arden Bierman who recently passed away on Sept 16, 2015. He was a member of the Butternut Lake Association. Cliff Haskins, also a founding member, said he has pictures he would be happy to share with FCAL regarding early years' projects. John Snell said Arden was instrumental in getting him to start the Lake Julius Lake Association. S. Koshere said she sent a card on behalf of FCAL to Arden's family. Tom Palmer, current president of the Butternut-Franklin Lake Association, said he attended Arden's memorial service.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: given by FCAL President Lee Lamers.

***Projects Undertaken in 2014-2015

- Third annual Forest County High Schools Environmental Field Trip was held in September (70 kids this year = double last year's) set up 7 stations. Got front page coverage in Pioneer Express and the Beacon.
- Fall Forum at Lake Lucerne with round table discussion led by DNR Representative Jim Krietlow, Lumberjack AIS Coordinator John Preuss and moderator Bill Klase. Well attended with much sharing.
- Published, printed and distributed 3000 newsletters to riparian land owners.
- Conducted annual 5th & 6th Grade Countywide Essay Contest – 1st & 2nd place winners here tonight – The theme this year was “What I Love Most About Forest County Lakes and Waterways”.
- Manned a booth at Kentuck Day with John Preuss, Lumberjack Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and Emily Anderson from WRISC.
- Met with Pam LaBine to assess priorities for the Land & Water Planning Committee.
- Donated towards the Crandon Public Library's Summer Reading Program to support environmental topics.
- Sent two representatives to the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention.
- Maintained membership in Wisconsin Rivers Invasive Species Coalition.
- Attended a meeting with Rep. Jeff Mursau, Tom Tiffany and Rob Swearingen regarding budget issues including environmental issues.

Cliff Haskins and Dennis Koshere commended Lee for taking FCAL through all of these programs & activities and for 6 years of service as President. Unanimous applause.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: John Preuss, Lumberjack Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, brought literature & pictures of local invasive species and gave an Aquatic Invasive Species county lakes update.

- 1) There are new AIS in Mole Lake and Roberts Lake.
- 2) Monitored several other lakes and updated AIS signage.
- 3) Carried out a PI survey at Peshtigo Lake.
- 4) All phragmites have been treated on Lake Lucerne.

- 5) Lake Gordon seems to be clear of Yellow Floating Heart– only 7 plants were removed in 2015.
- 6) New to Wisconsin - Starry Stone Wart can dominate EWM; no food value for fish. Madison lakes currently most highly invaded; Sunfish have found a way to eat Starry Stone Wart.
- 7) 4-8th grade invasive aquatic water species essay contest (spread the word to schools.)

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS TO FCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Nominees are Mark Smith, Les Schramm, Mick Elsinger, Bruce Court, Dennis Koshere, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Larry Sommer, Pam Schroeder. Motion: Pam LaBine moved to close nominations and accept the slate unanimously. Second by Cliff Haskins. Motion carried.

Proposed 2015-2016 Officer Slate: Pam Schroeder – President
Lee Lamers - Vice President
Vi Lamers - Secretary
Sue Koshere - Treasurer

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Pam LaBine spoke briefly about tonight’s program entitled “Yardening” by Margaret Gerhard aka. . .Mother Nature. Margaret is originally from Green Bay and is now Pam’s neighbor.

LAND AND WATER FUNDS: Pam LaBine announced there are land and water funds available through her office for projects next year.

NEW IDEAS FOR FCAL SOUGHT: President Lamers asked for ideas for new projects and volunteers for existing projects.

A Motion was made by Cliff Haskins to add the list of projects accomplished in 2015 to the website. Seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion carried.

BARB MCCRAW: Dennis Koshere would like the minutes to reflect FCAL's appreciation to Barb McCraw who is not present this evening for her years of service in setting up our annual meeting and banquet.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Henderson, seconded by Dennis Koshere.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Schroeder, FCAL Director

FCAL Treasurer's Report for Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2015

Opening Balance:\$17,028.62

Receipts
Renewals 135.00
Donation (from Ground Hemlock Assoc.) 100.00

Total:\$17,263.62

Disbursements:

Post Office 297.00
Fall Forum 145.88
Pioneer Express (printing) 30.00

Closing Balance:\$16,790.74

Account Balances:

Associated Bank Money Market \$10,024.15
Associated Bank Checking Account 4,781.40
Laona State Bank Checking Account 1,985.19

Total:..... \$16,790.74

As of Sept. 30, 2015, we have 205 members.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Koshere, Treasurer