

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2019

The meeting convened at 9:02 AM. Schroeder declared a quorum of members present. Mike Henderson volunteered to take minutes of this meeting and Pam will type them up.

Members Present: Pam Schroeder, Stuart McPherson, Bruce Court, Mark Smith, Al Murray, Harry Resch, Mike Henderson, Barb Charlton

Members Excused: Lee & Vi Lamers, Pat Schultz, Les Schram, Kathy Babcock, Sue & Dennis Koshere, Bob Ebben

Members Absent: Dawn Nash, Larry Sommer

Guests Present: Lindsay Peterson (WRISC), Kyle Hafeman (WRISC), Mark Truymen (Metonga), Judy Rollin (Walsh), Tom Clark (Walsh), Dan Verbanek (Silver), Sally Hickman (Lucerne)

Agenda Approval: A motion (Court/McPherson) to approve the agenda as presented.

Introductions were made by all present.

Minutes Approval: A motion to accept the minutes from 1-18-19 meeting as presented (Charlton/Smith). Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: There was no formal Treasurer's report for this meeting. Pam shared Bob's verbal update. He has received 100 membership renewals so far and there has been little other activity since the last meeting.

Old Business: Harry Resch reported that the essay contest letters have been sent to the schools and May 7th is the tentative date for judging essays. He will be needing volunteers to help.

Vi Lamers has agreed to edit our 2019 newsletter. Please send your ideas or articles to be included to Vi.

New Business: Al Murray presented Forest County Board updates:

- The AIS-Tri County Coordinator grant submitted by Lumberjack RC&D was denied. The DNR is considering changing this system in the future and allocating money to each county for AIS work and eliminating the AIS Coordinator grants.
- Al has been working on a proposal to help identify ATV trail locations to 911 responders.
- DATCAP funding has been received for the planting project at Veterans Park on Lake Metonga but will need to be downsized because the grant money allocated is less than anticipated.
- Funding has been granted for a new Tech position to assist Al. This position would include GPS, GIS and Land Conservation work. FCAL members are encouraged to refer qualified students to him as potential seasonal hires for this position.

- The Lions Club is funding a number of Conservation Camp Scholarships for Forest Cty. Kids from 6th -8th grades are eligible to apply for these scholarships.
- There will be a Stream Crossing Workshop offered by the DNR this spring and is open to any persons who would like to attend. The spring dates have not been announced yet but the workshop will be offered again in the Fall on Sept 30th – Oct. 1st at Mole Lake.

B. WRISC presented an educational program on Phragmites identification and control efforts. They need Forest County residents to help identify Phragmites stands so that they can be treated. Go to <https://www.wrisc.org/report-it> to do so. So far this invasive has been detected on Lake Lucerne and Lake Waubekon

C. WRISC now has 4 portable boat wash units that are available for Forest County Lake Associations to use at lake fisheries. Please call Lindsay Peterson at 906-774-1550 to reserve.

D. All Lake Associations and Forest County Townships are encouraged to become WRISC Partners. There is no cost to do so. A partnership just states that you endorse their activities and this increases their odds of receiving grant monies to continue to educate, detect and treat land and aquatic invasive species.

E. The WI Lakes Partnership conference will be held April 10-12. Pam Schroeder and Vi Lamers are planning on attending for FCAL. Lee Lamers will chair the BOD meeting scheduled for April 12th. This is the second Friday in April because the third Friday falls on Good Friday of Holy Week. If Lee is unable to chair the April meeting, it will be cancelled.

The next FCAL BOD meeting will be held on Friday, April 12th at 9AM in the Associated Bank meeting room in Crandon.

Charlton/MacPherson moved to adjourn at 10:47AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Henderson & Pam Schroeder.