

Minutes of FCAL Board Meeting held May 17, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:19AM in the Associated Bank meeting room in Crandon, WI.

Members attending: Pam Schroeder, Harry Resch, Kathy Babcock, Al Murray, Cliff Haskins, Larry Sommer, Stuart MacPherson, Bob Ebben

Members Excused: Mark Smith, Pat Schultz, Lee & Vi Lamers, Barb Charlton, Dennis & Sue Koshere

Members Absent: Bruce Court, Mike Henderson, Dawn Nash, Mary Sprenger, Dave Zager

A quorum was met.

Sommer/MacPherson moved to accept agenda. Motion carried.

Stu MacPherson volunteered to take minutes as we are still functioning without a secretary.

Murray/Babcock moved to accept the minutes from April 12, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

Bob Ebben provided written copies of the treasurer's report. 14 of our 19 member Lake Associations have renewed. There was discussion regarding asking Associated Bank to waive any charges for supplying printed copies of FCAL accounts status every month. Sommer/Resch motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business

Harry Resch reported on the status of the annual essay contest. 9 FCAL BOD members met on May 7th to judge 123 essays. Wabeno submitted 53, Laona submitted 33 and Crandon submitted 37. Prizes will be awarded by Pam & Harry at the end of school year awards ceremony held at each school. The dates for these assemblies have not been announced yet. Winners of the essay contest will also be invited to attend the FCAL Annual Meeting with their parents. The essays will be displayed at the Crandon Library in June and at the FCAL booth at Kentuck Day in July.

The FCAL newsletter is nearing completion. Thanks to Al Murray for helping with mailing lists.

New Business

Al Murray presented information from the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Dept:

- Wabeno won the 1st place trophy in the Forest County annual poster contest themed "Northwoods AIS". The slogan on the winning poster was "These plants make such a ruckus, they will kick the bucket!"
- Al is trying to create an organized way for current Citizen Lake Monitors and Loon Rangers to submit and share data they collect.
- The Veterans Park Restoration project is scheduled to start planting in June.
- Al is interviewing for a full time assistant who has experience with GIS, culvert design and rip-rap.
- There was an excellent turn out for the stream crossing workshop held in May. Another one will be held in Sept.
- Al is working on a federal grant application for a working forest propagation program and funding to bring in a conservation specialist.

- There is a rip-rap property owners guide that Al will give to Pam so it can be distributed to FCAL member Lake Associations.

Pam reported that she had submitted Al or his new assistant to fill the Forest County spot on the WRISC BOD. On June 7th WRISC will host its' annual meeting from 8:30-Noon and annual BOD meeting from 1-3. Al will be nominated at that time. All are encouraged to attend. Be sure to notify WRISC if your lake plans a fisherie this summer and they can schedule setting up a boat wash station at your public landing during the event.

Kentuck Day is July 27th. Loon posters, loon ranger literature and Citizen Lake Monitor info has been acquired at the WI Lakes Partnership Conference and will be given away at the FCAL booth on Kentuck Day. There will also be a lead tackle exchange offered at the FCAL booth which will be paid for by the FC4H with grant money that has been applied for . WRISC personel will not attend this year but will provide their display and literature to accompany ours. Babcock/Murray motioned to reserve 2 booths at Kentuck Day to accommodate all of these activities, provided that we would not lose our current booth location. Motion carried.

Fall Forum is scheduled for August 24th. Kyle McGloughlin who is a DNR shoreline specialist and Greg Matzke, the FC DNR fisheries biologist were recommended as potential speakers/panelists.

FCAL Annual Meeting will be held on October 19th. The location is potentially the Mole Lake convention center but is still to be determined. Ted Rulseh who is the author of A Lakeside Companion or someone from the Raptor Education Center located in Antigo were recommended as potential speakers.

The need for a dues increase was discussed. A dues increase for FCAL members needs to be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting. The BOD needs to agree on this proposal before then. Some suggestions for considerations were:

- Offer members the option to pay for more than one year
- Offer opportunity for making additional donation
- Consider a token (hat, pin) to recognize additional donations

Sommer/Haskins moved to make a \$100 donation to the Jim Hausinger Memorial in recognition of his service to FCAL. The motion passed. The money will be taken from miscellaneous funds in the budget.

The next FCAL BOD meeting will be at 9AM on June 21st at the Crandon Associated Bank.

Sommer/Murray motion to adjourn at 11:15AM. Motion carried.