

## FCAL Board Meeting May 21,2021 at Crandon Library

Opening: President Pam Schroeder called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and declared a quorum as being met. The following members were present: Mark Smith, Vi Lamers, Bob Ebben, Larry Sommers, Mike Henderson, Clair Carty, Pam Schroeder. Steve Kircher and Dan Verbanac joined via Zoom.

Secretary: Clair Carty volunteered to serve as secretary today. A motion was made by Larry Sommer and seconded by Mike Henderson to accept the minutes from the April 23 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Sommer made a motion to accept the budget with the change of deducting the \$2000 of grant money out of income. Mike Henderson seconded it and the motion passed.

### Old Business:

Essay Contest: Pam reported on the choosing of essay contest winners. There will be 3 winners each from Laona, Wabeno and Crandon. For just this year there will also be 2 honorable mentions from Crandon. Pam will send letters to each winner inviting them and their parents to the banquet on October 6.

Newsletter: Vi reported that more articles are needed for the newsletter. It was noted that we could put information on public events the member lakes are having and that we could look into member lakes sharing their newsletters with us. There was a discussion about saving money by emailing the newsletter next year. Pros and cons of this change were discussed.

Annual meeting venue consideration: Multiple possible venues were discussed including town halls with catering, restaurants such as Lake Avenue in Crandon, the casino at Mole Lake. Pam said that she will do some research and this will be continued at the next meeting.

### New Business:

Steve K. Report: He provided information on the new assistant, Derek Thorn, at Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department

WRISC: Pam provided the following information: The annual meeting will be online this year. They have two vacant board positions. Steve will continue on their board. Clair Carty said she knew someone interested. There will be a six county Lakes and Rivers virtual conference on July 16 from 9 to 1. All are invited to attend.

Lumberjack RC & D report: The next meeting will be in Shawano County in July. Tentatively the meeting in Forest County will be October 27 at Main Street Eds.

2022 possible essay contest changes: Multiple ideas were considered including changing which grades are involved in the contest, amount of money awarded, and even creating a scholarship. Members were asked to consider possible changes and this will be revisited at future meetings.

Other: It was suggested that FCAL consider making placemats again as a way to provide information and promote the organization.

Kentuck Days are July 24. Possible ideas at the booth were discussed, including painting fish.

Lily Lake informed FCAL that the DNR wants to reconstruct dams that will drop the water level there in ways that will be destructive to the habitat. Steve Kircher said that he will contact our DNR rep to get details on this.

The next board meeting will be June 18. Vi Lamers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mike Henderson. The motion passed.