

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Mole Lake Casino, The Gathering Room
JANUARY 20, 2023 immediately following awards assembly

Call to Order: 9:50 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Mark Truyman, Bob Ebben, Mark Smith, Curt Haga, Larry Sommer, Clair Carty, Pam Schroeder, and Kathy Babcock

Board of Directors Excused: Jim Zach, Pat Schultz, Vi and Lee Lamers, Greg Schmitz, and Steve Kircher

Guest: Mary Doden (Butternut – Franklin Lakes Association)

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to accept the minutes from 12/02/22 was made by Mark Truyman and seconded by Mark Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ebben reviewed the . . .

- adjusted budget to which he added today's grant of \$2,000. With this grant, we are no longer running in a deficit.
- checkbook activity.
- bill from Brandon Quig for website work.
- request for donation to Wisconsin Lakes Association.

Bob Ebben made a motion, seconded by Mark Smith that we donate \$200.00 to Wisconsin Lakes Association. Discussion ensued about whether we should donate more. Motion passed with one opposed.

A suggestion was made that we establish an account with Co-Vantage and deposit today's grant money with them. It was decided that Bob will open a savings account with Co-Vantage and deposit \$2,000.00 in it. If Pam and Larry can go with him, they will.

Bob will be applying for a grant from Co-Vantage. It requires a specific project. Bob will work on this to include information about new canopy and display for Kentuck Days booth, etc. (see below).

Bob did submit a request for a grant from Medford Coop, but he hasn't heard anything yet.

Bob reminded us that at last month's meeting Vi Lamers suggested that we donate \$100.00 to the Crandon Public Library. Mark Smith made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Crandon Public Library, seconded by Mark Truyman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mark Truyman and seconded by Mark Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – Clair Carty noted that our current website is not useful, and it doesn't help us fulfill our mission. The committee (Clair, Vi, Greg, and Kathy) is in the process of redesigning the website so it will be user-friendly for the board and the community-at-large.

Brandon Quig is our Webmaster. He suggested that it would cost approximately \$500.00 to rework the website assuming the committee does most of the writing. The committee has divided up writing assignments. Kathy Babcock made a motion, seconded by Clair Carty, to authorize the committee to engage Brandon Quig's services for to \$500.00 for changing and updating the website. After discussion, the motion was amended to authorize the committee to engage Brandon Quig's services for to \$700.00 for changing and updating the website. Amended motion passed unanimously.

Business Donation & New Membership Forms – Larry and Mark T. distributed a copy of a new form that is meant for new Business Donations and/or new memberships. It will be a 2-part, carbonless form. Mark T. suggested that a space for "additional donation to help preserve Forest County lakes" be added. Others suggested adding a line for email, and to include two addresses for new members who have a permanent home address in addition to their lake address. Larry explained that this form is really meant for new business and new members. The committee will make changes to the form and bring an updated copy to the March meeting.

Display Committee – Greg researched different canopies. Pam distributed information from the 3 different websites he recommended. She recommends we consider two 10ft. canopies with 3 sides, with one of the canopies having the FCAL logo printed on it. Plus, she would like us to get other table top display. Mark S. and Greg will look into this further and make a

recommendation at the next meeting. They will also help Bob gather the information he needs for the Co-Vantage grant application. Curt volunteered to write the Potawatomie grant application. They will share the information with him, too.

Fall Forum –Pam gave an update provided by Jim Zach (copy of email distributed) on the speakers for Fall Forum:

- Scott Van Egren (WDNR --Regional Aquatic Biologist, Water Resources Management Specialist) will be able to attend. He is areas of responsibility include AIS Grants, Aquatic Plant Management, Lake Ecology, Lake Management Plans, Water Quality Monitoring.
- Lynn Markham (UW Extension, Lakes & UWSP Center for Land Use Education is unable to attend.

Jim submitted 4 additional topics/speakers for our consideration, which we ranked as follows:

- 1st choice: Potawatomi or Sokaogan Chippewa Tribal Community member to discuss Native American Tribal retained rights in ceded territory such as Forest County.
- 2nd choice**: WDNR Water Resource Specialist from Rhinelander office to discuss/take questions regarding private wells and water quality in Forest County. Ground water salinization for lakes near highways? Nitrates? PFAS?
- 3rd choice: US Forest Service ecologist/hydrologist to discuss Forest County area stream studies identifying fish passage barriers due to culverts, work/plans in cooperation with Trout Unlimited, questions regarding hydro geology affecting lake levels, watershed protection action plans, etc.
- 4th choice: US Forest Service representative to discuss forest management practices in Forest County and how that may relate to our area lakes.

** This is our second choice unless Scott Van Egren can talk about these topics.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Curt Haga. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Our next meeting will be held in person and via ZOOM on the Friday, March 17, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Crandon Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary