

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIA ZOOM
March 19, 2021 STARTING AT 9:00

Call to Order: 9:00 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors Present: Pam Schroeder, Greg and Carol Schmitz, Pat Schultz, Larry Sommer, Steve Kircher, Clair Carty, Harry Resch, Bob Ebben, Mark Smith, and Kathy Babcock.

Guests: none

Volunteer Secretary: Kathy Babcock

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from 2/19/21 made by Mark Smith, seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Bob Ebben, presented the treasurer's report. He presented a breakdown of income and expenses and the current budget. The red print indicates projected income – income that has not yet been received. Bob E. also indicated that the balanced budget hangs on grants not yet received. If we do not get those grants, then we will have to reduce our spending.

In addition, our membership renewals seem as if they have increased because we gave people the opportunity to pay ahead. Bob E. presented a spreadsheet showing paid membership from 2021-2024. Larry Sommer suggested that there might be a better way to show this on the budget, so we know what membership dues we can expect/not expect to bring in over future years. It was decided we would look at this issue again next month after we have one more month of activity before deciding how best to clarify membership dues on the budget.

It was also suggested that a new column be added to the budget to show the previous year's actual income/expenses. This may not work as well for 2020 due to our reduced spending as a result of COVID, but it should be helpful in years to come.

Harry Resch requested that he get a copy of next month's treasurer report via post. Pam will send it to him if we do a virtual meeting, but can't guarantee he will get it before that meeting.

Reminder: Send Bob E. updated contact information for your lake association's Board of Directors if and when there are any changes.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Larry S. and seconded by Mark S. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Essay Contest – Harry R. thanked Steve Kircher for emailing local principals/teachers the information about the essay contest as visitors are not currently allowed in school buildings due to COVID. After spring break, the students will have the month of April to complete the essays. Approximately one week before April 30, Harry R. will make follow-up calls. If possible, Harry R. will arrange to pick up the essays; if not, they will be emailed to Pam S. May 4th is the tentative evaluation day. If all volunteer judges have been vaccinated by then, the judging will probably take place in person, while still following masking and social distancing guidelines. How the awards will be presented will have to be adapted to whatever the schools allow us to do.

Status of Newsletter – Pam S. encourages all of us to submit news about our lakes/associations to Vi Lamers.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 BOD Volunteers/Replacements – Steve K. has a possible representative for Silver Lake, Danny Urbanek. He will contact Danny U. again to gauge his interest. A possible representative from Trump Lake is Scott Wrizinski – Pam S. has already reached out to him and will do so again.

2021 WI Water Week – Steve K. attended. He noted that the convention worked well despite being online due to COVID restrictions.

He also encourages us to check out the U.W. Stevens Point's Lakes Extension site as we can see the majority of lectures there.

One of the major topics in which he was interested was that on climate change. Students out of Michigan Tech are doing a great job gathering statistics on how this is affecting plants and animals in our region, specifically animals like the opossums and invasive species (terrestrial and aquatic). If we come across any plant or animal that we think might be invasive, we should inform Steve K., WRISC (Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition), and the National Registry.

Forest County Report – Steve K. indicated that Silver Lake got the Surface Water Grant that they applied for. Steve K. initiated the report and Silver Lake finished it.

There will be a new Tri-County Invasive Species Coordinator whose title will be FLO Waterways AIS Coordinator. FLO stands for Forest, Langlade, and Oneida Counties. The position hasn't been filled yet, but training is already set up for the new hire.

Steve K. followed up on our request for information on Forest County's zoning regulations regarding light pollution. Forest County does have some general zoning regulations regarding lighting. The regulations are designed more for neighbors whose land abuts, than for those with waterfront property. If someone is having issues regarding lighting, they can contact Jeannie in the Zoning Department. Steve K. will write an article for his "Conservation Corner" column in the *Pioneer Express*. The article will focus on the effects of night lighting on fish and wildlife as well as lake courtesy. For our next meeting, Steve K. will provide copies of Forest County's current zoning regulations regarding lighting and will provide us with copies of Oneida County's lighting policy.

WRISC Report – Steve K. serves on the WRISC Board of Directors. WRISC is unlikely to hold their annual convention in person but might do something virtually. This usually occurs the first week in June. WRISC is currently asking their partners to renew their partnership agreements. If your lake association does not have a partnership with WRISC, you are encouraged to become a partner. It costs your organization nothing, helps WRISC when applying for grants, and can provide your organization with support regarding aquatic and terrestrial invasive

species as well as with your Clean Boats Clean Waters initiative. Pam S. will invite Lindsay Peterson, WRISC Coordinator, to one of our future meetings.

Lumberjack RC&D Report – Larry S. reported that they haven't had meeting since our last one. The next one is scheduled for March 30th, so he will have a report at our April meeting.

Additional New Business

Pam S. ordered two books: Jim Bracken's *Saving our Lakes and Streams* and *Lake Life Pocketbook*. She noted that the *Lake Life Pocketbook* can be personalized if FCAL wanted to use it as a handout for new members, at Kentuck Days, for local realtors who sell lakefront properties, for lake association members, etc. She will check into the cost of doing this. She also suggested that we consider reprinting the Invasive Aquatic Species book we published in the past.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bob E., seconded by Harry R. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Next BOD meeting APRIL 23, 2021 at 9:00 am via ZOOM. An additional, in-person venue may be added. Any in-person meeting will follow CDC guidelines. Check your email for updated information as we get closer to the date.