

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LIVE & VIA ZOOM
April 22, 2022 STARTING AT 9:30 AM

Call to Order: 9:40 am by Vice President Lee Lamers who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors Present: Vi Lamers, Lee Lamers, Mark Truymen, Larry Sommer, Pat Schultz, Bob Ebben, Clair Carty, Mike Henderson, Curt Haga, Mark Smith, and Kathy Babcock.

Board of Directors Excused: None.

Board of Directors Present via ZOOM: Pam Schroeder, Steve Kircher, and Jim Zach.

Guests: Derek Thorn -- FLOW AIS Coordinator

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA

Motion made to accept the agenda with minor changes (added report on the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference) was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to accept the minutes from 03/18/22 was made by Larry Sommer and seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Ebben distributed and reviewed the register report, net worth, and budget. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mike Henderson and seconded by Curt Haga. Motion passed unanimously.

Currently we have 154 members.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Report – Steve Kircher reported his office is working on . . .

- permits for boat landings,
- a cost-share project with Arbutus Lake regarding flooding,
- preparation for a public hearing on shoreline zoning scheduled for May 5th (but doesn't think there will be anything regulatory on the agenda).

WRISC (Wild Rives Invasive Species Coalition) – WRISC’s Annual Meeting will be held in-person on or around June 1st. The event will include seminars and a meal. Steve K. will confirm the date and time at our next meeting or you can check on the WRISC website for updates.

Lumberjack R & D Report – Larry Sommer reported that the time to present grants has been extended to December 31st. Organizations can apply for grants up to \$10,000. Steve K. will help organizations write the grants. Larry S. will supply Vi L. with an article about how and when to apply for these grants. He will be attending the next meeting on April 28 in Aurora, WI and an upcoming meeting for Wisconsin Association of Research & Development near Wittenberg, WI.

FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) Report -- Coordinator, Derek Thorn, reported that . . .

- the Arbutus Lake Management Plan is moving forward;
- the AIS towels are on the way – he will have them soon to distribute; and,
- he won’t be at the next meeting, but he will email Pam a written report.

Derek T. also reported on the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference that he attended April 6-8. Curt Haga also attended as FCAL’s representative, and Steve K. represented Forest County. Some of their takeaways included:

- It was a very good value;
- There is a Volunteer Management system for signing up volunteers that appears to be user friendly with how-to YouTube video: signupgenius.com.
- There is a 2-year Lake Leaders program. Applications are available through UW-extension. The participants meet for 6 days at 3 different locations over the course of the program. Jim Zach graduated from this program and highly recommends it. You can find the link to nominate yourself or someone else at the University Extensions Lakes, UWSP site.
- Curt H. shared a poster about Shoreline Protections (see attached pdf). These can also be purchased. These might be good handouts for Kentuck Days or for individual lake associations to use as placemats at their various functions. If we are interested, Curt H. can get us the contact information.
- There is a bill being proposed on the state level to change shoreline zoning control back to local control as it once was. Steve K. will be writing an article about this for his Conservation Corner column and will give us more information about this in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants -- Pam S. reviewed information from last meeting on what we would need to do to apply for future grants from the Potawatomie and suggested that we think about projects we are interested in pursuing such as AIS models or a trailer to use at Kentuck Days, etc. We will need to decide on a project before September as grants can be submitted between now and then. Steve K. can help us write certain grants and Stevens Point has grant helpers who can walk us through some grant writing systems.

OLD BUSINESSSS

Fish Hatchery – Larry S. has made the arrangements with Mike Pruell for us to have our next meeting, May 20th, at the Fish Hatchery. We will have a shortened board meeting followed by a brief presentation by Mike Pruell and a tour of the hatchery. Lake Metonga, Lake Lucerne, and FCAL will be presenting Mike P. with donations to support his continued work on Forest County lakes.

Essay Contest – Clair Carty distributed information to the 5th and 6th grade English and Science teachers at all three schools (Laona, Wabeno, and Crandon). She will pick them up on May 11th, and we will judge them on May 13th at 9:30 am at the Crandon Library. The following people volunteered to help with the judging of the essays: Clair Carty, plus guest; Mark Smith; Larry Sommer; Pat Schultz; Mike and Sue Henderson; Kathy Babcock, plus guest; and Pam Schroeder. Larry S. will also bring 11 applications for the Lion's Club college scholarships for us to help judge. The top three will receive \$1,000 each from the Lions Club.

Newsletter – Send ideas or articles to Vi Lamers for the spring newsletter by May 20th. She already has written articles or plans to write articles on the following: lead-free tackle, dark sky, word hunt, monofilament, natural repellents, loon facts, upcoming events, and FCAL's 30th anniversary. Larry S. will submit an article on Lumberjack R&D and how to apply for their grants. Mark Truymen will submit an article on the eagle that was injured by fireworks on Lake Metonga. Derek T. will submit an article on FLOW and Snap Shot Day. It was suggested that we include the Busting Walleye Myths article (as long as we include its source) – Amy Kowalski at UW-Lakes is a contact for this article.

Vi L. reported that it will cost \$1,216 to print 3,050 copies of the newsletter, plus \$264 for processing the addresses, and postage (which will likely be a bit higher than last year as the cost of postage is going up).

Kentuck Days – Saturday, July 23.

Greg Schmitz, Mike Henderson, Mark Smith, and Derek Thorn have offered to set up the booth at 9 am; Lee Lamer, Derek Thorn and Clair Carty have offered to man the booth for some of the time. In the past, WRISC sent a representative to help.

Derek T. has acrylic blocks of some plants and snails for us to use in the booth.

Fall Forum – Saturday, August 20. Jim Zach reserved the Lake Lucerne Pavilion for no charge. This is the same date as AIS Snap Shot Day. Derek T. can work this into the Fall Forum. Some ideas for presenters include the following: Scott Van Egeren, Water Resource Mgt. Specialist, WDNR; Erica LeMoine, Loon Watch; Lynn Markham, Shoreland and Land Use Specialist, UWSP; Greg Matzke, Fisheries Biologist, WDNR.

Environmental Day – discussion of this event was tabled until Michelle Gobert can get us a date from the school district.

Annual Meeting and Banquet – Saturday, October 22. Clair C. and Pam S. suggested that we invite last year's essay contest to this year's banquet as we had to cancel last year due to COVID. The Potawatomie Community Center was suggested as a site, but we tabled the discussion of the venue until a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Fish Painting Craft – Pam S. will donate materials for children to paint wooden fish at the Kentuck Days booth.

Small Box Trailer with Drop Gate – this would include a permanent display for Kentuck Days, etc. and would be easy to store. Discussion of this was tabled until Greg Schmitz can be present to explain. (The Lions Club has a building on-site and might be able to store our booth materials).

Update Tabletop Display – Pam S., Vi L., and Kathy B. volunteered to update the display board.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Monofilament Line Receptacles – these can be built for approximately \$12/each and located at Forest County boat landings -- perhaps apply for a grant through Surface Water Grants, Lumberjack, or Potawatomie to cover the cost and installation. If we do this, we should be sure that there is an FCAL decal on each receptacle.

Loon Watch Donation – Bob E. received a request for a donation to Loon Watch. Motion to donate the same amount as we donated last year to Loon Watch was made by Larry Sommer and seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

Fish Hatchery Tour/Board Meeting – Larry S. and Mark T. will set up for 30 people and take care of chairs. Mike Pruell's short presentation and the tour will begin at 10:30 am, immediately following our shortened board meeting. Bob E. will bring a \$1,000 check made out to Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe as a donation to show our appreciation for the work Mike Pruell does for Forest County's lakes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Henderson, seconded by Curt Haga. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

**Next BOD meeting will occur in-person at the Mole Lake Fish Hatchery
Friday, 20 May 2022 at 9:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary