

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LIVE (no ZOOM)  
at the Lake Lucerne Pavilion  
August 21, 2021 STARTING AT 8:30 AM

Call to Order: 8:33 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors Present: Pam Schroeder, Bob Ebben, Vi Lamers, Lee Lamers, Mike Henderson, Steve Kircher, Clair Carty, Greg Schmitz, Pat Schultz, and Kathy Babcock.

Guests: Derek Thorn (FLOW AIS Coordinator), Tom and Diane Braunienter (Lake Lucerne), Sally and Bill Hickman (Lake Lucerne), and Mark Truymen (Lake Metonga)

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from 7/23/21 with spelling corrections was made by Lee Lamers and seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bob Ebben presented the treasurer's report. He noted that . . .

- we gave an addition \$100.00 donation to Wisconsin Lakes Association over and above our initial donation as was decided by the board at the last meeting.
- he deposited \$275.00 in dues.
- Ground Hemlock gave an additional \$100.00 donation with their dues.
- Year-to-date we have 187 members.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as is was made by Lee Lamers and seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Lumberjack RC&D Report – No report at this time. Larry Sommers will report on this at the next meeting.

## Forest County Report & WRISC Update – Steve Kircher reported that . . .

- his technician, Kayla, has mapped all of the Forest County roads for Wild Parsnip infestations. Next spring, with the help of the strike team from Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition's (WRISC), they will spray the rosettes with a systemic herbicide. Steve K. will try to get the Highway Dept. to also spray for Wild Parsnips.
- he saw a small outbreak of Purple Loosestrife east of Laona, WI.
- Forest County Land & Water was able to reimburse Rick Hermus 70% of the cost of his Shoreland Riparian Buffer Zone project.
- Forest County Land & Water is working with City of Crandon on a Shoreland Restoration project on Lake Metonga. Once completed, the City will be reimbursed for 50% of their costs.
- his dept. is working with Roberts Lake to find a grant to turn a donated pontoon boat into a DASH (Diver's Assisted Harvest) unit. The original idea was to create the DASH unit for Roberts Lake, but now they are looking into creating it for county-wide use. If this happens, the unit would have to be sprayed down and dried for a week between uses on different lakes in order to be sure invasive species were not being inadvertently spread.
- his dept. plans on expanding the Native Plant sale that he organized this past year through Hansen's in Rhinelander to possibly include shrubs and trees.

## **ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) Report – Derek T. will be identifying plants as invasive and non-invasive from samples brought in by members at the Fall Forum directly following this meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Kentuck Days –

- Greg Schmitz reported that we had good attendance. People appreciated the towels (provided by Steve K.'s dept.) and bobbers we gave out and they were very interested in the acrylic block specimens.
- Derek Thorn (FLOW) and Dana from WRISC were great. Dana's enthusiasm really drew in the children, especially to see the acrylics. Derek T. was a great help in setting up and taking the booth down.

- We need to make arrangements to pick up the display, extra newsletters, etc. from Harry Resch's garage.
- Pam Schroeder suggested that Derek continue working with Wabeno's Fab Lab to create 3-D models of invasive species. Pam S. will supply him with a list of a few contacts at the high school.
- Mark Truymen reported that Metonga's booth had a lot of visitors interested in the eagle that was damaged due to fireworks. That eagle now resides at REGI (Raptor Education Group, Inc.) and will not be able to be released back to nature due to the type of injuries it sustained; however, the eagle will be able to be used for educational purposes. Steve K. may feature this in one of his articles as we get closer to next year's 4th of July.

Lead Sinkers – Greg S. purchased 4 different sizes (100 pieces per size) of tin sinkers, plus small Ziplock bags. He said he would donate this to FCAL as he spent \$52.00, which was more than we voted on at the last meeting. We will need to get FCAL labels for the bags. The idea is that we will hand these out at next year's Kentuck Days. Clair Carty volunteered to put a poster together this; Vi Lamars will put an article in the next newsletter. At some point before next year's Kentuck Days, perhaps in the spring, we will gather for a social event to put together the individual bags and label them. Steve K. said he will likely have cooler packs advertising Clean Boats Clean Waters to donate for next year's Kentuck Days, too.

Venue for Annual Meeting – Pam S. reported that new Lake Ave. (the old LaFetta), is still in its remodeling stage, so Larry S. could not make tentative reservations until sometime after Labor Day. Discussion about public safety issues occurred as some local places including the Mole Lake Casino have closed again due to a rise in COVID. At the next meeting we will discuss whether we should cancel the Annual Dinner. Either way, we will need to have an Annual Meeting, which could be done via ZOOM and in person, as elections, certain types of business and changes must be done at this time.

Environmental Days – Pam S. noted that Harry R. reported that because Veteran Park won't be open this year, that this event may not take place; however, the north end Pavilion may be available. In addition, due to COVID, the schools may err on the side of caution and not want the students to participate.

Mole Lake Fish Hatchery – Mike Pruel will give us a tour at our September 17 board meeting. We will need to bring our own chairs. Steve K. will email us driving directions to the Fish Hatchery. Pat Schultz made a motion to donate

\$500.00 to Mike Pruel as a thank you for the service he has provided for Environmental Days and the support he has given our area lakes; this was seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed. Bob E. will bring the check book to the meeting in order to write out the check there.

Adjournment -- Motion to Adjourn was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Steve Kircher. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Next BOD meeting will occur on Friday, September 17 at 9:00 am at the Mole Lake Fish Hatchery. Steve K. will email driving directions to the hatchery. Remember to bring your own chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock  
Secretary