

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LIVE & VIA ZOOM
November 12, 2021 STARTING AT 9:30 AM

Call to Order: 9:30 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

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

Board of Directors Excused (some by an earlier arrangement, some due to ZOOM difficulties): Patty Orlovsky, Steve Kircher, Greg Schmitz, Jim Wienser, and Jim Zach.

Board of Directors Present via ZOOM: Due to technical difficulties, no members were present on ZOOM.

Guests: Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS Coordinator.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from 9/17/21 with minor spelling corrections was made by Pat Schultz and seconded by Vi Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

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 Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob E. explained that he sent an email to Michelle Goebert for clarification on our website's hosting fee. Michelle G. happened to walk through our meeting and was able to clarify that this is an annual fee for posting our files on a server such as Go Daddy. She also provided the following contact information: 715-889-1097 or michelle@appleview.com.

Bob E. also distributed a 2022 Proposed Budget. Discussion ensued:

- We will continue to ask Tribes for grants. The Potawatomie grant applications go through Milwaukee. Larry Sommer knows Nate Gulden (715-478-7205), who is on the executive committee. Larry S. will contact him for advice on what the Potawatomie committee looks for when reading the grant proposals. Lee Lamers will contact Frank Shepherd about the same issue. Steve Kircher is very good at writing grants and might be able to help with this, too.
- Pam S. shares a ZOOM account with two organizations. We need to include the cost for the portion of that ZOOM account that FCAL uses (approx. \$60.00).
- We currently give to Loon Watch (\$100), Wisconsin Lakes Association (\$300) and Wisconsin River Alliance (\$100). We will also be giving a donation of approximately \$500.00 to \$1,000 to the Chippewa Community c/o Mike Pruell for the fish hatchery at our meeting in April or May.

Larry Sommer made a motion to accept the amended 2022 budget, seconded by Harry Resch. Amended motion passed unanimously. Bob E. will provide us with copies of this amended budget at the next BOD meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Report & WRISC Update – Steve K. was not able to attend via ZOOM. An update will be given at the next BOD meeting.

Lumberjack RC&D Report & WRISC Update – Larry S. noted that WRISC (Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition) has a two state (Michigan and Wisconsin), five-county territory (Dickinson, Menominee, Florence, Marinette, and Forest) and partners with many area lake associations. There is no cost for partnership status. Simply fill out a short form and submit it to WRISC. The more partners WRISC has, the easier to get grants. WRISC currently receives nearly \$500,000 in grant monies, quite a bit of which is spent in Forest County. If your lake association is not currently a partner, Larry S. encourages you to become one.

Larry S. noted that Lumberjack RC & D covers a nine-county area. This year they had \$80,000 to disburse in a maximum amount of \$10,000 per project. They received only five project proposals. Three from Oneida County, one from Oconto, and one from Shawano. Three were denied because they didn't fully follow the grant guidelines, so only \$20,000 was given away. Projects that typically qualify either have an environmental focus or handicap accessible orientation. Lake associations can apply for a grant via Steve Kircher. 25% of the dollar amount requested must be matched by your organization (at least 15% in cash). Grant proposals, including letters of support, need to be in by October 1, 2022 and will be voted on by the end of October 2022.

FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) Report -- Coordinator, Derek Thorn, reported that the 2022 grant cycle is now complete and he is working on the 2023 applications for county-wide lake grants. He reminded us that CBCW (Clean Boats Clean Waters) is a way to build programs and to get interns. Derek T. will send email updates when he cannot attend FCAL meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Mole Lake Fish Hatchery – We will have a BOD meeting at the fish hatchery sometime in the spring, probably April or May.

Lead Sinkers – Greg Schmitz ordered these on our behalf. We have approximately 100 packets left to give away at Kentuck Days, etc.

Kentuck Days – We believe this is scheduled for July 23, 2022, but Vi Lamers will check with the Chamber of Commerce to confirm the date. Vi L. will also contact Jim Zach about reserving the Loon Watch display for our Kentuck Days booth.

Annual Dinner – We had discussed rescheduling this for spring, but this is unlikely. We will consider inviting this past year's essay contest winners and their families to next year's Annual Meeting/Dinner, so they can receive recognition for their winning essays.

Missing 2021 Newsletters – Derek T. suggested that these might be in Steve Kircher's office.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – Per our by-laws, the president and treasurer are elected in odd years and the vice-president and secretary in even years. Mike Henderson nominated Pam Schroeder for a two-year term as president and Bob Ebben for a two-year term as treasurer. Curt Haga seconded the nomination. The vote passed unanimously.

Certificate of Merit – Les Schram, Bruce Court, and Stu McPherson were recognized for their years of faithful service as FCAL Board Members. Pam S. will see that they receive Certificates of Merit for their services.

Voting Rights for Liaison – As a point of clarification, liaisons have voting rights only if they are also representing a lake association in Forest County.

Review of By-Laws – Pam S. distributed copies of FCAL's by-laws. Larry S. will check to see if these are our most recently amended set.

Additional New Business

T-shirts: September 16, 2022 will mark FCAL's 30th Anniversary. We will discuss ordering t-shirts, etc. at the next meeting.

Wake Boats, etc.: The damage done to shorelines by wake boats and jet skis is a recurring theme at many area lake association meetings. Jim Zack sent Pam S. info about this published by the Musky Association. Vi L. will include information about this in the next newsletter especially regarding liability issues and damage to property. The question of how we can educate others about this issue was raised. Once we know what and how we want to disseminate information, Derek T. suggested that we could apply for a Surface Water Education Grant. Further discussion of this topic was tabled until the next BOD meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn was made by Larry Sommer, seconded by Curt Haga. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Next BOD meeting will occur at the Crandon Public Library on Friday, 18 March 2022 at 9:30 am at the Crandon Library.

There will be a social gathering at Charlie's on Lake Metonga on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 for all FCAL Board of Directors and Liaisons. Feel free to bring a guest. Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Attendees are expected to pay for their drinks and meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary