

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
At Crandon Public Library
December 12, 2022 STARTING AT 9:30 AM

Call to Order: 9:35 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Mike Henderson, Mark Truyman, Bob Ebben, Lee & Vi Lamers, Mark Smith, Derek Thorn, Greg Schmitz, Larry Sommer, Clair Carty, Pam Schroeder, and Kathy Babcock

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present via ZOOM: Jim Zach and Steve Kircher

Board of Directors Excused: Pat Schultz

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to approve the minutes from 08/19/22 with minor change (Christopher Cole to Christian Cold) was made by Mark Truyman and seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ebben provided copies of the current "registers report", "current budget", "net worth", "itemized categories year-to-date", and "proposed 2023 budget". He indicated that . . .

- we overspent the 2022 budget. We will need to increase income via grants, donations, etc.
- he filled out an application for a grant from Medford Coop and requested \$1,500 as that is the amount that we overspent in 2022.

Discussion ensued:

- Pam reminded us that we can only apply for a Potawatomie grant if we have a specific project – perhaps updating the Kentuck Days display. She also suggested that we eliminate the \$500.00 lake association grant as we have not been promoting this.
- Mike H. suggested that we look toward moving our business from Hahn Printing to a printer in Forest County.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mike Henderson and seconded by Clair Carty. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER

Larry Sommer was able to reduce the price of the hall rental to \$450.00 as we set up, cleaned up, and removed the garbage ourselves. The food was great, the venue not cozy -- but Pam's decorations cheered it up. Some people had difficulty seeing the Power Point.

We are grateful for the donation we received designated to cover the cost of attendance for the essay winners and their families.

Christian Cold's presentation was terrific. FCAL paid him \$240.00 for the presentation. For a tip we passed the hat to show our appreciation of his efforts.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Report – Steve Kircher reported that . . .

- as this is not the season for field work, he has been busy completing grants for next year.
- he has been involved with Derek in expanding FLOW to Marinette County;
- his department is getting into the beetle raising business in order to help combat Purple Loosestrife infestations in Cavour and other areas. They will be setting up a beetle cage near the deer pen behind the Forest County Courthouse.
- his department, FLOW, and WRISC have been involved in getting rid of phragmites that were found near Laona. They will check on this patch again in the spring.

WRISC (Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition) – Larry Sommer reported that WRISC is back in the office working on grants now that their field season is over. They have also been busy with personnel reviews. He will be attending a WRISC board meeting next week, so will have more to report in the future.

Lumberjack RC & D Report – Larry Sommer reported that . . .

- Paul Miller retired as Lumberjack's forestry supervisor. A new person has been hired as his replacement.
- grants (\$10,000 max.) from Lumberjack's nine counties are due at the of December. They will be reviewed at the January meeting.

FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) Report -- Coordinator, Derek Thorn, reported that they were able to secure funding to keep FLOW going for 2023. Marinette County has now been added to the FLOW program. Funding has been secured through Lumberjack, the four counties (Forest, Langlade, Oconto, and Marinette), and some donations. With the addition of the Marinette County, FLOW can now hire a field technician. Derek will

oversee all four counties, but focus mostly on Forest and Langlade; the field technician will focus primarily on Oconto and Marinette.

BOD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Ebben agreed to continue as treasurer. Greg Schmitz agreed to serve as vice president. A motion was made by Larry Sommers, and seconded by Mark Smith to accept Bob Ebben as treasurer and Greg Schmitz as vice president. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam presented Lee and Vi with a small gift and our gratitude for their years of service – Lee as president for seven years and then vice president for six years; Vi for all those years as newsletter editor. We are thankful that both Lee and Vi will continue on our board and that Vi is not giving up doing the newsletter as she does such a fantastic job.

SET 2023 CALENDAR (some of these dates are tentative but will be used for planning purposes until confirmed)

in January – send membership renewal notices

January 20 – BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

February – No BOD meeting currently scheduled

in March – contact schools regarding essay contest

March 17 – BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

April 21 -- BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

May 12 – judging of essays

May 19 – Newsletter Deadline & BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

June 16 -- BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

July 21 -- BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

July 22 – Kentuck Days (*date not yet confirmed by the Chamber of Commerce*)

August 18 or 19 – Fall Forum & BOD meeting at Lake Lucerne Pavilion

August 19 – Snap Shot Day

September 15 -- BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library

September 23 – Environmental Day (*date not yet confirmed by schools*)

October 21 – Annual Meeting & Dinner

November 10 -- BOD meeting – 9:30 am at Crandon Library (*the meeting is earlier in the month than usual due to Deer Hunting*)

December – No BOD meeting currently scheduled

ELECT CHAIRPERSONS FOR ONGOING 2023 EVENTS & COMMITTEES

Annual Meeting & Dinner – Pam Schroeder & Larry Sommer

Membership – Lee Lamers, Larry Sommer, Clair Carty, and
Pam Schroeder

Essay Contest – Clair Carty

Environmental Day – Lee Lamers (to give experience) &
Michelle Gobert (to do the logistics)

Fall Forum – Jim Zach

Kentuck Days -- Greg Schmitz and Mark Smith

Newsletter – Vi Lamers

Website – Clair Carty, Vi Lamers, Greg Schmitz, and Kathy Babcock

SOME COMMITTEE NOTES

Environmental Day -- Mark T. suggested that next year we hold this at the North Landing as it has easier boat access and there is a pavilion; avoid conflicts with other field trips on the date we choose as this was a problem this past year when many students were at Nicolet College on the same day as our event was scheduled.

Fall Forum – Jim suggested the following as speakers/support:

Scott Van Egren – Regional Biologist, WDNR

Lynn Markham – UW Extension, lawn herbicides and pesticides.

Membership – committee to redesign membership form; consider if we should continue to offer 5-year memberships or go back to only one-year memberships; make a plan to encourage other businesses to join (consider creating a document similar to that used by the Lions' Club to outline what we do and what we will do for them).

Newsletter – consider adding dates for events sponsored by our member lake associations.

Website – create a process of how to update the website; analyze website for needed updates, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Vi suggested that we donate \$100.00 to the library for hosting our monthly meetings. We have done this in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Our next meeting will be held in person and via ZOOM on the Friday, 20 January 2023 at 9:30 am at the Crandon Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary