

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 at Lake Lucerne Pavilion
 August 19, 2022 STARTING AT 8:30 AM

Call to Order: 8:32 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Mike Henderson, Pat Schultz, Mark Truymen, Bob Ebben, Jim Zach, Lee Lamers, Curt Haga, Steve Kircher, Derek Thorn, Greg Schmitz, Larry Sommer, Clair Carty, Pam Schroeder, and Kathy Babcock

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Mark Smith and Vi Lamers.

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to approve the minutes from 07/15/22 was made by Curt Haga and seconded by Greg Schmitz. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ebben indicated that . . .

- dues have begun to filter in from the June reminder letter.
- we are living within our budget, but warned that we might go a bit over due to the annual meeting/dinner. We will wait to see how things work out.
- he will look into Wisconsin Lakes Association regarding insurance for FCAL and the board when it is time to renew our insurance. Jim Zach offered to help with this, too.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Greg Schmitz and seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Kentuck Days

- Despite difficulties setting up the tent, the day was a success. Thank you to all who helped put up and take down the display.
- The canopy was thrown out – Greg Schmitz will do some research into the cost of investing in an easy setup canopy.

- We had good traffic all day. The FCAL canvas bags that Larry Sommer donated were a great success as were the lead-free sinkers. Thank you to Larry for his donation.
- Tyler from WRISC and Derek Thorn from FLOW were great spokespersons at the booth.

Environmental Day – This is scheduled for Friday, September 23 from 9 am to noon-ish.

- If we need another pontoon boat, Mar Truymen might have one if it hasn't yet been taken out of the water for the season.
- There is little for us to do once the day begins except to keep the groups moving and to take photos.
- Michelle Gobert should be able to give us an update at our next meeting.

Annual Meeting and Banquet – Saturday, October 22 at Crandon's City Hall.

- The City Hall will provide a screen.
- Christian Cold will be our presenter.
- We already have two reservations from our essay winners that will be paid for by the \$500.00 donation that Pam has received.
- We should consider running an article in the paper about this event.
- We are buying beer, wine and soda. This will be at no cost to the attendees although we will ask for donations.
- Email invitations will be sent out as well as a few printed ones.
- We will need to set a time for the event.
- See minutes from 7.15.22 for the menu.
- We will re-elect/elect officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Changes to NR 107 & NR 109 -- Pam was contacted by Dawn Klodd of Aquarius Systems (262-392-2162) about possible changes in NR 107 and NR 109 – these refer to removal or chemical treatment of AIS and will likely be combined into one legislative piece. She is concerned that this will change the way things are treated in terms of speed, rate, and lake size.

Clair Carty will contact Wisconsin Lakes Association to find out more about this as well as their stance on the issue. Once we know this, we can let our lake associations know what is happening.

Wisconsin RC & D – Larry Sommer was just named Vice-President of this organization. Congratulations, Larry!

Homer Rosa – Homer is a 96-year-old who was on the County Board for 18 years. He recently reached out to Pam about his earlier efforts to create an organization like FCAL. Pam will send a response letter and invite him to our Annual Meeting. His story might be a good article for the newsletter.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Report – Steve Kircher reported that . . .

- He and Derek are still considering a county-wide Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program, but he has some concerns as it requires hiring people for limited term employment (LTE). Florence County wanted to hire 8 LTE this past summer and only had two people apply.
- Steve is still pursuing the county-wide CBCW program, but will first reach out to colleges to see if he can find a source for people willing to take LTE job.

WRISC (Wild Rives Invasive Species Coalition) – Larry Sommer reported that there is no update at this time. He will keep us posted after they meet again.

Lumberjack R & D Report – Larry Sommer reported that there is no update at this time. He will keep us posted after they meet again; however, he noted that the Wisconsin RC & D did meet. They had a speaker from the federal government who spoke about changes in climate change laws that might relate to our copper credit. This may have a major impact on our economy. He will get a more thorough report for us. Perhaps he will also be able to get someone to speak directly to us about this.

FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) Report -- Coordinator, Derek Thorn, reported that Snap Shot Day is today for us and tomorrow for the rest of our area. It is a state-wide education day in which people bring samples of aquatic plants/animals to be identified and classified as native or invasive.

Derek also noted that Purple Loosestrife is in our area – if you see any, please contact Derek with its location.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Larry Sommer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Our next meeting will be held in person and via ZOOM on the Friday, 16 September 2022 at 9:00 am at the Crandon Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary