

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Crandon Public Library at 9:30 am
September 15, 2023

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

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

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present via ZOOM: Jim Zach.

Board of Directors Excused: Greg Schmitz, Curt Haga, and Mark Smith.

Board of Directors Absent: Daniel Verbanek, Mark Truymen, Curt Haga, Patty Orlovsky.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the August meeting will be presented at the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Ebben distributed and reviewed the financial reports. Mike Henderson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob indicated that we received a request from Rivers Alliance to increase our donation this year from the \$100 we gave last year to \$250. Discussion ensued. Steve Kircher moved that we table the discussion until after Environmental Day, seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob also indicated that we received a request from Loon Watch. Larry Sommers made a motion to donate \$100 to Loon Watch, seconded by Vi Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob reported on our current membership: 19 Lake Associations; 5 businesses; and 171 individuals.

Pam Schroeder stated that she would write letters to Mole Lake and Co-Vantage to let them know how we are spending the grant monies.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation & WRISC: Steve Kircher reported that in the future he would be asking FCAL to support the grant proposal for kiosks at boat landings at approximately 10% of the overall cost – no action is required at this time -- however, more about this at a future meeting.

Steve also noted that Kayla has recently been working on removing Japanese Knotweed around Forest County with WRISC's Strike Team. WRISC is working on developing their five-year strategic plan. In addition, they are piloting a cost-share program for the management of Garlic Mustard with the Butternut Franklin Lakes Association.

LUMBERJACK: Larry Sommer provided an update on the contract between Lumberjack and Enbridge Pipeline Company out of Canada. Lumberjack will be handling the payout of grant monies for those proposals approved by Enbridge. They have had six requests so far. One thing the six have in common is they all include replanting after the pipeline has been put into the ground.

FLOW-AIS: Derek Thorn reported that. . .

- Trump Lake now has an early detection response grant.
- Roberts Lake will be entering Zebra Mussel data into SWIMS.
- He attended the state-wide Trappers Convention in Antigo that was designed to build awareness. The first day 107 people attended; on the 2nd day 70 people participated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting/Dinner (October 21) – This will be held at the American Legion Hall in Wabeno (\$50.00 hall fee if we clean up).

- Pam is arranging for the caterer – probably Carla's Country Kitchen.
- Larry and Pam will purchase the beverages.
- Christian Cole has agreed to be our speaker (\$250.00) – in addition to paying for his visit, we will ask for donations for the care of the animals if attendees see fit.
- Four students have agreed to read their essays; therefore, with their families, we are covering the cost of approximately 12 people for dinner.

- Greg Schmitz will be donating a puzzle board for a raffle. We will need to figure out the logistics of raffles at the annual dinner.
- Clair, Kathy, and Pam will meet on Tuesday at 9:15 am at the Crandon Library to put labels on the invitations.
- The most important item on the agenda will be to elect board members.
- Please arrive by 3:15 pm if you can to help set up.

Fall Forum: Jim Zach reviewed this year's Fall Forum and is looking toward next year's. . .

- He will reserve Lake Lucerne's Pavilion for the third Friday of August 2024.
- Next year, we need to advertise more: Jim Zach will be sure it is on the Lake Lucerne website and Facebook page. When FCAL's new website is up and running, we can list it there, too. We should be able to send email invitations to all members suggesting they attend.
- Send recommendations for next year's topics to Jim Zach.

Environmental Day: Lee Lamers and Steve Kircher reported that. . .

- The date is currently set for September 28th, but we will need to look into changing that as we are having difficulty getting presenters for that day. Steve will contact area high schools to see if we can change the date to October 5.
- Some of the people that they have reached out to or will reach out to include the following: Greg Matzke (DNR), Scott Van Egeren (DNR), Jim Zach, R.T. Krueger, Lindsay Peterson (WRISC), Derek Thorn (FLOW-AIS), Jeannie Fannin (FC Zoning), FC Recreation Officers, Kayla Drescher, Pam Schroeder (FCAL- Wisconsin Lakes Trivia), Trout Unlimited Climate Change Specialist, Sherry Plethers, Mole Lake Hydrologist, Mike Pruell (Mole Lake Fish Hatchery), Mark Truymen (pontoon boat on Metonga), Trout Lake Station and Kemp Research Station (UW-Madison in Boulder Junction), Paul Sawinski (UW-Extension, Stevens Point), etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Vi Lamers, seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Notes:

1) The Annual Meeting & Dinner is on Saturday, October 21 at 4 pm in Wabeno at the Legion Hall – Invitations will be sent – please RSVP to reserve your spot. Please let Pam and Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

2) Our next regular Board of Directors Meeting will be at 9:30 am on Friday, November 10, 2023. Please let Pam and Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary