

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Crandon Public Library (no Zoom)
Friday, April 19, 2024

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

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

Board of Directors present via ZOOM: Jim Zach.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Steve Kircher, Greg Schmitz, Derek Thorn, and Mark Truyman.

Board of Directors Absent: Patty Orlovsky and Dan Verbanec.

Guests: none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to accept the minutes from 03/16/24 was made by Curt Haga and seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ebben distributed and reviewed the register report, net worth, and current budget. A motion was made by Vi Lamers , seconded by Mike Henderson, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES

CoVantage – This grant application is due June 1. Bob contacted Greg Schmitz for info on the lead-free sinkers give-away (cost for plastic bags, labels, sinkers) = \$514; Larry reported the cost of the canvas bags with FCAL logo is \$350 for 100 bags. Other things to consider including in this and future grants include percentage of the newsletter cost, essay contest rewards and/or annual dinner for the families of contest winners, materials for the fishing line receptacles.

Visit Forest County (formerly known as the Chamber of Commerce) – Bob will continue to look into writing a grant proposal.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Steve Kircher was not able to attend, but sent a report that was read (see addendum).

FLOW/AIS: Derek Thorn was not able to attend, but sent a report that was read (see addendum).

Lumberjack: no update at this time.

WRISC: The WRISC annual meeting is June 5, 2024 at 9 am at Iron River City Park. There will be a speaker and updates. Brunch will be served. Board Members are encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting/Dinner – There is a conflict with our original date as that is also Lake Metonga's Weeds & Walleyes fundraiser at Mole Lake. Pam will look into changing the date (maybe a Thursday night) and possibly the venue – she will update us at the May meeting. Typically, this event is the third Saturday of October. Pam will look into Wild Instincts or REGI (Raptor Education Group) as a speaker.

Business Donation & New Membership Forms – No update at this time, but members are encouraged to seek new Business Members.

Environmental Days – no update at this time.

Essay Contest: Clair Carty reported that teachers are excited about this year's topic. Pam and Derek will be doing class presentations about the topic on April 23 & April 26. Judging will occur after the May 17th Board Meeting and Lunch. The following people volunteered to judge: Pat Schultz, Lee & Vi Lamers, Mike & Sue Henderson, Mark & Diane Smith, Pam Schroeder, Larry Sommer, Kathy Babcock & friend, and Clair Carty.

Fall Forum, Friday, August 16 – Jim Zach reported that Jeannie Fannin (Forest County Zoning Dept.) and John Richter (Plum Lake Association & River Alliance) have confirmed they will attend; not yet confirmed is Kayla Littleton (Forest County Land and Water Conservation Dept). Other possibilities, if needed, include Paul Skawinski (UW- Extension) and Greg Matzke (WDNR).

Kentuck Days – Saturday, July 27. We have been given the same location as last year. Mark Smith is donating maple syrup for new members.

Newsletter – Please get articles to Vi Lamers by May 1st. The cost of this year’s newsletter is \$1543 for \$3100 copies. This does not include mailing.

Website – Kathy and Clair reported that they will be meeting one last time with Brandon Quig, our webmaster, and should be able to present the website at our May meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Business Members – It was decided that any group awarding a grant to FCAL would be considered a business member and would be featured on the website and in the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Henderson, seconded by Curt Haga. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Note: Our next Board of Directors Meeting is at 9:30 am on Friday, May 17 at the Crandon Public Library live and via ZOOM. Please let Pam and Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary

ADDENDUM



Steve Kircher's Report--FCAL Meeting, Friday, April 19, 2024

Forest County

- Getting ready for Purple Loosestrife Potting Day/Bug Cage Setup, early May
- Annual Native Plant Pickup, Friday, May 31st by the Tank in Courthouse Square
- Lake Surveys will begin soon; expect milfoil to be prevalent because of early ice out

WI Lakes & Rivers Conference

- Wakeboats! Forest County may pursue Wakeboat Resolution in May similar to neighboring counties (Oneida & Vilas)
- PFAS is still here! Forest County only has **detectable** quantities and not at the **contamination level** yet
- Attended Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin Presentation
 - Possible speaker/station for Environmental Field Day or Fall Forum
 - Contact with representative
 - Awaiting approval from FCAL

WRISC

- Annual Meeting is Wednesday, June 5th @ Iron Mountain City Park
- Gearing up for Summer Treatment Season

Environmental Field Day

- Collecting Presenters for the Day
 - What about Honey Bees demo?
 - Anyone know of local hives/beekeepers
- I will attend Trees for Tomorrow Field Day in July? to recruit presenters

Derek Thorn's Report

FLOW AIS Update for FCAL

Since March 15th



- FLOW AIS Coordinator Derek Thorn attended the Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point
 - Attended 18 different presentations that covered, the clean water act, lake health, aquatic plant management and DASH systems, wake boats, Gass Carp, purple loosestrife and native plantings, and lastly organisms in trade.
- PL cage set up is scheduled for May 6th in Crandon behind the courthouse and Steve's house
- Water clarity education day with area schools for essay contest will be on Tuesday April 23rd.