

**FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Crandon Public Library and via Zoom
Friday, May 17, 2024**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am on May 17 2024. President Pam Schroeder established a quorum and the meeting was called to order.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Pam Schroeder, Greg Schmitz, Robert Ebben, Larry Sommer, Lee & Vi Lamers, Curt Haga, Mike Henderson, Clair Carty, Pat Schultz, Mark Truymen, Derek Thorn.

Board of Directors present via ZOOM: Jim Zach and Steve Kircher.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Kathy Babcock and Mark Smith.

Board of Directors Absent: Patty Orlovsky, and Dan Verbanec.

Guests: Brandon Quig (webmaster).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes were approved with the change that the cost of this year's newsletter is \$1545 for 3100 copies.

Membership approved the secretary's report for April 19th, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Bob Ebben gave his treasurer's report:

Outflows were \$68.00 for UPSP fees.

Inflows were \$298.97 for membership dues.

50 FCAL members have not renewed their memberships.

Budget is within parameters. Pam suggested changing using budget 2024 not 2023 in the budget form.

Assets are listed on page 3 of the Treasurer's report.

Larry Sommer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with the change (budget 2024not 2023) and Curt Haga seconded it. Membership approved the Treasure Report.

GRANT UPDATES

CoVantage -- Bob Ebben applied for CoVantage Grant, monies to be used for Lead Free Sinkers and Mono Filament Line Containers.

Visit Forest County (formerly known as the Chamber of Commerce) – no report at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation:

Steve Kircher announced his retirement will be on January 15, 2025. He also noted that he is working on collecting presenters for Environmental Field Day. In addition, he will be attending the Trees for Tomorrow's Field Day in July.

FLOW/AIS:

Derek Thorn traveled to Laona's 4th & 5th grade students along with Pam Schroeder to talk about water clarity education for the essay contest on April 23rd.

Derek attended the Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point.

There will be a clean boats / clean waters training available at the Riverview town hall in Mountain, WI on Saturday May 18th.

Derek Thorn and Steve Kircher are both raising Loosestrife Beetles in two cages at the Forest County Courthouse and in Steve's backyard to be released to combat Purple Loosestrife invasive species.

Derek Thorn is working with the Potawatomi Reservation landscape restoration grant.

They also applied for a Lumberjack grant for supplies and wages and program stability.

Flow AIS applied for an outreach grant for educational information on invasive species & clean boat/clean water information pamphlets that will be available soon to resort owners .

Lumberjack: Larry Sommer announced that he has been elected President of Lumberjack. Lumberjack has \$10,000 grants available for clean water, air and land.

WRISC: Annual Meeting is Wednesday, June 5th @ Iron Mountain City Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting/Dinner – Pam Schroeder talked about the venue for the Annual Meeting. She had checked with the Mole Lake Casino Lodge & Event Center. Larry Sommers said he already reserved Main Street Ed's in Argonne for the annual meeting, entertainment and dinner. After some discussion, it was determined that it would be more cost effective to have the annual meeting at Main Street Ed's. Pam asked for a vote on either venue and the majority voted for Main Street Ed's.

Business Donation & New Membership Forms – Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort and Conway True Value have not renewed their membership. Larry Sommer will check with them about that. Larry will also see if Water's Edge would be interested in being a member of FCAL.

Environmental Days – no report at this time.

Essay Contest -- Pam Schroeder, Clair Carty, Pat Schulz and Vi Lamers will be meeting today after lunch to judge FCAL essays.

Fall Forum -- Friday, August 16 at Lake Lucerne Pavilion from 9:30am – 11:30am. Speakers include Jeannie Fannin (Forest County Zoning Dept.), John Richter (Plum Lake Association & River Alliance), and Kayla Littleton (Forest County Land and Water Conservation Dept).

Kentuck Days – no report at this time.

Newsletter – no report at this time.

Website – Clair Carty and Brandon Quid reviewed the new FCAL website. Brandon, Clair, Kathy, VI, and Diane have made a major effort in creating a user-friendly website.

Suggestions for changes to FCAL website as follows:

- Encourage members to send in photos of their own lakes.
- Email Kathy Babcock for Events on your lake association
- Hide the pricing for membership fee (\$25-\$100)
- Remove “CONTINUED SUPPORT” on membership form
- Include tax i.d.# in the email confirmation form
- Add Arbutus to Lake Association Members
- Add to events: FCAL Newsletter coming out in June and Lake Metonga & Lake Lucerne Events

The “CONTACT US” form will be sent directly to Kathy Babcock’s email account.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Woods and Waters Conference – Clair Carty attended this event in Manitowish Waters on May 3rd, 2024 regarding wake boats & local ordinances.

Wisconsin Lakes Association -- A motion was made by Curt Haga and seconded by Jim Zach to donate \$200 to Wisconsin Lakes Association.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Haga, seconded by Larry Sommer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Our next Board of Directors Meeting is at 9:30 am on Friday, June 21 at the Crandon Public Library and via ZOOM. Please let Pam and Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Schmitz
Vice President