

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Nicolet College
Friday, July 12, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm by President Pam Schroeder who established a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Bob Ebben, Greg Schmitz, Pam Schroeder, Dereck Thorn, Jim Zach, and Kathy Babcock

Board of Directors present via ZOOM: None due to no ZOOM access.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Pat Schultz, Clair Carty, Vi Lamers & Lee Lamers, Curt Haga, Mark Truymen, Mike Henderson, and Mark Smith.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Absent: Larry Sommer, Steve Kircher, Patty Orlovsky, and Dan Verbanec.

Guests: Kathy & Keith Hahlbeck, (Butternut), Lance Laabs (Arbutus), Kay Provance (Langlade County Waterways Assoc.), Kayla Littleton (Forest County Conservation Dept.)

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Motion to accept the minutes from June 21, 2024 as presented was made by Bob Ebben and seconded by Kathy Hahlbeck. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT -- Bob Ebben presented the treasurer’s report. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented was made by Greg Schmitz and seconded by Keith Hahlbeck. Motion passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES – None at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Steve Kircher has officially retired; Kayla Littleton is the Interim Director. We welcome Kayla and look forward to working with her. She will be using the same email address that Steve used.

FLOW/AIS: Derek Thorn reported that . . .

-Forest County has been working with Arbutus Lake to develop a Milfoil Management Plan. They are looking at different avenues of treatment including rearing and using weevils. Bob Ebben has reached out to a group that is involved in raising weevils and has received a manual about this. Kentuck Lake has used the weevils in the past for

control of Eurasian Milfoil but they didn't stay with this treatment – it did seem to help but not as quickly as chemical treatments. Using Grass Carp is another form of treatment that they are researching, but the Grass Carp must be sterilized. Sterilized Grass Carp live for 10-12 years.

-Purple Loosestrife beetles are being grown behind the Court House. They may move the larva to the northern shore of Lake Lucerne when the Loosestrife flowers.

- Curly Leaf Pondweed has been reported in Pickerel-Crane Lakes.

- Spongy Moth Caterpillars are especially bad this year.

Lumberjack: None at this time.

WRISC: None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting/Dinner – Thursday, October 24 at Ed's in Argonne; Pam will reach out to either REGI (Raptor Education Group) or Wild Instincts for a speaker, and she will cancel Mole Lake as a venue.

Business Donations & New Membership Forms –No report at this time; however, we need to discuss plaques for Business Members at a future meeting.

Environmental Days – Date to be determined. No report at this time. We will ask Lee to check with Steve to see if he is still willing to help with this event.

Essay Contest – No report at this time.

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). Kathy will bring coffee, cream and sugar; Greg will bring cups and donuts; Pam will bring fruit; Jim will check with Larry Sommer about getting the microphone and amplifier owned by FCAL.

Kentuck Days – Saturday, July 27. WRISC will bring materials as will Derek from FLOW. Greg will bring sinkers and will get the FCAL bags to stuff with materials and will bring membership forms. Mark Smith will bring maple syrup to give new members. Kathy will check with WRISC to make sure they are sending someone. Our set-up crew will meet at 8:30 am. The set-up crew consists of Greg, Mark Smith, Lee and Pam. Our booth will be in the same location as last year. Derek will only be able to work in the morning; Kathy will work in

the afternoon; Greg will be there all day. We think that Lee & Vi are planning on working for part of the day.

Newsletter – No report at this time; however, we need to discuss the mailing list at September board meeting as there were many instances of people not receiving a newsletter. Kayla Littleton indicated that she could help us with this.

Website -- No report at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Monofilament Receptacles – Mark Smith and Greg Schmitz plan on building these next week. Mark S. is picking up supplies today. They plan to have one on display at Kentuck Day.

Ted Rulseh Presentation – Jim reported that on Saturday, August 17 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am at the Lake Lucerne Advancement Pavilion, Ted Rulseh will be speaking about Lake Health and Lake Ecology. This event is open to all.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Schmitz, seconded by Kathy Hahlbeck. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Our next Board of Directors Meeting is on Friday, August 16 at The Lake Lucerne Advancement Pavilion. Set up for Fall Forum begins at 8 am. A brief Board of Directors meeting begins at 8:30 am and is followed by Fall Forum at 9:30 am. Please let Pam and Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary