

**FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Pavilion**  
**Friday, August 16, 2024**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by President Pam Schroeder who established a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Bob Ebben, Greg Schmitz, Pam Schroeder, Dereck Thorn, Jim Zach, Larry Sommer, Vi Lamers & Lee Lamers, Curt Haga, Mark Truymen and Kathy Babcock.

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

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Pat Schultz, Clair Carty, Mike Henderson, and Mark Smith.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Absent: Patty Orlovsky and Dan Verbanec.

Guests: Kayla Littleton (Forest County Conservation Dept.), Dana Ruff, Mark Orlovsky with two others.

**AGENDA**

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Pam Schroeder was made by Mark Truymen and seconded by Jim Zach.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Motion to accept the minutes from July 12, 2024 as presented was made by Vi Lamers and seconded by Jim Zach. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy will make an appointment with Steve Watson to set up Mail Chimp and will report on the status at the next board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** -- Bob Ebben presented the treasurer's report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Lee Lamers and seconded by Jim Zach. Motion passed unanimously.

**GRANT UPDATES** – Bob is in the process of submitting a grant request to Associated Bank. If this is denied, he will pursue one with Visit Forest County.

## LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Kayla's reported that . . .

- she is no longer using Steve's email address. We should use her previous email: <[lcctech@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcctech@co.forest.wi.us)>.
- she has begun to work on a more accurate mailing list for next year's newsletter.
- she is working with Lee on Environmental Day. Ryan from the Potawatomie will bring their shocking boat if the schools agree to one of these dates: Monday, 9/23; Thursday, 9/26; or, Friday, 9/27.

FLOW/AIS: Derek Thorn reported that . . .

- he has been working with Jim Zach and others from Lake Lucerne regarding Eurasian Milfoil. 16 different points will be surveyed.
- he worked the WRISC booth at Kentuck Day.
- he completed the Resort Outreach Project , assembling and distributing over 200 folders with information about Wisconsin lakes, invasive species, Clean Boats Clean Waters. Folders also included a six-question survey for guests to take before and after their stay.

Lumberjack: Larry reported that . . .

- Lumberjack represents 10 counties.
- they will be meeting at Ed's in October to look over the grant requests they have received to date.
- Grant requests for no more than \$10,000 should be received in December. They will be voting on which to award in January.

WRISC: Larry reported that he attended the WRISC meeting this past Wednesday. He reminded us that WRISC does a great job requesting and getting grants for the work they do to manage or eradicate invasive species. In the past, Steve Kircher represented the Land and Water Conservation Dept. He assumes that Kayla will be taking over that role.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting/Dinner – Thursday, October 24 at Ed’s on Main Street in Argonne. The annual meeting begins at 3 pm. We will need a quorum in order to elect new board members. Wild Instincts will be providing a presentation for us. Larry will finalize the menu before our next meeting, so we can finalize the cost/person, which will likely be between \$25-30/person.

Business Donations & New Membership Forms –No report at this time.

Environmental Days – Lee reported that. . .

- this will occur sometime during the last week of September.
- it will take place at the North Park on Metonga (same place as last year) as it has easier boat access.
- he and Kayla have 8 stations line up, some of which include the use of drones, fish shocking, muck with invertebrates, glacial soils, WRISC, and FLOW.

Essay Contest – No report at this time.

Fall Forum – No report at this time except to thank Jim Zach for organizing today’s event.

Kentuck Days – It was a perfect day with big crowds. We gave out over 100 bags filled with information. Our new display grid and new signage looked good. Mark Smith provided maple syrup for those signing up as new members. We gained two new memberships. We displayed one of the twelve monofilament receptacles that Mark Smith and Greg made. Greg will be ordering new decals for them as the ones originally designed were not big enough. He will also see about including a QR Code that will link to our website.

Newsletter – No report at this time.

Website -- No report at this time.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Energy Presentation – Earlier Pam sent board members an email indicating that Quinn Rowe, the Federal Clean Energy Campaign Manager with Wisconsin Conservation Voters, has offered to do a presentation for FCAL (see the email of

July 31). Jim Zach suggested that we consider this topic for a future Fall Forum as the health of our lakes is tied to climate change. It was decided that Pam would invite Quinn to do a ZOOM presentation, so we could decide if we wanted to forward the information to our respective lake associations and/or invite him to next year's Fall Forum.

Fundraiser – Running a fund raiser was suggested. Perhaps a raffle of some sort. Bob will check into getting a license for this. We believe the cost will be \$25.00.

Monofilament Receptacles – As reported above, Mark S. and Greg completed building 12 receptacles. Once the new decals and the QR Code are adhered to them, they will be ready for distribution. The idea is that we will give these to lake associations for them to place at their boat landings. Thank you, Mark S. and Greg, for your hard work.

Plaques for Business Members -- Greg made a motion, seconded by Lee to give Diane Smith permission to make plaques for our business members to display. Once Diane purchases frames and designs the certificate of membership, Greg has offered to print them. We still need to work on getting more businesses to join.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg, seconded by Larry. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

**Note: Our next Board of Directors Meeting is at 9:30 am on Friday, September 20 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