

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

Call to Order: 9:40 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

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

Board of Directors present via ZOOM: Technical difficulties; members were not able to attend.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Curt Haga, Greg Schmitz, Jim Zach, and Steve Kircher.

Board of Directors Absent: Larry Sommer, Mark Truymam, Patty Orlovsky, and Dan Verbanec.

Guest: Di Smith (website committee member).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to accept the minutes from 11/10/23 was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasure Bob Ebben reported that he made a minor change to the 2024 Budget, which was approved at the November 10th meeting. He changed the \$3,600 amount that was originally listed under budgeted association dues to \$4,600 – the \$4,600 amount is what we should bring in if all the dues reminders he recently sent out get paid.

Mike Henderson made a motion to accept the above change to the 2024 Budget, seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob distributed and reviewed the register report, net worth, and current budget.

A motion was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Mark Smith to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES

Mole Lake Chippewa Grant for \$1,000.00 was granted. Pam applied for this grant and sent photos of Kentuck Days and written descriptions of our other events. Pam attended the awards event on Monday, January 13 and accepted the grant on FCAL's behalf. Pam will write a thank you note for this generous donation.

LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: No report at this time. Steve will report on kiosks and fishing line receptacles at our next meeting

FLOW/AIS: Derek Thorn provided the following dates:

Lumberjack RC & D meeting – January 25

Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point – April 10-12

Snap Shot Day – August 10

Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference – November 12 -18

Derek also reported the good news that in 2023 there was only one, new verified location of an invasive species in Forest County – a small Purple Loosestrife infestation off of Hwy. 8, which was taken care of. The site will now be watched to make sure the Loosestrife has been eradicated from that location.

Lumberjack: No report at this time.

WRISC: No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting – Tentatively set for Saturday, October 19, 2024. Pam will check on Mole Lake Casino as a possible location for this year's Annual Meeting/Dinner as well as other Forest County locations. The Legion Hall in Waubeno is our back up location if we can't find one that works better for us.

Business Donation & New Membership Forms – Thank you Clair for getting Tamarack Outfitters to become a business member. Bob revised our current membership form (simply relocated a few items), which will be on our new website.

Environmental Days – Lee will contact Steve to see if he is still willing to co-chair this event with Lee.

Essay Contest: Clair Carty reported that she, Steve, and Pam are considering doing a presentation for the classes when presenting the essay contest to the three schools (Waubeno, Laona, and Crandon). If they do this, the presentations will need to be done in late February or early March. She reminded us that last year Waubeno did not partake in the contest due to teacher turnover, but they said they would be interested in participating this year. The essay topic will need to be decided by then.

Fall Forum, Friday, August 16 – Jim has already reserved the Lake Lucerne Pavilion for this event. If you have ideas for speakers, please contact Jim Zach. Some ideas include Mike Pruell (walleyes/stocking), RT Krueger of Northern Lakes Services (problem areas in specific Forest County Lakes), Jimmy Anderson (drone surveys of area lakes), Jean Fannin (zoning). FCAL Board of Directors are encouraged to let their lake associations know of this even and encourage their members to attend. Derek will put this event on the FLOW Facebook page when we get closer to the date and have more specific details of speakers, etc.

Kentuck Days – Date to be determined (usually the fourth Saturday of July). Mark Smith and Greg Schmitz will co-chair. Mike Henderson and Lee Lamers agreed to help. Mark will stop by the Chamber office to reserve our spot, hopefully in the same location as last year (near the food booths – great for stop-in traffic). The new tents and tables were great. Remember not to put a wall between the two sides of our booths, so there is better flow of visitors between FCAL and WRISC tables.

Newsletter – Please get articles to Vi Lamers by May 1st. This year we will be printing extras to place around the community (businesses, bars, the library, the Snoop Shop, etc.).

Website – This is still in process but the committee is making headway. They will meet again this afternoon. There will be a way of paying on line for things such as membership dues, the annual dinner, etc. We are working toward a going live date sometime in the spring.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Additional Agenda Items for the February 16 meeting -- Business Member Plaques, Wake Boat Update and possible position statement, Life Jackets/Life Jacket Stands, etc.

Six County Lake Association Meeting – This will be on a Friday in July. Kathy will send out the date once she confirms it. We will have our July FCAL meeting directly following the Six County meeting. Joe Steinhage of OCLRA (Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association) is one of the coordinators of this event. He has asked for email addresses of our members. We decided to only give him our Board of Director emails and the emails for individual lake association, not emails of our individual members. All present agreed to have Kathy share their emails with Joe. Kathy will reach out to absent board members for permission to share their emails. Joe is planning on using these emails to encourage more people to attend the Six County meeting – last year they had just over 180 attendees – he would like to see 250!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Note: Our next Board of Directors Meeting is at 9:30 am on Friday, February 16 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