

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC  
Board of Directors Meeting, September 18, 2015  
9:00 AM, Crandon Public Library Lower Level

Call to Order: President Lamers called the meeting to order at 9:00 and declared a quorum as being met.

Board Members Present: Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Sue Koshere, Dennis Koshere, Pam LaBine, Pat Schultz, Stu MacPherson, Harry Resch, Mark Smith, Bruce Court, John Preuss, Mary Sprenger, Pam Schroeder, Mike Henderson

Acceptance of Agenda: A motion was made by Court, seconded by Henderson to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Schroeder to accept the minutes with the correction of adding the November meeting date. Motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Report unavailable today. Motion by LaBine to layover the report to the next meeting, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried.

- Discussion of cost to members and volunteers for Field Trip, Fall Forum, etc. and how to show our appreciation. Suggestion was to maintain a list of volunteers throughout the year, announce them at the annual meeting and give them a token of appreciation such as a gas card and/or money for lunch. This policy will be addressed at our January meeting.
- Discussion of our purpose, funding, volunteers and use of our monies. Discussion of maintaining a minimum balance in our funds and use the remainder for supporting other environmental activities. Sprenger said their association pays \$12 per hour for boat monitoring at the federal boat landing. Their volunteers must carry their own liability insurance. Her association pays \$4000 and they receive \$4000 from the state. These issues were tabled until then January meeting.

## Old Business

- Preparations for the Annual Meeting: Invitations have gone out. Our speaker is “Mother Nature”. Next year we need to schedule around Metonga’s fund raiser the second week of Oct. LaBine will provide a power point and a screen.
- Review High School Field Trip: Resch reported great weather, a great time, and a great turnout of 71 students between 7 stations. It was a challenge to get it all done on time. Articles will be coming out in the Pioneer Express, the Forest Republican and the Beacon. In the future, the FCAL board and members are encouraged to come out and watch or join in. Dr.Edelin from Crandon was instrumental in organizing the stations. Resch took sludge from the shoreline and showed kids how lakes are aging.
- Discussion on how we can get support from congressmen and senators to give us more money to save some of our lakes from eutrophication . We need to start doing core samples on our lakes and give them to the county so they can show that the aging is due to decay of vegetation, not due to erosion. Suggestion that FCAL spearhead opening up spawning beds. Consider using crowd source funding – going on the internet saying we have a problem and asking for support.
- P. Schroeder attended the Fall Forum and felt it was very valuable and informative. She thanked everyone who was instrumental in it.

## New Business

- Nominations: Pam Schroeder nominated as president, Lee Lamers as vice-president.
- Discussion of how our lakes are doing, collect facts and contact our legislators as an organization. Tabled until our Jan. meeting.
- Arden Bierman passed away. Wife Mary was the founder of FCAL.
- P. Schroeder agreed to take minutes at the Annual Meeting.
- The Land and Water Planning Committee will be meeting on Wed., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in the courthouse room 107 starting at 5:30.
- John Preuss: EWM has been found on Mole Lake. He found about 6 yellow floating heart plants on Lake Gordon. He shared information about a grade 4-8 Poster Contest in which he would like to have Forest County

involvement and asked for our help. Peshtigo Lake boat landing in Forest County is a mess and he asked for help cleaning up.

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 was made by Court, seconded by D. Koshere. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
FCAL Secretary Vi Lamers

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Annual Meeting, October 10  
November 13, moved due to deer hunting  
December, no meeting