



FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, August 15, 2014
Crandon Public Library

The FCAL regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Lamers who declared a quorum as being met.

Members Present: Les Schramm, Larry Sommer, Barb McCraw, Quentin Velicer, Dennis Koshere, Harry Resch, Cliff Haskins, Pam LaBine, Stu MacPherson,, Bruce Court, John Preuss, Sue Koshere, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers

Guest: Wendy MacPherson

Agenda: A motion was made by Sommer, seconded by Velicer to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Resch to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed, seconded by Schramm. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sue Koshere presented the treasurer's report indicating total funds of \$13,882.28. A motion was made by Sommer, seconded by MacPherson to accept the report. Motion carried. The membership is currently: 165 members, 20 lake associations, 5 businesses and 2 honorary.

OLD BUSINESS

AIS: Schramm reported on the progress of hand pulling EWM on Lake Metonga. The process is completed but there is no report yet. Four divers worked for four days hand pulling on the north and south ends of the lake covering a total of five acres.

John Preuss presented information on the lakes study that was done this recently, noting that they are working on eradicating Knotweed in Wabeno. Contact him if you would like to know the details of the study.

Haskins stated that Tom Rice did hand pulling of EWM on Silver Lake and that he spoke negatively about it. They are now looking at the vacuum process. Lake Tomahawk built its own vacuum and are attacking only new, untreated sites. They have a grant over \$100,000 to cover this and the riparian owners paid \$275 through their lake district.

LaBine spoke about the spread of Wild Parsnip along Hwy.8. Wild Parsnip is a health concern being poisonous and possibly deadly. Mowing patches of it at certain times would be effective in reducing it. The highway department or townships who hire out weed cutting could be investigated or a grant for approximately \$5,000 could be sought.

FALL FORUM: Saturday, September 13. Wendy MacPherson will be sending out 69 invitations (93 people) which represent 15 lakes. She was able to get some of the missing names from LaBine and S. Koshere. The menu will be three different kinds of sub sandwiches from Subway cut into 3" sections, chips, dessert, and coffee. Lake Lucerne will provide the soda. Koshere's will pick up the sandwiches and pay for them at a cost of \$75.96 per 6' sub.. It was suggested that we put out a donation jar. There will be a Directors Meeting at 9:00 that day before registration starts at 9:30 and the meeting starting at 10:00. Donuts, coffeecake and coffee will be served in the am.

PHOTO CONTEST: Chair Rich Wickersheim was not present.

KENTUCK DAY REVIEW: Emily Anderson and John Preuss brought in samples in which people showed a lot of interest. The configuration of the tables made a big difference in the space making it feel less crowded.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, October 11. Discussion was held concerning changing the date because it conflicts with an event on Lake Metonga. Decision was made to keep it on the 11th. The menu at T-Bob's and the cost, if unchanged from last year, would be chicken/ham for \$8.75, the cost of snacks following the business meeting, coffee and dessert. The tip is not included. Last year we charged \$16 per person. Velicer will check with speaker Christian Cold to see if he has a news article about himself and his presentation that we could put in the papers to advertise our meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP: Resch spoke with Cindy Edlund at Crandon. Lee Lamers will contact Laona and Wabeno to try to organize the 3rd week in September, target date Monday, September 15 with the rain date of Wednesday, September 17 as our event day and to see what the number of students would be. It needs to be determined if we could hold the event on the same day for all the schools or if it would be better to alternate the years each school attends. Possible stations could be manned by Emily Anderson, RT, Krueger, Mike Preul (with his shocking boat) and John Preuss (possibly) who would conduct ½ hour educational activities along with Resch and Schramm on the pontoon boat.

NOTE TAKER FOR NOVEMBER: Barb McCraw volunteered to take notes at the FCAL November meeting and Vi Lamers will print them and send them out.

WILD RIVERS INVASIVE SPECIES COALITION: WRISC is an exceptional group that works on educating and eradicating invasive species. If interested in learning more about this group or joining, here is a website: wildriverscwma@gmail.com

Motion to adjourn was made by Schramm, seconded by Sommer. Meeting adjourned 10:12 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

FCAL

Secretary Vi Lamers **NEXT MEETING: 9:00 AM BEFORE FALL FORUM BEGINS**