

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
Board of Directors' Meeting, April 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Lamers who declared a quorum as being met.

Members Present: Bill Connors, Bruce Court, Rich Wickersheim, Mike Henderson, John Preuss, Quentin Velicer, Dennis Koshere, Sue Koshere, Larry Sommer, Barb McCraw, Harry Resch, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Cliff Haskins

Guest: Del Baumgartner

Agenda: A motion was made by Larry Sommer, seconded by Barb McCraw to accept the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

Minutes: Mike Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Rich Wickersheim. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Sue Koshere presented the treasurer's report covering the months of January, February and March 2014 indicating a closing balance of \$17,660.29 which includes \$7 of extra money.
- The CoVantage account was closed and \$10,000 deposited in a CD at Associated Bank. Lamers needs to sign on the money market account.
- Associated Bank needs a copy of FCAL's incorporation documents.
- The safe deposit box key is missing. Sue will check with Arden Bierman to see if he has one.
- FCAL bought two file cabinets years ago. There is a small and a tall file cabinet at President Lamers home.
- Membership is currently at 168. Sue will send second invitations in May.
- A motion was made by Mike Henderson to accept the treasurer's report including the extra \$7. Bill Connors seconded. Motion carried.
- An audit was conducted by Sue Koshere which indicated that no discrepancies in the accuracy of the treasurer's figures or actions were found.
- According to the Bylaws there should be an annual budget. Discussion was held. Dennis Koshere, Sue Koshere and Larry Sommer agreed to be on the Finance Committee and develop a budget.

OLD BUSINESS

John Preuss presented interesting information on a number of topics:

- An annual report from Minnesota gave information about zebra mussel sniffing dogs.
- On Monday, April 14 an informational meeting on Terrestrial Invasive Species in Forest County will be presented.
- A new form for the Clean Boats/ Clean Waters Program was presented. A CB/CW workshop will be held on April 30th at the Crandon Public Library from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Also to be discussed at that time is the Ice Your Catch Campaign and the 2014 Landing Blitz.
- White Nose Syndrome in bats has been found in Grant County. This will eventually take out all cave dwelling bats. Our area bats are considered cave dwellers.

Harry Resch gave an update about the Essay Contest.

- Information was given to the schools on March 31.
- Essays will be picked up on May 2nd and evaluated on May 5th at a meeting in the library from 10:00 to Noon. Lunch will be provided by FCAL for all evaluators. A sign up sheet was passed around.
- The winners will be announced at awards days at each school and the winning essays will be posted at the public library.

Website:

- The new website was introduced and members asked to take a look at it.
- Please send three pictures of your lake either to me or directly to Michelle Gobert at mickishellmom@gmail.com for use on the website.
- Also please send the website address for your lake or contact information for your lake for use on the website along with a short paragraph about it. Lucerne, Trump, Lily and Roberts Lakes have already shared their information.
- One more thing, please send any upcoming events schedule for your lake to also be posted.

NEW BUSINESS

Work on the newsletter will begin shortly so time to write those articles from your lake and any you may find of interest to others. Please send to Vi Lamers soon.

A chairperson is needed for the Fall Forum.

The Kentuck Day application will be handled by Quentin Velicer. No power will be needed. John Preuss will be available that day.

Photo Contest guidelines have been developed by Rich Wickersheim who presented them to the Board in a handout. A committee will be needed to evaluate the photos. The FCAL logo can be obtained through the Pioneer Express. An idea that was suggested for the future is to have the contest photos on the front page of the website.

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be held April 24 – 26. Lee and Vi Lamers and Barb McCraw will be in attendance.

The Laona and Wabeno school districts were contacted about being part of the Environmental Class Field Trip. They expressed interest in it. We are waiting to hear from the teachers from each district.

The Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship Award received last year will be hung in the lobby of the Crandon Public Library soon.

Discussion was held regarding Directors who do not attend meetings. According to the Bylaws Section 5.7 REQUIRED ATTENDANCE, any director who is absent and unexcused for three consecutive meetings shall automatically become vacant.

Bill Connors shared an idea he recently heard about. It involves young people making boxes for the disposal of weeds taken off of boats at boat ramps. Discussion was held.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:25 by Mike Henderson, seconded by Larry Sommer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Vi Lamers

NEXT MEETING: The regular third Friday meeting will be held on Friday, May 16 at 10:00 AM.

