



FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, April 17, 2015

Call to Order at 9:02 by President Lee Lamers and Declaration of Quorum. Condolences were expressed for the passing of Donna Schramm, wife of Board Member Les Schramm, and for Board Member and Vice-President Quentin Velicer. A motion was made by Cliff Haskins to give a \$25 memorial for a deceased board member or their spouse to be paid to the individual's lake association or the memorial of their choice. Seconded by Pam LaBine. Motion carried.

Directors Present: Pat Schultz, Stu MacPherson, Bruce Court, Cliff Haskins, Pam LaBine, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Harry Resch, John Preuss, Barb McCraw, Larry Sommer

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda by Sommer, seconded by Wickersheim. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Wickersheim, seconded by Sommer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: None available. A check for \$300 from Roberts Lake will be deposited today and a request for a grant from the Potawatomi was sent Jan. 25 and resent on April 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

- AIS: John Preuss stated that State Budget funding is still there. There is a great deal of competition for these grants. The Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW) sessions are scheduled for April 28 and May 29th. Discussion was held concerning the impact of the state budget cuts. Lake Lucerne did not receive their grant for CBCW but they did get a \$3000 grant from the Mole Lake Community. They will be meeting soon to discuss whether or not to continue the program with their own funds.
- ESSAY CONTEST: Resch presented an article from the Beacon newspaper on the Lake Metonga student field trip from last fall. Thanks to Harry, Les and Lee for organizing it. The essays will be evaluated on Mon. May 11th, starting at 10:00 in the lower level of the Crandon Library. Lunch will be provided for by FCAL for all evaluators. Awards will be presented at awards ceremonies near the end of the school year. Discussion was held about the delay between writing articles and their invitation to our annual meeting. We could consider putting the contest at the beginning of the school year instead of the end. Tabled until next fall.
- WEBSITE EMAIL ADDRESS: in coordination with the website is fcalis.org@outlook.com.

- WISCONSIN LAKES PARTNERSHIP CONVENTION: April 24-26. Preuss will be there and Schultz is interested in attending the Loon Watch Session.
- COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: A sign-up sheet was sent around.
- COOKBOOKS utilizing invasive plants are available. Check on the DNR Website.
- KENTUCK DAY: July 25. Lamers will drop off the application.
- RESIGNATIONS: Due to health reasons Barb McCraw gave her resignation from the Board. She will be asking Mick Elsinger to take her place. Rich Wickersheim also announced his resignation and will look for a replacement. Both resignations were accepted. Wickeshiem felt the photo contest work did not equal the success rate and should be discontinued. Appreciation for their work for FCAL was expressed.
- SCHEDULING for the Student Field Trip, the Fall Forum and the Annual Meeting was tabled until the next meeting.
- MEMBERSHIP AD: LaBine will be sending out a newsletter in early June and would like a copy of our membership form and ad.
- AIS DISPLAYS: Let Preuss know if you would like a display or presentation for your lake association.
- MOOC: V. Lamers took an online class on "Changing Weather and Climate in the Great Lakes Region" through UW-Madison which compared research data from the past 100 years to the present time and showed the changes. The program is available until June, if interested.
- The DNR chose Lake Lucerne to monitor lake temperatures in conjunction with the UW.

NEW BUSINESS:

- FOREST COUNTY LAND AND RESOURCES Director Pam LaBine explained where we are at with the new shoreland zoning rules. They must be approved and in place by October 1, 2016. Public discussion, interaction and participation can be done through a "my Sidewalk" account where weekly questions will be posted. To participate, go to the Forest County website. Then go to the "mySidewalk" icon. FCAL President Lamers is a committee member. (3 Handouts: Presentation, Draft/Working Zoning Map, Suggested Shoreland Districts) LaBine will be sending out a newspaper June 1st. FCAL needs to

send information to be included. UW-SP will be doing a soil bacteria study of reclaimed gravel pits (25, 50 years) looking at how bacteria recovers.

- WRISC: We applied for membership again which helps them get grants and costs us nothing. FYI – there are 40 acres of invasive Japanese barberry in Wabeno.
- NEWSLETTER: Suggestions for articles included the Environmental Field Trip and shoreland rules.
- MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT should be sent to all members put in the papers.

Motion of adjourn made by McCraw, seconded by MacPherson. Meeting adjourned 10:30.

NEXT MEETING: All regular monthly meetings are generally held on the third Friday in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library starting at 9:00 am.

May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September Fall Forum, October Annual Meeting, and November 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
FCAL Secretary Vi Lamers