

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.

MINUTES for BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - March 16 , 2018 at 9:00 AM in Crandon

CALL TO ORDER: President Pam Schroeder called the meeting to order at 9:05. Quorum met

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harry Resch, Stu MacPherson, Bruce Court, Mark Smith, Pam Schroeder, Mike Henderson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Cliff Haskins, Barb Charlton, Pat Smith, Tom Palmer, Sue & Dennis Koshere

GUESTS PRESENT: Tina VanZile, Del Baumgartner

SECRETARY: Mike Henderson volunteered to take minutes for this meeting

AGENDA: A motion was made by MacPherson and seconded by Smith to accept the agenda as modified.

MINUTES: Motion Smith seconded by Resch to accept the minutes from the November 10 meeting.

Motion carried. Motion Resch, second by MacPherson to accept the minutes from the Jan. 19 meeting.

Motion Carried.

TREASURER 'S REPORT:

- Treasurer recovering from hip surgery so no report submitted for this meeting.
- Sue has purchased QuikBooks program and computer which will be dedicated to FCAL treasurer. She will spend recovery time putting current FCAL info into QuikBooks program.
- Once data entered, can proceed with Audit.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tina VanZile from WI Rivers Alliance spoke to group. Tina has been the NE WI rep on the WI River Alliance (WRA)Board of Directors for the past 5 years. The purpose of this group is to actively promote and support individuals and groups who work to maintain clean water systems (lakes,rivers,streams,groundwater) in WI. She outlined a number of annual WRA events and said FCAL should be on their mailing list and getting monthly updates on WRA activities. Pam agreed to pass this info on to FCAL members.
- 2018 Newsletter – Mike Henderson said he and his wife are in the process of going through the mailing list that they get from Hahn printing. This list includes all riparian land owners in Forest County and includes many duplications and government land. The list gets pared down from 4225 names to approx. 2000 names. FCAL members need to notify Pam or Mike if they do not receive the newsletter. Pam also plans to send the newsletter via email to those members with email addresses on file. It was suggested that we include an article about the WI River Alliance in this year's newsletter.
- Harry Resch reported on status of 2018 Essay contest. Letters will be delivered to area elementary schools next week. This year's theme is "What I Love Most About Forest County's Lakes and Waterways". Motion by Bruce Court to approve funding the essay contest in the same amounts and manner as in previous years. 2nd by Stu MacPherson. Motion passed. FCAL volunteers will be needed May 7th or 8th to judge the essay contests. Lunch will be provided to these volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Harry Resch has been selected as a winner in the Educator category for a Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship Award!!** This award will be presented at a banquet in Stevens Point on April 19th, as part of the WI Lakes Partnership Conference. Information about that conference was presented to the group and all are encouraged to attend the banquet and presentation. Cost for the banquet is \$20. People planning on attending should let Pam or Harry know so that we can all share a table and show an FCAL presence. FCAL will fund participation in this conference and awards ceremony for Pam Schroeder, Harry & Jan Resch. Congratulations Harry!
- Mark Smith presented the first draft of a letter outlining the FCAL \$500 grant opportunity to be offered to member Lake Associations. It was agreed by consensus that this idea did not need to be approved by the entire membership at the annual meeting but could be initiated by the current Board of Directors. It was further agreed that the grant should be limited to FCAL member Lake Associations, limited to lakes that have public access and would be awarded annually with the intention to rotate the award among eligible lakes. This year's grant applications should be submitted by Sept. 1st and would be awarded at our annual meeting. The letter will be edited and presented to the Board for final approval at the April meeting. Pending approval, the grant opportunity will also be announced in this year's newsletter
- Stu MacPherson reported that he understood there are lakes within Forest County that qualify for Federal grant money because they are part of the Wolf River headwaters or watershed. It was suggested that we contact Pam LaBine to clarify this information and share with qualified Lake Associations.
- The April 20th FCAL Board meeting will be led by Lee Lamers as Pam will be at the WI Lakes Partnership convention.

ADJOURN: Stu MacPherson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50AM. The motion was 2nd by Bruce Court and the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned.