

Forest County Association of Lakes, Inc.

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting- June 15, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Crandon Public Library

- I. Call to Order- the meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum. Members present: Pam Schroeder, Harry Resch, Bruce Court, Mark Smith, Mike Henderson, Cliff Haskins, Les Schram and Al Murray (Forest County Land & Water Resources Technician)
- II. Guests – Michael Stinebrink (USDA District Conservationist)
- III. Board members introduced themselves and Michael was welcomed!
- IV. Mike Henderson volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.
- V. Motion made by Bruce Court and seconded by Mark Smith to approve agenda with the following changes: Under New Business, change Pam LaBine’s report to Al Murray’s Report and add Michael Stinebrink presentation. The motion carried.
- VI. Motion made by Mark Smith and seconded by Harry Resch to accept minutes of May 18th meeting. The motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer’s Report- Motion for approval made by Les Schram and seconded by Harry Resch. The motion carried. Discussion followed:
 - A. There are 145 members paid up for 2018. It was unclear from information presented as to how many of these are family members, business members or Lake Association members.
 - B. Larry Sommer and Lee Lamers were absent from this meeting and so a report from the audit committee and the budget committee was not available.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Harry Resch reported on the results of this year’s essay contest. There were 15 entries from Laona, 14 from Wabeno and 66 from Crandon. Laona & Wabeno numbers were lower than usual because only one grade from each school participated. We believe this is because there were new teachers who were not familiar with the essay contest. Harry and Pam attended each school’s end of year assembly to present the awards. Names and pictures of the winners have been sent to the Pioneer Express and the FC Republican. The winning essays are currently on display in the Crandon Library and will be moved to the FCAL booth for Kentuck Day. The winners and their families will be invited to attend our annual banquet in October. Thank you Harry for coordinating all.
 - B. This year’s FCAL Newsletter has been sent. Cliff Haskins, Bruce Court and Harry Resch reported that they did not receive a newsletter. Pam will send to all members she has email addresses for. It was suggested that we try to email all members a link to our website and post the newsletter there rather than sending the entire file out to all. There was some discussion about how difficult it is to sort out the addresses of all private riparian land owners in Forest County from the list provided. Al Murray said that he can sort the information for us which should help us to get a more accurate mailing list. Thank you Vi Lamers for your excellent work compiling this newsletter.
 - C. An announcement of the FCAL Lake Association Grant was printed on the front page of the annual FCAL newsletter but Pam’s email address was printed incorrectly for people to apply. The correct address is: pschroed0214@gmail.com

- D. Harry Resch will set up and take down the Kentuck Day booth on July 28th. He will need help. Bruce Court volunteered to man the booth from 10AM-Noon. Mike, Mark and Cliff will check their schedules and try to help. We will firm up the schedule at our next meeting. Al Murray will try to get posters from the contest winners from Forest County to display in our booth. The WRISC booth will try to set up in the space adjacent to ours and ask that we keep an eye on their booth for them as they do not have people available to staff.

IX. New Business

- A. Al Murray Handed out a 2nd place prize and 4 honorable mentions to Laona students for the Oneida County Land Conservation poster & slogan contest. He will try to get these posters to display at our Kentuck Day booth.

Al listed 4 lake projects that might qualify for DATCAP funding: an erosion project on Lake Metonga; an erosion project at the Wild Rose Resort on Roberts Lake; an erosion project on Revolver Lake; an erosion project on Pine Lake. He provided Lost Lake with multiple contacts for potential cost sharing to help with their aeration project but they have not had any success.

He is also working on a cooperative project with Trout Unlimited and the GLRI to replace culverts and remove impediments for trout to travel to cool water. The Nature Conservancy is working on a trout habitat improvement project NE of Cavour in the Hanson and Swanson Creek area.

Michelle Gobert is looking for conservation related projects that would interest kids. Al is working with her and the Laona school Forest regarding trout streams because of current work on streams and stream related partners in the county. They plan on expanding to potential projects in the other school forests as well.

Contact information for Al Murray at the Forest County Land Conservation Department is as follows:

Al Murray / Land & Water Technician / Forest County Land Conservation Department
200 E. Madison St. / Crandon, WI 54541 / 715-478-1387 / lcc@co.forest.wi.us

- B. Michael shared informational pamphlets regarding his work in our district. The natural resource concerns that his office gets involved with are: soil erosion, wildlife habitat, AIS, culverts, dams and timber harvest management. There are conservation stewardship program award payments paid for good land stewardship. Michael is looking for unengaged property owners to develop a "Management Plan" for their land. There may be \$1500 or more in payment potential for quality management practices. Any landowner with 5 acres or more is qualified to apply for existing Agriculture Dept. programs and are encouraged to contact Michael for an evaluation.

Contact information for Michael Stinebrink is as follows: Michael Stinebrink / District Conservationist / Natural Resources Conservation Service / United States Department of Agriculture / Florence, Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties / 2187 N. Stevens St. Suite A / Rhinelander, WI 54501-8043 / 715-362-5941 exr. 111 (office) / 920-420-1087 (cell) / 855-814-3121 (fax; include cover sheet) / www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov

- C. **The FCAL meeting was moved upstairs at 10:35 to accommodate another group's scheduled meeting.**

- D. Fall Forum is scheduled for August 18th so the August 17th board meeting will be held on the 18th, before Fall Forum. Speakers have not been engaged for this event yet.
- E. The annual meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13th at JARS in Laona. Mark Smith volunteered to contact Gary Zimmer from the Loon Watch Assoc. to speak at this event.
- F. Discussion of the proposed FCAL Scholarship was tabled until next meeting and input from the budget committee
- G. The next board meeting will be July 20th at 9AM at the Crandon Library. Pam will be sure we are reserved until 11AM.
- X. Motion to adjourn made by Mark Smith, seconded by Bruce Court. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Mike Henderson & Pam Schroeder