

Minutes of FCAL Board Meeting held June 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:03AM in the Associated Bank meeting room in Crandon, WI.

Members attending: Pam Schroeder, Harry Resch, Al Murray, Cliff Haskins, Larry Sommer, Stuart MacPherson, Bob Ebben, Sue & Dennis Koshere, Les Schram

Members Excused: Mark Smith, Pat Schultz, Bruce Court, Kathy Babcock

Members Absent: Barb Charlton, Lee & Vi Lamers, Mike Henderson, Dawn Nash, Mary Sprenger, Dave Zager

Guests: Michelle Gobert (UW Extension/FC 4H), Phil Resch (Lake Metonga)

A quorum was met.

Sommer/Haskins moved to accept agenda. Motion carried.

Sue Koshere volunteered to take minutes as we are still functioning without a secretary. Haskins/Schram moved to accept the minutes from May 17, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

Bob Ebben provided written copies of the treasurer's report. Resch/MacPherson motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business

The **Newsletter** has been completed and is scheduled to mail next week.

FCAL has reserved two booth spaces for **Kentuck Day** on July 27th. Al Murray will provide a 10'x20' canopy to provide shelter from the sun in the booth area. The FCAL tabletop display and the WRISC table top display with literature will cover two 8" tables. Two more tables and 4-6 chairs will also fill booth space. Loon posters will be handed out to attendees and the 9 winning essays will be displayed. It was suggested that we advertise an opportunity to "Meet the Authors" of the winning essays and ask the kids to be on hand to sign copies of their essays. This will be targeted for the Kentuck booth in 2020.

Membership lists and membership materials will also be in the booth. Volunteers are still needed to help fill the 2 hour shifts. Current volunteers are: Harry & Jan Resch, Dennis Koshere, Cliff Haskins. Booth set-up will be at 9AM on Saturday, July 27th.

Michelle Gobert reported that the Forest County 4H did not receive the grant money requested for the "Lead Exchange" that was planned to take place in the FCAL booth on Kentuck Day. \$800 is needed to fund the non-lead tackle purchase and FCAL may be asked to help fund this project. The FC4H has 2 teens who are interested in conducting the exchange at a 4H booth at Art In the Square in September.

Fall Forum is scheduled for 10AM on August 24th at the Lake Lucerne pavilion. Lee Lamers had volunteered to contact Greg Matzke for this event but he has not reported back on this yet. Wendy MacPherson will send out invitations to this event.

Old Business (cont.)

FCAL Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 19th. The venue has still not been decided. Dennis & Sue Koshere will continue to chair this event. Harry Resch will get invitations to the parents of the Essay Contest winners.

Pam was informed by the FC Potawatomi that we now need to send requests for grant money to the Potawatomi Foundation in Milwaukee. It is necessary to be a 501-3C Corporation in order to qualify for funding from that foundation. Bob Ebben will investigate the potential for FCAL to become a 501-3C Corporation. It was suggested that FCAL also send requests for grant money to help fund our newsletter to the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Counsel, the Lac du Flambeau band of Chippewa and the Menominee Tribal Nation.

New Business

Al Murray presented information from the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Dept:

- FC was successful in receiving a grant for \$4900 from the DNR to coordinate data collected from the lakes and to provide training for Citizen Lake Monitors.
- The Veterans Park Restoration project was shut down by the FC Forestry Committee. The \$12000 in remaining grant money awarded for this project will be returned to the state. Koshere/MacPherson motioned to have Pam write a letter to the editor of the Forest Republican and the Pioneer Express stating our disappointment over this decision. The motion carried.
- Forest County partnered with the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Potawatomi Natural Resources Environmental Education Coordinator to present a day of outdoor educational activities for 20 students from grades 3-6 in Crandon and Laona. The event was held at Silver Lake. Boy Scouts assisted at the learning stations where kids learned about AIS, fish sticks, fish cribs and aquatic plant identification. It was a good day!
- The search continues for a Land Information Technician to assist Al.
- Al was elected to replace Pam on the WRISC BOD, representing Forest County.

Koshere/Sommer moved to increase FCAL individual dues to \$25 per year or \$100 for 5 years and increase Lake Association membership dues to \$50 per year. The motion carried. This will be presented to the membership at the October annual meeting for approval.

Phil Resch inquired about the rumor that Roberts Lake was removing bass from their lake. Al Murray confirmed that the DNR will oversee a % removal of small mouth bass and Northern Pike to assist in maintaining a healthy Walleye population.

The next FCAL BOD meeting will be at 9AM on July 19th at the Crandon Associated Bank. Pam will not be able to attend and/or lead that meeting.

Murray/MacPherson moved to adjourn at 11:15AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Koshere and Pam Schroeder.