

Minutes of FCAL Board Meeting, November 15, 2019, Associated Bank

Meeting was called to order by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum. Members in attendance: Pam Schroeder, Mark Smith, Larry Sommer, Les Schramm, Lee Lamers, Steve Kircher, Clair Carty, Stu MacPherson, Bob Ebben, Vi Lamers, and Kathy Babcock.

By-laws Review – Pam reviewed the by-laws regarding membership and attendance at meetings.

New Board Members Introduced – Clair Carty and Steve Kircher

Agenda Motion to add Christmas party and amendment to insurance policy to the agenda made by Mark Smith and seconded by Larry Sommer. Motion carried.

Minutes of 9/20/19 Meeting Bob Ebben indicated that at the time of the last meeting he did not know for sure if FCAL has 501C status. Motion to accept the minutes with the following change was made by Larry Sommer and seconded by Les Schramm: add the phrase “he was told” to the sentence “He [Bob Ebben] reported **he was told** FCAL does have 5013 status . . . “ Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report Bob Ebben reviewed the treasurer’s report:

- p. 1 - \$362.36 short on Annual Meeting Dinner
- p. 2 - we took in a bit more than projected
 - Behind on dues (approx. \$400.00)
 - Annual meeting (budgeted \$804/spent \$1,354.36)
 - Essay contest (over budgeted – perhaps budgeted money for contest winners and their families to attend Annual Meeting Dinner. This could account for why we showed a shortage on the Annual Meeting. Next year’s budget can be reflect this.)

Motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by Larry Sommers and seconded by Stu MacPherson. Motion carried.

Bob will create next year’s budget and present it at the January meeting for board approval.

Collection of Membership Dues - Vi Lamers offered to redo together renewal notice to reflect increase in dues approved at the October Annual meeting and to included a “suggested paid by” date.

Calendar for Collections:

- January – send out renewal notice
- June – newsletter sent out to all riparian landowners (approx. 1,300) even if they are not members; newsletter includes a reminder and a membership form; it also indicates a statement that indicates “receiving this newsletter does not mean you are a paid member”.
- late memberships trickle in after the June newsletter and Kentuck Days
- after June – a reminder letter is sent to those who haven’t paid their dues

- Steve Kircher will see if he can add “member thru [year]” or “non-member” to the newsletter mailing labels
- website: until we have a member with the right technological background it will not be used to collect membership dues

Business Partners

Clair Carty suggested that we work on increasing our business partners and is willing to work on this. Each of us should bring a list of businesses in our lakes’ area to Claire at the next meeting or email it to her.

Consider selling ads in the newsletter to these businesses.

2020 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are scheduled for 9 AM at the Associated Bank in Crandon
 (* = tentative date based on availability of venue).

January 17	July 17
February – none	August 22 (Meeting/Fall Forum*)
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 17 (Annual Meeting/Dinner*)
May 15	November 13
June 19	December – none

501C Status Bob Ebben reported that Wayne Link did research to confirm that we have 501C status. We do not. The purpose of applying for this status is three-fold: 1) to accept tax deductible donations, 2) to not have to pay certain taxes, and 3) to be able to apply for grants that require 501C status. Bob will meet with Wayne to file for this status. The fee is \$275.00. Lee Lamers made the motion, seconded by Mark Smith, to pay for this fee. Motion carried.

Insurance Bob Ebben researched adding one million dollar coverage for all officers and directors. The annual cost to do this is \$194 annually. This year will be pro-rated. Lee Lamers made the motion, seconded by Larry Sommers, to add this coverage. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Feedback

- venue ran out of food
- audio visual equipment and space (bar convenient) was the best ever
- speaker was great and was good for kids and adults alike
- Lee Lamers volunteered to check into Mole Lake for next year’s annual meeting tentatively set for October 17.

Officer Election

Treasurer – Lee Lamers made a motion, seconded by Vi Lamers, to elect Bob Ebben through 2021. Motion carried.

Vice President – Larry Sommers made a motion, seconded by Les Schramm, to elect Lee Lamers through 2021. Motion carried.

Secretary – Larry Sommers made a motion, seconded by Mark Smith., to elect Vi Lamers. Motion carried. Kathy Babcock volunteered to help Vi by doing the minutes. Vi will continue to do the newsletter.

Introduction of Steve Kircher Steve is the new head of the Land and Water Conservation Department for Forest County, the position recently vacated by Al Murray. Steve has already helped residents with the cost-share program for shoreline restoration. He plans on continuing the initiatives begun by Al Murray and encourages residents to contact him with issues relating to land and water conservation.

Kathy Babcock shared a concern of rising water levels on Four Duck Lake near the Butternut Lake boat landing.

Christmas Social Event Instead of a December board meeting, Pam Schroeder suggested we meet for dinner. She will be in touch via email regarding a date, time and venue.

New Business

Donations: Bob Ebben indicated that the River Alliance of Wisconsin has requested a donation. We have donated in the past. Les Schramm made a motion, seconded by Lee Lamers, that we donate \$100.00 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin. Motion carried. Bob will include donations to River Alliance of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Lakes Partnerships in the 2020 budget.

Community News: Larry Sommers reviewed the proposed road construction for Hwy. 8 in the Town of Lincoln (from Crandon to Otter Creek Road). The plan includes straightening curves, adding bike and walking paths, etc. He encouraged members to attend the local meeting on November 18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the Lincoln Town Hall.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on January 17 at the Associated Bank in Crandon.

Motion to adjourn made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Stu MacPherson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock

