

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIA ZOOM
FEBRUARY 19, 2021 STARTING AT 9:00

Call to Order: 9:00 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.
Motion to accept the agenda made by Vi Lamers and seconded by Larry Sommer.
Motion passed.

Board of Directors Present: Pam Schroeder, Bruce Court, Kathy Babcock, Vi Lamers, Lee Lamers, Pat Schultz, Larry Sommer, Mike Henderson, Steve Kircher, Clair Carty, Harry Resch, Bob Ebben

Guests: Jim Wienser, Carol and Greg Schmitz, Sue Henderson

Volunteer Secretary: Vi Lamers

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from 1/17/20 made by Pat Schultz, seconded by Lee Lamers. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Ebben presented the treasurer's report stating FCALs net worth is \$20, 241.93. He presented the breakdown of income and expenses. The current balance in the checking account is \$8,423.09. Motion to accept was made by Lee lamers and seconded by Larry Sommer. Motion passed. Bob will present a budget at the next meeting and give a breakdown of how many members paid in advance.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The 2020 FCAL events were not held last year due to the COVID-19 virus. As we move forward, events will be conducted as we are able.
- B. The 2020 annual essay contest was not held due to the COVID-19 virus.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board of Directors: The resignation of Board Member Barb Charlton was noted. There is no replacement for her position at this time nor is there a representative from Silver Lake to replace Cliff Haskins. Steve will look into finding a replacement from Silver Lake and Lee Lamers will look for a representative from Trump Lake. Jim Wienser was appointed to the Board of

Directors. Lake association members are encouraged to send information on their officers to Bob Ebben.

B. Newsletter: Board Members are urged to send articles to Vi Lamers for the newsletter by May 1, 2021.

C. Water Week: Starting this year Water Week will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Lakes Conference to be held March 8-12 The cost is \$20 per day. Register at uwsp.edu/uwexplakes.

D. Schedule of Events:

1. Essay Contest: Vi Lamers will work with Harry Resch to write an updated letter to be sent to the schools by the end of March, essays collected by April 30 and evaluated by May 4th. The topic this year will be “An Invasive Species and How It Can Effect a Forest County Lake”
2. Kentuck Day: July 24th.
3. Fall Forum: August 21. Pat Schultz recommended that there be no food or beverages provided this year due to the COVID virus.
4. Annual Meeting: October 16
5. Environment Day: September, Exact date TBD.
6. November meeting: moved to November 12 due to deer hunting and Thanksgiving

E. Forest County Land and Water Conservation Report: Director Steve Kircher informed us they are in the process of hiring a Tri County Invasive Species Coordinator (Langlade County, Forest County and Florence County) who will assist with the Clean Boats, Clean Water program, among other things. Grant money from the three counties will cover the cost. Cassidy has taken another job so they hope to train a new water chemist for our lakes.

F. Lumberjack RC&D (Resource, Conservation and Development) Report: Larry Sommer, Lumberjack RC&D secretary explained how the

organization of nine counties provide grant moneys from the state and federal governments from \$50,000-\$100,000 for improvements and needs. The deadline for grant applications is October 1. Grants up to \$10,000 require 50% matching with 15% of that amount to be in cash. Larry will write an article about this organization for the FCAL newsletter.

G. WRISC: Representative Steve Kircher reported that Cow Parsnip in the Town of Alvin was managed by WRISC. Zebra mussels were found in Roberts Lake. He reminded us that WRISC has a Dash platform for sucking milfoil off lake bottoms and has a steam cleaner for boats. More representation from Forest County would get us more attention. Members are encouraged to check with their lake associations to get more members involved. Lindsay will be asked to write an article for the FCAL newsletter.

H. Other:

- Kathy Babcock brought up the issue of light pollution and the need for Forest County to have a policy. Steve will talk with Jeannie in Zoning to develop a statement by our next meeting. He said Mr. Kovac, who operates a planetarium, near Crandon, is having trouble seeing the night sky because of light pollution. The problem was resolved by having the offending lights aim down. Oneida County has a policy that Steve will send a copy of to us. An article about this should be included in our newsletter because of its negative effects on the environment.
- Treasurer Bob Ebben: reviewed our donations. A motion was made by Pat Schultz, seconded by Larry Sommer to donate to Wisconsin Lakes (\$200), Wisconsin River Alliance (\$100), and Loon Watch (\$100). Motion passed. A discussion was held about having a discretionary fund of \$500 in our budget.
- Board Members: Greg and Carol Schmitz were invited to be Board of Director Members representing Camp Six Lake. They will be appointed by Pam Schroeder as replacements pending their membership.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Lee Lamers, seconded by Steve Kircher at 11:06.
Motion passed. **Next BOD meeting March 19, 2021 via ZOOM.**

