

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LIVE & VIA ZOOM
June 18, 2021 STARTING AT 9:00 AM

Call to Order: 9:09 am by President Pam Schroeder who declared a quorum.

Board of Directors Present: Pam Schroeder, Vi and Lee Lamars, Larry Sommer, Clair Carty, Mike Henderson, Mark Smith, Greg Schmitz, and Kathy Babcock.

Board of Directors Present via ZOOM: Pat Schultz, Steve Kircher, Dan Verbanac.

Guest: Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS Coordinator

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from 5/21/21 with one change was made by Vi Lamars and seconded by Mark Smith. The change is in the date for the Banquet from 10/6/21 to 10/16/21. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Pam Schroeder introduced Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS (Forest Langlade, and Oconto Counties Aquatic Invasive Species) Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Ebben was not present but sent his report via Pam S.

- We received \$662.00 from membership renewals as a result of Bob E. sending out the last reminder.
- We need to pay for the Kentuck Days booth by 7/16. In the past we shared this space with WRISC (Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition). Larry Sommer and Steve Kircher will check to see if we will be doing the same this year.
- Pam S. distributed copies of the Register Report, Net Worth, and Current Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Essay Contest – We received front page PR for the essay contest. Winners and their families will be invited to the Annual Meeting where they will receive their awards.

Newsletter – Vi L. brought a proof the upcoming newsletter, which will be sent out shortly. She will need to get a check from Bob E. and warned that the bill has increased since last year due to the larger, recently updated mailing list. This may affect the budget and can be discussed at the next meeting. Hahn Publishing does have a new program that eliminates duplicate addresses, but the new mailing list might have other issues to address.

Venue for Annual Meeting – This event is scheduled for October 16. Pam S. suggested that we should only look at venues that can support our technology needs. She and Larry S. will visit the two casinos (Potawatomi and Mole Lake) to get quotes, so we can make a decision at the next meeting. Discussion included these points:

- Last year's Annual Meeting was held at the Potawatomi Casino in Carter. The technology was excellent and the location near the bar very good; however, they ran out of food quickly and there was a long wait for more to be made. We were only charged per plate and not for the room.
- Mole Lake contributes to FCAL but the Potawatomi Casino does not – this will be part of the conversation Larry S. and Pam S. have when visiting the two locations.
- This year's event is scheduled for a Saturday, but we can consider changing that in years to come.
- Entertainment/Speaker – We are looking at the possibility of having the person who wrote the article “Myths about Walleyes” for the recent issue of *Lake Tides*. If he can't attend this event, we will try to get him for the Fall Forum. Another possibility is to invite Chris Cold, who received rave reviews from his presentation last year.
- There will be a cocktail hour before hand with a cash bar.
- Larry S. and Pam S. will look for a place that can serve 75, provide internet, screens, etc., and will ask for a breakdown of costs for 3 options, while also trying to get the room fee waived.

Kentuck Day – is scheduled for Saturday, July 24 from 9 am – 4 pm.

- Pam S. reviewed the display board that will be updated for our Kentuck Day booth.
- We need materials and literature to showcase and/or distribute.
- Steve K. will check with WRISC to see what kinds of materials they can donate for the booth (or that we can pay for). Steve also has a box of Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) towels to donate.
- Derek Thorn will see if there is anything that FLOW can donate.

- Clair Carty will check into the cost of supplying non-lead sinkers as a give-away at the booth.
- The booth will either be 10' x 10' unless WRISC shares the cost with us, in which case it will be 20' x 20'
- Lee Lamars or Mark S. will arrange to get the canopy from Harry Resch.
- Volunteers working the booth:
 - o Mark S., Lee L. and his out-of-own guest will set up at 8 am
 - o Clair C. will work the booth from 10 am – 1 pm
 - o Kathy Babcock will work the booth from 1 pm – 3pm or 4 pm
 - o Greg Schmitz will work the booth in the afternoon and will help take it down
 - o Derek T. will work the booth in the afternoon and will help take it down

NEW BUSINESSSS

Forest County Report – Steve K. reports that

- his department has been busy with Healthy Lakes, a shoreline improvement initiative and surveying for Wild Parsnips.
- the culverts on County Hwy. C near Lake Lucerne will not be worked on by the Highway Dept.
- they are working on a plan so the Lily River Dam is not removed – the Lily River Association is working on becoming a lake district in order to become owners of the dam.

WRISC Update – Steve K. reports that WRISC was one of only two organizations awarded the 2021 Invader Crusader Award by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council for the hard work of removing aquatic and terrestrial invasive species while educating the public about the need to identify and eliminate these plants and animals.

Lumberjack RC&D Report – Larry S. indicated that they haven't had a meeting since he last reported on Lumberjack, but he was honored to introduce Derek Thorn of FLOW. Derek explained that he works with Citizen Monitoring and CBCW initiatives and that he is qualified to teach workshops to area lake associations. He also indicated that he would be participating the CBCW Blitz around the 4th of July weekend. He will be working at a few Forest County boat landings during that time –perhaps Silver Lake, Roberts Lake, and Butternut Lake.

Fall Forum –

- It is scheduled for August 21 at the Lake Lucerne Pavilion.

- The August FCAL Board meeting will precede the Fall Forum and will begin at 8:30 am.
- Pam S. will send an email invitation to member associations and ask them to forward the information to their members.
- At an earlier meeting we decided not to serve lunch due to COVID, but we are considering serving coffee and donuts.
- Possible experts/speakers to invite include the following:
 - o Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS Coordinator
 - o The “Walleye Guy” from the DNR
 - o Lindsay Peterson, WRISC Coordinator or another member of WRISC
 - o Steve Kircher, Forest County Land & Water Conservation
 - o The new warden and/or rec. officer

Additional New Business – Pam S. noted that Michelle Goebert is our website person. Michelle G. is recommending a face lift for the website, which would cost approximately \$400.00. With the face lift, we might be able to draw in younger members. Pam S. will find out how many visits our website has gotten. We will discuss this issue at a later date. Discussion then ensued about developing a Facebook page. Greg S. suggested that he might have a nephew who could help with this. It was decided that this could be a topic for a later meeting and a possible winter project.

Adjournment -- Motion to Adjourn was made by Lee Lamars, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Next BOD meeting July 23, 2021 at 9:00 am in person at the Crandon Library and via ZOOM . If you have materials for the Kentuck Day booth, please bring them to this meeting or arrange to get them to Pam S. in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Secretary