

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM
Board Meeting Thursday, April 21, 2011
Hunter Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M.

Officers present:

Waldo Asp, President
Mary Ann Churchill, Vice President
Paul Schwister
Dan Tyrolt

Guests:

Bob Dale, President of the Quiet Lakes Association
Leonard Eckerly, Town of Hunter

The minutes of the February 2011 meeting were approved with the correction of the date of the July board meeting from the 15th to Thursday the 14th.

The treasurer's report was approved, see below.

Vice President's Report

SCLF Web Site: Martin Hanson, SCLF web master has set up an attractive, new site and it looks complete, including the President's Letter for 2011 and upcoming meeting dates.

Lake Planning Grant for Regional Lakes Newsletter

Waldo picked up the newsletters (about 6,000) in Ashland earlier this week and had them at the meeting.

Mary Ann Churchill will be in charge of distribution and the accounting for the SCLF "in kind" contribution of the time it takes for distribution.

A discussion of ways to distribute them followed. It was decided that board members will contact lake associations *as per* the Master Communication List that was set up previously. More information coming by separate email. Since there are so many copies they will have to be stored in a central place for easy pick up. Waldo will take several hundred copies to the Court House and put them at the information kiosk. He will distribute copies to some board members and to lake associations in his area. Waldo will keep the rest of the copies in his van until he knows who needs them. Board members will ask the contact people from each association to pick up enough copies for their members and for local businesses, i.e. resorts, restaurants, etc.

Suggestions for distribution are; at annual meetings, by mail and by hand delivery. SCLF does not have the funds to help with mailing. Each copy needs .44 cents for mailing. Since some of the material is date sensitive it is suggested that this be done as soon is possible. If not, the newsletter still contains valuable information that will always be useful.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership report

Waldo reported that WL is reorganizing its state networking plan.

President's Report

Expired term of office - Waldo will send an email to the board for a vote concerning this item.

Martin Hanson will be invited to be a board member.

No action was taken on the St. Ctoix Valley Foundation

Red Cedar River Watershed organization - Waldo received a video, Troubled Waters, from this

organization and would like to have it distributed in Sawyer County . It is about the importance of watersheds and their influence on the quality of the water below them. It can be picked up at Dale Olson's office.

Fireworks over Wisconsin Waters: It was decided to find an article about the polluting affect of fireworks on water and post it on our web site.

AIS Grant : Chris Maki has said the grant will not be funded after August 1, 2011. SCLF will issue a letter of support for her to continue as the AIS coordinator.

Change of date of Regular Meetings : It was suggested that the day of board meetings be changed from Thursdays to Fridays to accomodate out of town board members and guests. The first Friday meeting would be on October 7, 2011. This will be presented as a motion at the May meeting

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference, June 24, 2011

Paul Schwister reported that it will be held in Minong at the Northwoods School. Copies of the brochures were given out. Waldo said that he will continue with the sale of the wide brim hats at the conference since they provide good protection from the sun.

Sawyer County Issues

Waldo reported that an ad hoc committee had finished work on reconciling the new NR115 zoning requirements with the shoreline zoning ordinance of Sawyer County. The report containing this ordinance has been sent to the DNR for review. After that the report will be put before the public. Phil Nies has been the SCLF representative on the committee.

Bob Dale- told about the Quiet Lakes association and their monitoring efforts to watch for AIS. They had submitted a grant application for landing monitoring and the request was denied. The association's Environmental Director, Rex Clevenger, will speak at the May meeting.

Agenda for Spring Meeting, May 14, 2011 at the Comfort Suites

Guest Speaker - this will be decided by a vote by email..

Publicity. Waldo will get two announcements into the Sawyer County Record

Time and place of meetings

Annual 2011 Spring Meeting: Saturday, May 14 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward

Regular 2100 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 10 a.m. at Round Lake Town Hall

Annual 2011 Fall Meeting: Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. at comfort Suites, Hayward

N. B. Regular 2011 Fall Board Meeting: Friday October 7, 10 a.m. at Bass Town Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Submitted by
Mary Ann Churchill