

Sawyer County Lakes Forum
Board Meeting, Thursday, April 26, 2012
Round Lake Town Hall, Hayward, WI
SCLF web Site <http://www.sawycountylakesforum.org/>

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

Officers Present:

Waldo Asp, President
Mary Ann Churchill, Vice President
Paul Schwister, Treasurer
Peter Howe
Phil Nies
Bill Czeskleba
Dan Tyrolt

Guests:

Jim Brakken
Dave Wilttrout
Mary Witt

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the February 16, Board Meeting were approved as emailed.

Membership Report. The dues are \$20.00 a year for each association. If dues were paid in the fall of 2011 that membership will be considered as paid for 2012. Paul will be sending out reminder notices. Master Communication List. An updated list was given out. There is still no contact person for the Tiger Cat association.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$805.60. That includes the previous balance of \$155.60 with the addition of \$750.00 from the DNR as our "in kind" payment for the Newsletters and a \$50.00 donation and a withdrawal of \$150 for an ad that was placed in the newspaper. The motion to approve the report was carried.

Vice President's Report

There was no report from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership.

The result of the discussion about how to distribute more of the Newsletters was to send 100 with Mary Witt, 100 with Dave Wilttrout, 100 with Peter to the Winter library and 100 with Mary Ann to the Hayward library. A notice will be sent out to all the contact people telling them that more copies are available.

President's Report

Plans for the Spring Meeting, Tentative Agenda

The V. P. should get the reports from those who will not be at that meeting. That includes LCO water quality, Dan Tyrolt and Web Site, Martin Hanson.

By-Laws Change. Dan moved and Paul seconded the motion to change the number of general meetings held each year from two to one. The date and place of that meeting will be designated by the board. The motion carried.

The change will read as follows:

In Article V, Section 1

"(a) SPRING MEETING: Such meeting will be held each year between April 15th and June 1st " will be eliminated.

"(b) Annual Meeting: Such meeting will be held each year between April 15th and October 1st. at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include elections, adoption of a budget, committee reports, membership concerns, and educational matters."

"b" will now become "a".

"c" will now become "b"

Waterfront Development Educational Materials/Pamphlet

Jim Brakken presented a sample of the pamphlet he will create to educate new shoreland home owners, It will be small, just 32 pages, fun and informative. He will send us a list of possible topics to be included. Jim will write the grant and the SCLF will contribute "in kind " contribution with the distribution of the materials. Phil moved and Bill seconded the motion to authorize Jim to forward with writing the grant for the educational grant. The motion passed. He will present this idea at the May 19th meeting.

Jim mentioned that as a fundraiser we could sell copies of his book The Treasure of the Namekagon for \$16.00 and SCLF could keep \$4.00.

Namekagon River Partnership- Bill reported on the Namekagon Heritage Initiative meeting held on April 21 at the Sawmill Saloon. This is a part of the Namekagon River Partnership which is an effort to study all parts of the St. Croix River watershed. The Heritage Initiative is setting up citizen groups in different watersheds to identify notable areas and historical events that took place there.. If this Heritage Initiative is formed, it would be by a congressional act. It was moved by Phil and seconded by Mary Ann to endorse this effort. The motion was passed. A presentation will be given at the May 19th meeting.

Wisconsin Wetlands Association

Bill moved and Peter seconded the motion to have an affiliation with this group in order to hear what actions they are taking and to receive their reports. The motion passed.

The memorial for Bruce Meyers is at 11 A.M. on Sunday May 13 at the library in Hayward library.

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference, June 22, 2012 in Spooner, WI Paul reported that the special emphasis this year will be on trying to attract students to attend and no fee will be charged for them.

Sawyer County Issues - Phil

The 2004 State Pier Regulations have been rescinded. Most existing piers are now "grandfathered".

The county is looking at a new regulation that could influence the location of cell towers in relation to sensitive areas.

The county is working on frack mining regulations which could provide some protection if there is an issue of water quality. There might also be help for the towns if there is deterioration of roads from truck use.

The state Senate Bill 472 and Assembly Bill 170 takes away a part of our home rule that deals with shoreland areas. Before the enactment of these laws counties could be more restrictive in shoreland regulations than the state was with its regulations. We are waiting to see how WL and the WDNR react to this. Our zoning administration will have to review the many ways this will affect the issuing of building permits.

There was discussion about sending a letter to our county zoning administration and WL about this issue.

Other Business

Mary Witt told about how the Town of Spider Lake was able to work with a cell tower company to get them to change the location of a proposed tower from a place which would have made it visible from homes around Spider Lake. It was a good conclusion since the two shorter towers which will not be visible will reach more people than the one, higher tower originally proposed. These suggestions are being used in the formation of the county cell tower regulations.

Dan reported that the LCO tribe is developing water quality standards. DNR permits must meet LCO Tribal standards. This will include any waters that discharge into tribal waters.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon with a motion by Phil and a second by Bill. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Churchill