

Sawyer County Lakes Forum
Winter Board Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Flat Creek Eatery
Website: sawyer-county-lakes –forum.org

Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A. M.

Board Members Present

Waldo Asp, President
Mary Ann Churchill, Vice President
Paul Schwister, Treasurer
Bill Czesleba
Phil Nies

Guests:

Linda Zilmer and Jim Brakken

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 19, 2013 Summer Board Meeting were approved.
The November 15, 2012 Fall Board Meeting was canceled and the February 21, 2013 Winter Board Meeting was postponed until today.
Copies of the Contact List were given out.

Treasurer's Report

The balance is \$1,519.38 and the report was approved. Dues paid during the year are current until the next Annual Meeting.

Vice President Report

A summary of this meeting will be sent to the Contact List and with directions to go to the SCLF website for more information. Wisconsin Lakes has sent an e-newsletter asking for help in getting a stronger, well-funded state program to control aquatic Invasive Species. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Paul that the SCLF would join Wisconsin Lakes for a sum not to exceed \$200.00. Passed

President's Report

It was agreed that the SCLF would send a letter to support Dr. Damian Vraniak, President of Prairie Feasst, Inc. in his work with young people on behalf of the future health of our waters and woodlands.

Big Chetek Chain of Lakes Association received a large scale Lake Planning Grant. This project will be related to the Lake Planning Grant received by the Chetek Lakes Protection Association in Barron County in the study of curly leaf pond weed. With the By-Laws change to having one General Membership Meeting the date of June 15, 2013 was chosen. The meeting will be held at the Flat Creek Inn and Suites from 9 to 11 A.M. Jim Brakken had the draft pages and tentative cover for the Lake Education Project (Lake Management Planning Grant Program.) Copies of this booklet will be ready for distribution at our next board meeting on May 9th. The lake photos that were available for order as shown in the SCLF News Letter from 2011 are still available. Any sample photos that Jim still has from some Sawyer county lakes will be given to those associations and can be used as door prizes.

The LCO Tribe will be asked if they would like a letter of support if they decide to file suit against the proposed Gogebic Taconite Mine.

World Water Day will be on March 22 ND.

The Protecting the St. Croix Conference will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at U. W. River Falls. For more information go to <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/haack/>
No action was taken on the Tourist Rooming House Requirement checklist.

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference Friday, June 21, 2013 at the Spooner High School. A draft copy of the event was available. SCLF will share a table and responsibilities with Jim Brakken. The flier for the event will be posted to the SCLF web site when available.

Sawyer County Issues Report – Phil Nies

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Paul to authorize Phil to represent the Sawyer County Lakes Forum in an official capacity when addressing the County Zoning Board and the County Board. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the county put in place a moratorium on frac sand mining.

Guest Linda Zilmer suggested that we look at the web site for the Town of Cooks Valley as an example.

It was decided to have a display at the Annual Meeting to show which lakes are being monitored for invasive species. Bill proposed sending a letter to the WDNR requesting enhanced enforcement during the month of July on Callahan Lake where boaters are cutting through beds of Eurasian Milfoil and spreading bits of the plant to other parts of the lake. WDNR Plant Management Grant money has been used in efforts to control the plant.

Time and Place of the 2013 SCLF Meetings **N.B. Dates/Places Have Change**

Regular 2013 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, **May 9, 2013 at 10A.M.** Bass Lake Town Hall

2013 Annual Membership Meeting, **Saturday, June 15 at 9 A.M at Flat Creek Inn and Suites, HIWY 27 South, Hayward**

Regular 2013 Summer Board Meeting: **Thursday, July 11, 10 A.M.** at Hunter Town Hall

Regular 2013 Fall Board Meeting: **Thursday, November 14, 10A.M.** at ???

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 A. M.

Mary Ann Churchill