

SCLF 11/13/2014  
Sawyer County Lakes Forum Fall Board Meeting  
November 13, 2014  
Bass Lake Town Hall  
10: A.M.

Call to order at 10 A.M.

Board Members present were; Waldo Asp, President, (County Line) Mary Ann Churchill , Vice President,(Moose), Paul Schwister, Clear) Treasurer, bill Czeskleba, Moose, Phil Nies, COLA Kevin Horrocks (COLA). Guests Al Zietlow, Frank Pratt, and Gary Balfor

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the July 25, 2014 Summer Board Meeting were emailed to the board. *Motion by Phil and second by Bill to accept the minutes. Passed*  
The Master Communication List will be emailed to board members.

Treasurer's Report

There are 14 paid lake association members. They are, Callahan, Chippewa, Clear, COLA, County Line, Johnson, Moose, Round Lake , Sand, Smith, Spider Chain, Teal, Lost Land & Ghost, Whitefish, and Winter.

The Balance on Hand is \$602.12.

It was decided to keep the dues at \$20.00 a year.

Vice President's Report

The final payment of \$750.00 was received on August 28, 2014, from the WDNR for the Lake Management Planning Grant for the Lake Life Booklets. That issue has been resolved.  
It was decided to modify our current stationery and letterhead and not design a new one.

President's Report

The County Zoning Committee decided not to change a Committee By-Law that would have allowed a person from the City of Hayward to sit on the Zoning Committee. Waldo presented the SCLF position to the committee.

A request for SCLF to join in the Namekagon River Partnership Proposal was presented by Frank Pratt, President of that organization. The main thrust of the Proposal is complete watershed management which includes an aggressive Riparian Zone management plan. The help of private land owners will be needed for this to be successful. COLA has already completed a study of the amount of phosphorus in the lake and has identified its various sources.. This effort will include Education, Riparian Buffer Zone Initiative, Workshops, formation of Watershed or River Groups. No dues will be paid but there will be a Memorandum of Understanding saying that we will work together. Frank said that SCLF would probably be asked to integrate with all of the river associations, watershed groups like the Couderay Waters Land Trust, and write letters of support when grants are applied for.

*Phil moved that we accept the Resolution of Support with the Namekagon River Partnership as presented.. This was seconded by Paul and was passed with a unanimous vote. (seer text below)*

The counties included in the NRP would include Sawyer, Washburn, Douglas, Bayfield, and Burnett. The main lakes in Sawyer County in the NRP watershed are Nelson, Hayward, Phipps, and Smith.

Joining this partnership fulfills the part of our SCLF mission that states the importance of maintaining good water quality not just for our county but of our region.

*It was moved by Phil and seconded by Bill that we have a news release on this Resolution. Passed.* This would need to have a full explanation of the proposal. This would go to all local papers near by county papers, and to the SCLF Master Communication List contact people asking them to include this in their lake association newsletters.

It was decided to express our support for two organizations, The Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute and the Rock River Coalition.

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference 2015 Planning. There is a possibility that the the conference will be at the Hayward High School If not it will return to Spooner High School. . It will be the same weekend as Muskie Fest and there could be publicity that would boost both events.

#### Sawyer County Issues.

It was announced that Kristi Maki, former AIS coordinator for Sawyer County, has left that position. Pat( Brown?), Zoning and Conservation Tech will be taking over the position of the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator.

The County Zoning Committee has changed an ordinance concerning the building of accessory building across Town roads when one person owns a lot that is on both sides.. Applications will now need to be approved by a Town Board and will be treated as a Conditional Use Permit. Applications for permit to build an accessory building that is across a County road are being heard by the board of Appeals. These similar situations should be treated in the same way.

The proposed changes to NR115 , the state shoreland zoning ordinances will probably not be passed by the state legislature. NR115 will most likely be weakened by the state in the spring now that the election is over.

#### Website Report

Martin Hanson was thanked for keeping our web site in order.. It is very attractive and has current, helpful information.

Main Topic for the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that we feature the watershed proposal and concentrate on all Run Off and Management of Run Off and Phosphorus

Time and place of 2014-15-16 SCLF meetings:

Regular 2015 Winter Board Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery

Regular 2015 Spring Board Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 10 a.m. at Bass Lake Town Hall

**Annual 2015 Meeting, Saturday, June 13, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Comfort Suites  
This has been confirmed as of 11/14/2014**

Regular 2015 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. at Hunter Town Hall

Regular 2015 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 10 a.m. at Round Lake Town Hall

Regular 2016 Winter Board Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery

Adjournment It was moved by Paul and seconded by Bill that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 A.M. Passed.

“Sawyer County Lakes forum supports COLA, Namekagon River Partnership, and the Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust in their efforts to protect watersheds, control run-off, limit nutrients, and educate the public on riparian buffer zones in the waters of Sawyer County and the Namekagon and Couderay and Upper Chippewa Watersheds. We endorse proposed WDNR Surface Water Grants which target these objectives, specifically: Phosphorus management, riparian buffers, and restoration of spawning habitat in Lac Courte Oreilles: watershed conservation easements by Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust; and Namekagon River Partnership’s plan to manage the Hayward reach of the Namekagon River including Lake Hayward.”

Resolution proposed for the Sawyer county Lakes Forum, Nov. 13, **2014**