

SCLF February 26, 2015
Sawyer County Lakes Forum Spring Board Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2015 Flat Creek Eatery
Website sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org

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The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by President Waldo Asp. Members present were Paul Schwister, Treasurer; Mary Ann Churchill, V.P.; Phil Nies, Marv Ramsay, Dan Tyroltd and guest Al Zietlow.

Secretary Report – MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014 meeting were approved as emailed.

Membership Report showed that the associations from the following lakes are paid members for the June 2014 to June 2015 season; Callahan, Chippewa, Clear, COLA, County Line, Johnson, Moose, Round, Sand, Smith, Spider Chain, Teal Lost Land & Ghost, Whitefish and Winter. According to the SCLF By-Laws membership is limited to associations whose members are shoreland owners or who live in the immediate area. Any one may attend our meetings.

Treasurer Report – The current BALANCE ON HAND is \$622.12.

A donation of \$275.00 will be coming soon from the PRI, RU, TA Corporation which is dissolving. It had contacted the county to find suitable non-profit organizations for distribution of funds left in various bank accounts.

The question of raising dues, which is currently \$20.00, was discussed. Should larger lakes be asked to pay more? It was suggested that we wait for large projects and ask for donations as needed.

Vice President Report- There is another IRS form that needs to be filed. It relates to the \$750.00 WDNR Grant for the Lake Shore Booklet.

THE COMMUNICATION LIST will be sent out with updates.

President Report – Letters of Support Waldo has sent letters of support to organizations that have requested it.

NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP. Mary Ann will be a liaison to this group.

THEME OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 13 AT COMFORT SUITES. It was suggested that we explore the importance of watersheds and how connected our area lakes are to each other. Other aspects would be surface, ground and aquifer levels of water. We should consider offering a stipend for a speaker if a lot of travel is involved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for any open board positions will be Waldo and Mary Ann. There is a need to balance the areas represented and the size of lake associations.

ZONING BOARD HANDBOOK FOR WISCONSIN ZONING BOARDS OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, 2ed Edition. Waldo asked everyone to look at the book or find it online so we would be aware of the topics that are covered.

Northwest Wisconsin 2015 Lakes Conference will be on Friday, June 26th at the Hayward High School. Cost will be \$40.00 a person.

Sawyer County Issues – When Phil represents the SCLF at Zoning or County Board meetings he takes positions on general issues under discussion. Ninety-nine per-cent of the time the discussion is on policy issues. The SCLF did not take issue with the Park Model proposal when it was debated at the Town level but when it became a whole county issue the SCLF did take a position. The county has set up a committee THE PARK MODEL COMMITTEE to study the Park Model issue and has asked the SCLF to have a representative on this committee. The committee will have one representative from the following groups; SCLF,

The County Board, LCO, The Towns Association, and the Visitors' Bureau. Dale Olson will moderate the meetings.

CONCERNING CAMPGROUNDS - It may be okay to allow the density that exists in campgrounds because there is the expectation that the land will be clear for part of the year. This is important for the groundwater and surface runoff to lake or streams. The Park Model Committee will try to come to a solution that will curb future growth of the use of permanent structures (Park Models) in campgrounds in order to protect and not negatively affect the watershed. Paul moved and Dan seconded the motion to appoint Phil to the Park Model Committee in order to represent the interests of the SCLF. Motion passed with one objection.

CHANGES TO THE STATE SHORELAND ZONING REGULATIONS -The state has decided that on shoreline zoning issues the county cannot be more restrictive than the state law, therefore, some County Lakeshore Zoning will have to be modified to conform. In general, this change will allow more changes to be made to structures that are closer to the water than the 75 foot setback.

There will be a COUNTY AIS COORDINATOR this summer. That person will come from the County Land and Water Department.

Lake Association News - Marv reported that Spider Chain of Lakes received a WDNR Education Grant of \$8,500.00, (2015-2017) and another WDNR Grant of \$8,000.00 for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program (2 landings, 2015). That lake does not have AIS and the association is trying to prevent the spread of it. Also in looking ahead and realizing that the DNR will probably have less money for grants in the future the association is setting up a foundation, The Preserve and Protect Spider Lake Fund Campaign. It has collected \$246,115.00 (21%) so far and the goal is to raise \$1,200,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 with a motion by Phil and a second by Paul. Passed
Time and Place of 2014- 2015 SCLF Meetings

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 on HY "B"

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

Submitted,
Mary Ann Churchill