



SCLF Annual Meeting 2015

SCLF Annual Meeting June 13, 2015
Comfort Suites, Hayward, WI
Website sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org

Draft Minutes

The Call to Order was made at 9 A.M. by President , Waldo Asp. He began the meeting by reading a letter from Kristy Maki saying that she had enjoyed working with the lake associations on AIS concerns over the past 9 years. Pat Brown will be the new County AIS Coordinator. His email is invasives@sawyercountygov.org

Paul Schwister, Treasurer, gave the Roll Call of paid lake association members. They are Callahan, Chippewa, Clear, CoPaPi (Connors, Little Papoose, and Lake of the Pines) County Line, Hayward, Moose, Spring, and Whitefish. The balance on hand was \$897.12. The report was accepted with a motion by Bill Ceskleba. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Mary Ann Churchill A motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 SCLF Annual Meeting was made by Bill Czeskleba and seconded by ? Hughes. Passed.

Vice President's Report – Mary Ann Churchill A resolution of support by the SCLF for the Namekagon River Partnership that concerned efforts to protect watersheds was read. The SCLF will be asked to help by writing letters of support when grants are applied for.

President's Report – Waldo Asp He is always ready to write letters of support when lake associations are applying for grants. The following associations reported about grant activity. Spider Chain of Lakes received a two year Education Grant from the DNR which will begin this year for the prevention of Curly Leaf Pondweed. The Namekagon River Partnership has received two grants – one in 2013, an Organizational Grant and in 2014, an Educational Grant coordinating with the Northern Waters Educational School for help with setting up a riparian zone demonstration at Shue's Pond. Callahan Lake did not receive a grant to control Eurasian Water Milfoil and so is considering forming a Lake District. The Chippewa Flowage has had drawdowns during the winter months for the past two years in an attempt to control AIS. The results for this past year's drawdown are very encouraging. The fishing, especially for walleyes, is expected to be better because of it.

State bonding levels specify that the DNR may not obligate more than \$33,250.00 each year to the Stewardship Fund which reduce the amount of money available for purchasing land.

There is a proposal from the State Finance Committee to no longer allow counties to have stricter shoreland zoning ordinances than those passed by the State. Some County ordinances would be weakened. Everyone was encouraged to write a letter in support of keeping the current local shoreland zoning standards.

Election of Board Members

Elected in 2014 for a two year term. Elected in 2015 for a two year term:

Mary Ann Churchill (Moose)	Martin Hanson (Round)
Phil Nies (COLA)	Dan Tyrolt (LCO)
Paul Schwister (Clear)	Bill Czeskleba (Moose)
Mike Murry (Nelson)	Kevin Horrocks (COLA)
Waldo Asp (County Line)	Al Zietlow Callahan/Mud
Rick Hasselquist (Winter)	Dennis Clagett/Chippewa Flowage

Bill C. moved that the nominations be closed. Waldo asked that all those in favor of passing a unanimous vote for the six nominees to say "Aye" Passed.

NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference – Bill Czeskkleba . The Conference will be held in Hayward on Friday, June 26. Top presenters will be covering many subjects about protection of lakes, ground water, and the animals that live there. There will be 3 sessions with 4 different topics to choose from at each session.

Lakes Book , Saving our Lakes and Streams One Hundred and One Things You Can Do Today. This book is being put together by Jim Brakken, and the target audience will be people who rarely attend conferences and give little thought to our lakes and streams. The plan would be to offer 375 copies to the SCLF for free with the use of a grant. If the grant is declined SCLF will have no cost obligation. A motion to accept Jim Brakken’s offer and request that he persue a grant for the purchase of 375 books for the SCLF was made by Al Zietlow.

Passed

Letter to the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee – There is a proposal from the State Finance Committee to no longer allow counties to have stricter shoreland zoning ordinances than those passed by the State. Some Sawyer County ordinances would be weakened. Everyone was encouraged to write a letter in support of keeping the current local shoreland zoning standards

BREAK

Guest Speaker – Frank Pratt “Mobilizing the Human Watershed: Underground Waters and the Namekagon Flowage”

The main points were:

Three quarters of a watershed is land

Everyone in a watershed should be a member of that watershed association and be aware of conservation issues.

There is less money available now from the DNR for watershed education.

Water that comes with violent, heavy rain storms should be stored and not allowed to run off and cause erosion that would affect the water quality.

It is important to encourage good forestry practices and riparian zones.

Almost twice as many property owners in a watershed live upland as those who live on the water.

There will be an important Watershed Workshop on September 26 at Lakewoods Resort.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 A.M. with a motion by Bill Czeskleba. Passed.

Mary Ann Churchill

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

Regular 2016 Winter Board Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery

Regular 2016 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. at Bass Lake Town Hall

Annual 2016 Meeting: Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward

Regular 2016 Summer Board Meeting: Friday, July 21, 10 a.m. at

Regular 2016 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 10 a.m. at

Regular 2017 Winter Board Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery

Regular 2017 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 10 a.m. at Bass Lake Town Hall

Annual 2017 Meeting: Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward

Regular 2017 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m. at ?

Regular 2017 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 17 , 10 a.m. at ?

