



Sawyer County Lakes Forum Annual Meeting June 11, 2016 Comfort Suites, Hayward, WI

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Draft Minutes

The Call to Order was made at 9 A.M. by President, Waldo Asp.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Schwister The Roll Call of paid members included the following lakes; Big Chetac, Callahan, Chippewa Flowage, Clear, Connors, County Line, Court Oreilles (COLA), Hayward, Moose, Osprey, and Little Sissabagama, Spring. Teal, Lost Land, Ghost, and Whitefish. . Also Paid – Lovejoy, and Namekagon River Partnership

Vice President Report - Mary Ann Churchill Actions

Secretary Report – The minutes of the 2015 SCLF Annual Meeting were approved with a motion by Bill Czeskleba and a second by Al Zietlow. Passed.

Vice President Report - Mary Ann Churchill Actions taken by the board in the past year included donations to the following groups; Namekagon River Partnership Watershed Program and Plum Lake Association in Sawyer WI to promote changes in the Act 55 shoreland zoning.. The SCLF sponsored an ad in the Record to support certain candidates for the Sawyer County Board . Board member Phil Nies volunteered to represent the Lakes Forum on a new citizens' zoning committee that was formed to look at the boat house issue and short term rentals.

Paul Schwister was acknowledged for his many years of service as treasurer for the SCLF.

President's Report . Waldo Asp Waldo is always ready to write letters of support for lake associations applying for grants. He acknowledged outstanding newsletters from several lake associations. Of concern is the state action (Act 55) that has wiped many of our county shoreland ordinances

Announcements

The Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative, formerly known as the Plum Lake Assn. will draft a bill supported by state wide alliances in an effort to repeal the loss of home rule for county shoreland zoning. Major funds are needed to do this. For more information go to <mailto:Info@wisconsinshoreland.org>

Explanation of Current Shoreland Ordinances

A video prepared by Lynn Markham, UW-Steven Point Extension explains how shoreland ordinances have changed since 2015 and how they will affect our lakes.It may be found at <https://youtu.be/1otUI3HsmUs>

Erosion on the Chippewa Flowage

Dave Neuswanger, formerly with the WDNR, told of an anti erosion project that he, along with Walleyes for Northern Wisconsin, are planning on the Chippewa Flowage. This will involve controlling erosion from the toes of

high banks that erode and cover spawning areas with silt. An estimate of the cost is \$80,000.00 and WNW will be looking for partners to help sponsor this project. This is still in the early stage of planning.

Election of Board Members Those nominated to serve a two year term are Mary Ann Churchill, (Moose), Phil Nies, (COLA) Waldo Asp (County Line) and Rick Hasselquist, (Winter Lakes). Al Zietlow nominated) Frank Pratt, (Namekagon River Partnership) and Marv Ramsay, (Spider Lake) to fill the two open spots. Mary Ann Churchill moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Bill Czeskleba . The nominees were accepted on a voice vote.

Those elected in 2015 for a two year term were Martin Hanson, (Round) Al Zietlow , (Callahan) Dan Tyrolt (LCO Conservation) Bill Czeskleba (Moose) Kevin Horricks.(COLA) and Dennis Clagett (Choppewa Flowage)

2016 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference, June 24, 2016 at the Spooner High School. Bill Czeskleba listed all of the different sessions that would be presented.

New Book on Shoreland Living

Jim Brakken told of his new book Saving our Lakes and Streams : 101 practical Things You Can Do Today, a handbook for people who value the health of the surface waters, adjacent shorelands, and watersheds. It is available at BadgerValley.com. Lake associations are encouraged to buy several to use as fundraisers or to distribute to new members.

Website Report Martin Hanson said that the website is being updated and will have more graphics. The new facebook page is being used.

Sawyer County Zoning Regulations Update Phil Nies

Before 2015 and the new state budget, 45 counties had zoning ordinances that were more restrictive than the state shoreland ordinances. We need to work to reestablish Home Rule for shoreland zoning. The county is working on an ordinance for Short Term Rentals and Boat Houses. A possible ordinance could require yearly registration showing how many people could rent a property and how many parking spaces there would be. Neighbors within 300 feet on either side would need to be notified and there would be 2 phone numbers on record, one local and one for the owner. The boat house ordinance for the county will have to allow boathouses but they would have to have pitched roofs which would eliminated roof top decks.

" The Effect of Global Warming on the Lakes and Rivers of Northern Wisconsin" Three Guest speakers Dale Hanson, Dan Hersher, Frank Pratt spoke on the subject. For complete coverage of the presentation see the Sawyer County Record Volume 121, Number 10, Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. with a motion by Bill Czeskleba and a second by Al Zietlow. Passed.

Regular 2016 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m. at Seely Saw Mill in Lenroot
Regular 2016 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 10 a.m. at Bass Lake Town Hall
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 Round Lake Town Hall
Regular 2017 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m. At Bass Lake Town Hall
Regular 2018 Winter Board Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery
Regular 2018 Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m. at Bass Lake Town Hall
Annual 2018 Meeting: Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward
Regular 2018 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 10 a.m. at Hunter Town Hall
Regular 2018 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m. at_____

11:00 Adjournment

Mary Ann Churchill