

Sawyer County Lakes Forum
Fall Board Meeting

Thursday 10 A.M., November 10, 2016. At the Bass Lake Town Hall
Website: sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org

Draft Minutes

* See change of date of Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Waldo Asp.. Others present were Phil Nies, Kevin Horrocks, Rick Hasselquist, Mary Ann Churchill, Bill Czeskleba, Martin Hanson, Dan Tyrolt, Phil King, and guest Elaine Nyberg, County Supervisor from Town Sand Lake and Town of Edgewater.

Secretary Report – The minutes of the July 20, 2016 board meeting were emailed to the board members. It was moved and seconded to accept them as emailed Passed. A summary of the Annual Meeting and the July meeting was sent to the Communication List.

Treasurer Report - Since the resignation of Paul Schwister, Al Zietlow is now the Temporary Treasurer and his name is on record for our account at Peoples Bank.. The old balance from the July meeting will stand as the balance on hand, \$555.40.

Vice President Report – It was moved by Bill and seconded by Mary Ann to nominate Phil to be the Vice President Pro Tem. Passed

President Report –

- Waldo recognized the newsletters from three lake associations for their excellence in appearance and content. They came from Connors Lake – CAOPFA, The Chippewa Flowage, and Round Lake. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Kevin to send a letter of congratulation to these three lake organizations for their newsletters. Passed.

- Elaine Nyberg – spoke of the importance of the plan commissions in our neighboring counties and the effectiveness of organization like ours in providing information that can help law makers make decisions.

- Watershed Developments – Frank Pratt will be organizing a watershed foundation that will have a multi-county approach to identify watersheds. Phil reported that in Sawyer there are four rivers, i.e. watersheds, three that flow south and one that flows north. More emphasis should be placed on the

unifying affects of watersheds on individual lakes, whether it be the run off of pollutants or soil erosion. All aspects of water should be protected, surface water, aquafyer water, and ground water. All lake associations should evaluate their own watershed to see if pollutants or soil erosion upstream are affecting their lake.

- There was no motion to endorse a WDNR Proposed Grant Application for distribution of the book- Welcome to Waterfront Living. written by Jim Brakken.

- Question - What progress has the Plum Creek Foundation made in the repeal of Act 55 to restore local and county power to enact shoreland zoning that is stricter than what the state may allow..

- Annual Meeting- We will set a program theme later in the year. It was suggested that the date, Saturday, June 17, be changed since it is the day after the NWLC. Waldo suggested that we consider asking Martin to repeat his presentation on the Infrastructure Report Card for the State of Wisconsin. This was a talk he gave to the League of Women Voters in Eau Claire.

Sawyer County Issues – Phil reported that the new Tourist Rooming House ordinances will be presented at the next Zoning Committee meeting. If it is passed there, it then will be presented to the County Board for a vote.

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference – Bill reported that the date next summer will be Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Hayward High School. The session topics and the presenters have not yet been chosen.

Website Report - Martin reported that the annual web hosting fee has been paid. He has also updated the site. The face book page is picking up about 5 “Likes” a week..

Namakagon River Partnership – Bill reported that he has resigned from the organization. He had been the SCLF representative to the NRP.

Other Business - Rick reported on septic testing on Barber Lake. After repairs were made to most of those systems not in compliance the water quality improved a great deal. The forum encouraged The Winter Lakes Alliance to continue with this testing on other lakes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

- The reservation for the Annual Meeting has been changed from Saturday, June 17, 2017 to Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Comfort Suites,

Mary Ann Churchill, Secretary