

Sawyer County Lakes Forum
Winter Board Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Flat Creek Eatery

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Draft Minutes

Call to Order at 10 A.M. Members present; Waldo Asp. Phil Nies, Bill Czeskleba, Phil King, Dennis Clagett, Al Zietlow, and Mary Ann Churchill.

Secretary's Report, Minutes of the November 10th, 2016 meeting had been sent to board members and a Summary of it sent to the Communication List.

Treasurer's Report The Balance on Hand was \$647.75 with 23 paid associations. Next spring, Al will send a reminder for payment of dues to all lake associations in the county. A flier telling of our activities could be mailed with this.

Action Item It was moved and seconded that at our Annual Meeting a Certificate of Membership would be given to those associations that have paid. Passed. .

Vice President's Report - The Short Term Rental Ordinance was to be voted on at the County Board meeting that evening. (It was passed at that meeting.). Currently there are 6600 dwellings in the county and 600 of them are being used for STR's.

The county shoreland zoning ordinances are being modified to agree with the State of Wisconsin Act 55. There will probably be a public meeting about this in April..

New Rules of Order at the Zoning Board of Appeals and at the Zoning Committee will concern a "Tie Vote". In the future, a "Tie Vote" will not be a "No Vote". The issue at hand will be heard again at a later date.

President's Report -

There has been no further work on developing a watershed foundation. The Plum Creek Association effort to repeal Act 55 has failed to get results. It is important for people to continue contacting representatives to ask for an repeal.

A General type of DNR permit for dredging of lakeshores is being proposed. This could be harmful to shoreland areas as there would be no requirement of an on site inspection, the notice of dredging would not be adequate, the entity doing the work would not have to be knowledgeable of "best practices", with the permit not being easily spotted it would make enforcement more difficult, and this idea was put forth in 2016 and was not enacted at that time.. Action Item Phil N. moved that Waldo write a letter objecting to the issuing of a General Permit for Dredging of Lakeshores for the reasons stated above. Passed. An Individual Dredging permit would have more safeguards.

Information about Fish Hotels or the Fish Sticks program was discussed. Maybe a short video could be shown at the Annual Meeting. If there is interest we may purchase books later. Waldo will purchase the video so we can preview it at our spring meeting.

Annual Meeting. **The new date of the Annual Meeting is Saturday June 10th, 2017 at Comfort Suites.** Suggestion for topics for the meeting included; lake level fluctuations and the reasons for them, dredging projects in Sawyer County, an update on Act 55 and how it affects our county zoning, using the section of Martin's state infrastructure presentation that deals with natural resources, and the video of the "fish sticks" project. We will have a map of the county watersheds displayed at the meeting.

The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held in Hayward on Friday, June 16th and will begin at 9 A.M. The cost is \$45.00 and lunch is included. More information will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Time and Place of 2017- 2018 Meetings

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

Annual 2017 Meeting: Saturday, June 10, 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

Annual 2018 Meeting : Saturday, June 9th, 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 15, 10 a.m. at_____

Mary Ann Churchill

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