

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM

Minutes of the Board Meeting Friday, October 7, 2011

Bass Lake Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officers present:

Waldo Asp, President

Mary Ann Churchill, Vice President

Chris Jeffords

Dan Tyrolt

Peter Howe

Phil Nies

Paul Schwister

Jim Genrich

Bill Czeskleba

Tom Rehfeldt

Past Officer

Bruce Meyers

Election of 2011- 2012 officers.

It was moved by P. Nies and seconded by B. Czeskleba to elect Waldo Asp, President; Mary Ann Churchill, Vice President; Chris Jeffords, Secretary; and Paul Schwister, Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the July 14, 2011 were approved as read. The current membership/ master communication list will be emailed to all officers.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Nies reported that the audit will be completed next month and a copy of the report will be sent to officers. Checks will continue to be written with a single signature.

Vice President Report - There are still several hundred newsletters in hand. It was moved by Chris Jeffords and seconded by Phil Nies that these copies be redistributed next spring. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Waldo reported on the success that Kristy Maki had in receiving AIS grants from the DNR for nine lake projects in the county. The complete list is on file with the secretary. The grants were for AIS - Education, Prevention & Planning Projects; Established Control; Maintenance and Containment.

Waldo read his letter to James Bassett, Chair of the Sawyer County Zoning Committee, in support of Dale Olson and Jay Kozlowski for the presentation they did at the SCLF Fall Meeting on September 17, 2011. They presented an overview of the changes to the new proposed Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

Chris Jeffords reported that there are two regions in our area, North Central and North West and the plan is to have 2 volunteers on call in each county to take immediate action if needed on state conservation issues. SCLF board member Peter Howe is one of these volunteers. Issues that are being watched are the phosphorous rule, the new NR115 shoreland regulations, and the streamlining of the DNR permitting process. The compliance deadline for NR115 has been put off for 2 years.

Northwest Lakes Conference

Paul Schwister reported that the 2012 Conference will be at the Spooner High School on June 22nd. The committee is in the process of choosing speakers right now. Wisconsin Lakes Partnership will do the registration.

Sawyer County Issues

Phil Nies reported that the 21st draft of the Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance will be presented at an information meeting in Winter on October 13th at 6 P.M. and will go before the County Board for a vote at the October board meeting.

It was moved by C. Jeffords and seconded by B. Czeskleba to commend Phil for all of the work he has done to support this ordinance and to educate the public about its importance. The motion passed unanimously. Other shoreland issues that will be considered in the future are hunting shacks and habitable space in garages.

Other Business

Dan Tyrolt reported that the summer sampling of the cranberry marshes was finished. Eighty-five percent, of the LCO marshes have been converted to wild rice.

Namekagon River Partnership is a new citizen-volunteer group that will be working to conserve the cold water fisher, and the plant and animal habitat of the upper river and its tributaries. AT the first meeting held at the Sawmill Saloon on September 22 a cross section of interested people attended representing many concerned organizations. These included the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - National Park Service, Northland College, Cable History Museum, Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters, a fisheries biologist and other interests. A survey has been sent to many conservation organizations and local citizens to determine the concerns that people may have about the future of the river. More information is at < Namekagon63@gmail.com >.

Time and place of 2012 Board Meetings:

It was moved by P. Nies and seconded by C. Jeffords that we tentatively move the date of the April, 2012 meeting from the 19th to 26th. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Law changes will be discussed at the Winter Board meeting.

Regular 2012 Winter Board Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. at Flat Creek Eatery

Regular Spring Board Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 10 a.m. At Round Lake Town Hall

Annual 2012 Spring Meeting: Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward

Regular 2012 Summer Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 10 a.m. Hunter Town Hall

Annual 2012 Fall Meeting: Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. at Comfort Suites, Hayward

Regular 2012 Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 10 a.m. Bass Lake Town Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Churchill