

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM SPRING ANNUAL MEETING

Comfort Suites, Hayward, Wisconsin, Saturday, May 19, 2012

Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am with 18 attendees

Waldo Asp, President, welcomed all and mentioned there were still extra newsletters available.

Minutes of the Fall 2011 SCLF meeting were read and approved by Secy Chris Jeffords

Paul Schwister read the Treasurers report that was then approved. He then read the Roll call of eligible voting associations.

Vice President Mary Ann Churchill reported:

1. The need to update the email of all contacts
2. The website is being updated by our new webmaster, Martin Hanson
3. Continue to pickup and distribute the newsletter.
4. Explained the new Namekagon River Partnership as a new organization to help protect the river.

Wisconsin Lakes Report, Chris Jeffords Reported:

1. Opportunity for everyone in the state to help prioritize Invasive Species Strategies by going to the website.
2. Reports on various bills including Act 21 Administrative Rulemaking Process, Act 118 Wetland Permitting Process, SB 326 DNR Permitting, SB 472 Non-Conforming Structures, and SB Water Pollution Credit Trading.

Presidents Report by Waldo Asp:

1. Bylaw change to hold one annual meeting was accepted 11-0
2. Congratulations to Lake Associations that have received grants

Sawyer County Actions reported by Phil Nies:

1. County working on mining ordinance to include "fracing", and an ordinance for Cell towers.
2. County land use permit volume has doubled.
3. A lengthy Act 170 discussion commenced with many frustrated with the lossening of standards of non conforming structures. Phil mentioned that zoning indicated they would not issue permits without first modifying the ordinance.

Webmaster Martin Hanson will keep the website current. A policy is needed.

Jim Brakken VP Northwest Wisconsin Waters Consortium introduced the "Lake Living Booklet" project to deliver free booklets to waterfront owners and lake users to encourage readers to participate in activites and practices beneficial to our surface waters. This project will be developed further.

Jim Brakken then presented a description of his new book "The Treasure of Namekagon" and its historical as well as educational value for our area, lakes and rivers. Copies were available, and a fundraising component of sales was presented. A motion to approve a fundraising link to the J. Brakken Book was passed.

The Heritage Initiative was introduced by Bill Czeskleba, a joint project of Minnesota, Wisconsin and 11 counties adjacent to the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers. This effort is to determine if a National Heritage Area would be a good fit for the area. An introductory meeting

was held in April and the effort is ongoing. Interested parties can contact the facilitators of this project, the St. Croix Valley Foundation by email jshannon@scvfoundation.org.

Future Meeting dates and locations were discussed as per the list on the agenda, and approved.

Motion to adjourn at 11:08 approved

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jeffords, SCLF Secretary