

FOECLA

Board of Directors Meeting May 11, 2015

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order shortly after 1:30 p.m. in the Barnes Town Hall. Present were board members Ron Carlson, Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Barbara Possin, Carl Heltne, Bob Hershey, and zoning liaison Carol LeBreck

Zoning

Zoning issues were the initial focus of the meeting, and the discussion opened with Carol reporting on NR 115 guidelines. Carol stated that county compliance with minimum state shoreland zoning requirements as embraced in NR 115 must be satisfied by October, 2016. Ordinances must not fall below state minimums for shoreland zoning; on the other hand, local county ordinances can exceed state minimums. Bayfield County's regulations presently exceed current state guidelines. A review of Bayfield's standards will be conducted by the county in the near future.

Carol also reported that Mike Furtak is retiring as zoning inspector for the southern portion of Bayfield County. Josh Rowley is the replacement. Carol suggested the board meet with him at a near future point, to establish a relationship and let him know about any zoning concerns held by the board. During each week Josh will hold a regular day of visitation at Barnes Town Hall as was done in the past, to answer homeowner inquiries.

Membership, Newsletter and NWLC Meeting

Denny reported on membership. There are 96 paid members at the moment. Current memberships expire on 12/31/2015. The Newsletter will continue to carry a membership form, to convenience members renewing their participation and to secure new applications. It was moved that the Newsletter be sent to Barnes, Gordon and Highland area property owners; at least 3,200 will be mailed, and some additional Newsletters will be placed in commercial establishments for direct distribution. The motion contained authorization to spend up to \$3,000 for production and mailing. It passed.

Another monetary authorization related to funding Board member attendance at the 2015 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference in Hayward on June 26. A motion was made to provide registration support for board members who wish to attend (this has been done for past NWLC programs), and also to fund the FOECLA booth featuring the LEEP project. Motion carried.

Social and Education Events

June 27 will be the date of the Association's social event, a beer tasting at Cedar Lodge. Marketing ideas were developed by the board.

The August education program at Barnes Town Hall will feature the status of the walleye population in the lakes area and plans for the future, including fish passages. Another

segment will feature fly fishing for trout and bass. Scott Toshner and John Kudlas will be consulted about their roles as potential speakers. August 15 is the date.

Annual Meeting

Coming elections were discussed. Cris and Carl will return for 3 year terms. There are two vacancies for terms ending in 2018, and nominees are being sought. Although Ron Carlson is leaving after 24 years of consecutive service, he will remain available for consultation by the board. Also, he will conduct a complete review of Association bylaws. The document will be revised to modernize provisions in keeping with today's electronic world, including things like notice of the annual meeting (presently Article V reads "Notice of these meetings...shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member) and how special questions can be put to the membership. (Article VI presently requires such questions to be sent to the membership "in writing by mail for a vote" and resolved by a count of "votes received by mail within four weeks" after being sent out).

Board member terms are as follows:

- C. Neff, C. Heltne: 2015 (after July meeting, 2018)
(two vacancies in the above line)
- F. Haueter, T. Storm, D. Scharlemann, T. Eastlund: 2016
- B. Possin, B. Hershey, A. Torrey: 2017
(one vacancy in the above line)

Carl went over plans for the Annual Meeting on July 18. In addition to election of board members and reports to the membership, a plan was explained for circulation of attendees to educational booths that will be placed around the meeting room, including those from FOECLA, Conservation Club, LEEP, and others.

Dates

Important dates for board members to remember in the near future include those on the following nonexhaustive list:

- June 8 – board meeting
- July 13 – board meeting
- August 10 – board meeting

(note: all board meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

- July 18 – Annual Meeting
- August 15 – Community Education Program: "Beyond Walleyes"

The meeting of May 11 adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Ron Carlson, Acting Secretary