



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting
May 5, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
Necedah Town Hall***

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Rick Georgeson, Mayo Ewanowski, Peter Manley, Gerry Ganther, Mark Diedrich

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Star Ann Lemar, Shane Wucherpennig, Al & Karen Knotek, Mike & Linda Walters, Dennis Glidden, Jackie Koll, Mark Saemisch, Don Kempen, Jim Carpenter, Ken Winters, Anna James, Hunter Mitchell, Diane Sitkiewicz, Barbara Baker, Keifer Sroka, Wayne Gjersvig

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with introductions. A slide presentation of pictures from the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference played on the screen as members enjoyed cake to celebrate Rick's award.

Secretary's Report: Colette reported the last PACRS meeting was held on March 17th at the Lester Public Library. Minutes were emailed to members on March 28th. Colette recapped notes from that meeting. A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to accept the March minutes. Ken Winters second the motion. All in favor of accepting the March minutes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current bank balances. Deposits of \$3800. were added primarily from membership renewals. Steve provided Colette with copies of the bank statement. Steve reported the PACRS board of directors has approved the 2023 budget by email. There was a discussion regarding transferring some of our saving money into a higher interest certificate of deposit. Interest rates have gone up considerably. Steve is going to talk to our bank about certificates and investing \$10K. Members discussed other ideas to raise money. Colette Camerano made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gerry Ganther second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reported:

- On March 17th, Scott Provost, WDNR, gathered a group of Wisconsin River Basin stakeholders and held the first annual Meet and Greet. We met at the Town of Rome Hall. PACRS and the 14Mile Watershed Alliance sponsored the lunch. Lake and River Associations, county conservationists, cranberry growers, farmers came together to discuss soil and water health. It was an afternoon of good conversation and networking,
- Anna James recapped the Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo (CWFPE). There were 42 participants. The event was no cost to attendees due in part from a PACRS donation. Kevin Masarik, UW Ext, discussed the challenges for nitrate reduction in the Central Sands area. PACRS awarded Jeff Boyd, a producer from the Roche-A-Cri farmer led council with our Conservation sign.

- Rick, Colette and Tom attended the “Common Ground” event held on March 23rd and sponsored by EPPIC. It was an evening of networking
- Mark Saemisch from Muskies Matter joined our meeting to discuss what their club has been doing. He represents the Castle Rock group and the club has been in existence for 20 years. “ Musky Mark” has donated fishing guide services at past fundraisers. To date, Muskies Matters have stocked \$74K in fish in Castle Rock Lake, primarily musky fingerlings and perch.
- Don Kempen also joined our meeting and represents Consolidated Musky Club out of Wisconsin Rapids. Their group stocks fish in Petenwell and Nepco Lakes. He talked about upcoming events the club is doing. The Musky Alliance of Wisconsin is raffling off a Recon fishing boat. Tickets are 3 for \$10.00. Recon boats are manufactured in Iola WI. Scott Bordeau said that PACRS mission statement is to improve the fisheries of our lakes and in the past PACRS has donated \$1500. to each club for stocking fish. Gerry Ganther made a motion to donate \$1500. to Muskies Matter and \$1500. to Consolidated Musky Club. Rick Georgeson second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Farmers of Roche-A-Cri will hold their next meeting at Heartland Farms on May 24th. Heartland Farms is located at 907 3rd Ave Hancock WI. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.
- 14MWA will hold their State -of-our-Lakes on June 10th at the Town of Rome Hall. If you are going, they will start at 11:00 and wrap up at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served and they will have door prizes. PACRS will have a table to exhibit and Scott Bordeau will set up the space.
- 2023 Farm Technology Days will be held in Baraboo July 18-20.
- PACRS website is still being worked on. Mike Walters offered to review the new website and offer comments. Diane Sitkiewicz said she would also review and provide Scott with feedback.
- Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers 2023 Conference– April 19-21st at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. Rick Georgeson was the recipient of the “Excellence in Building Partnerships” award. This award recognizes Rick who has helped PACRS develop new or strengthened external relationships to benefit our watershed. Rick Georgeson has led PACRS into relationships with producers and other stakeholders that are key to improving water quality. Thanks to Rick for his commitment. Here is a You Tube link to his presentation. <https://youtu.be/IDcMbuEBJPU>

County Conservation:

Wood County - Shane Wucherpfennig: Shane reported there was a slow start to the growing season. The no-till drill has been rented quite often. They are now in the 4th season of the Mill Creek 9Key Element Plan. Shane can reapply for 2024 funds now. The Central Wisconsin Groundwater Collaboration was formed 5 years ago because of the high nitrates in private wells. They are still working as a group. A gap analysis is done and they have 10,000 well data points in 1 common data base. Kevin Masarik, UWSP, has put together a nitrogen use

calculator geared for the Central Sands area. This calculator will be eventually be published as the calculator to determine Nitrate Leaching.

Adams County - Kiefer Sroka Kiefer reported that Adams County will be receiving funds for a PFAS study in the county.

Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Next Meeting:
June 16th, 2023 10:00 a.m.
The Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Ln.
Nekoosa, WI. 54457

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary