



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting

May 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Lure Bar & Grill – Nekoosa, WI

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Lynda Everson, Virgil Miller, Gerry Ganther, Rick Potter, Mark Diedrich

Members and Guests: Larry Everson, Don Schillinger, Charles Schanek, Donald Kempen, John Endrizzi, Lannie Cunningham, Curtis Frost, Joshua Benes, Janna Mather, Grafton Hull, Lisa Schenk, Peter Manley, Dustin Ladd,

Call to Order: Vice President, Scott Bordeau called the meeting to order at 10:10 starting with introductions. Rick G. was present but had a cold.

Secretary's Report: Colette recalled highlights from our April meeting held at Ship Wreck Bay Restaurant. The minutes were emailed or mailed to members at the end of April. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to approve the Secretary's report. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Expenses paid were \$1,000 to Muskies Matter, \$250.00 lake conference fees and \$1338.00 for the 20,000 placemats. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Gerry Ganther.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau reported the placemats are ready for distribution. After the meeting, board members were asked to take the placemats to restaurants closest to their homes.

On June 8th the Town of Rome and the 14 Mile Creek Watershed Committee will host its Annual State of Our Water Quality luncheon at the Rome Town Hall. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided along with presentations and exhibits. PACRS will be exhibiting. Colette, Scott, and Rick G will be attending. Key note speaker is Patrick Goggin, noted lake habitat expert. Event is scheduled to end at 1:30 pm.

Scott said minutes from our meeting are posted on our website as soon as he receives them. Thanks to all who "like" and "share" our FaceBook posts. We have 500 "likes" so far.



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Bow Fishing Carp of Lake Petenwell: Rick G received a call from Brandon Cole, President of WI Bow Fishing Association. He told Rick that his group was having a tournament on Lake Petenwell the night of Saturday, May 4th. It was going to start at 8:00 pm and end at 6: am Sunday morning. They were going to have dumpsters at Petenwell County Park to haul the carp away. Rick went to the park on Sunday and observed the dump truck and approx. 37 boats that were out fishing during the night. Each boat came in with approx. 400 lbs of carp. Lake Petenwell is said to have over one million carp. Controlling carp populations is difficult due to their ability to reproduce and replace themselves very quickly. Some area property owners are upset because the boats are extremely loud and have bright lights. This is disruptive to humans as well as other natural habitat on the shoreline. PACRS member, John Endrizzi suggested that PACRS talk with Jennifer Bergman, fish biologist for this area to determine if removing carp has any overall value to the lake. Another member, Tom Camerano, suggested that Brandon provide a presentation on bow fishing from their club and rules they abide by.

Invasive Species – Joshua Benes, Executive Director, of Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. talked about what issues they are focused on. In 1972, County Board Supervisors in Adams, Juneau, Marathon, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Monroe, Jackson, Waushara and Marquette worked to form Golden Sands RC&D. All of these counties wanted to have a shared nonprofit organization that could work across county lines to promote conservation of Central Wisconsin's natural resources. The RC&D would apply for funding opportunities that would help counties achieve their conservation efforts and also promote the use of federal, state and local programs that constituents in these counties could use in their conservation efforts.

A new initiative for Golden Sands RC&D is bring together partners, landowners, and volunteers to collaborate in the fight against invasive species. Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) goal is to identify what invasives are, where and then prioritize treatment of specific invasives. Joshua asked for a representative from PACRS to partner with them in this focus group. Colette Camerano volunteered to help.

County Conservation Reports:

Juneau County - Dustin Ladd, Juneau County Conservationist, said they are doing free nitrate testing for Juneau County residents. Juneau County residents with private wells can participate in the testing program starting on June 3rd, 2019 and ending June 23rd. Results of the water analysis will be used as part of a survey on groundwater quality in Juneau County. Rick Potter added that Midwest Renewable Energy Association will be doing water testing at their fair. The fair dates are June 21 & 22nd. Attached is the link for more information.

<https://www.theenergyfair.org/events/free-water-testing/>



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Other: Donald Kempen joined our meeting representing the Consolidated Musky Club in Wisconsin Rapids. Their club was founded in 1976. Don gave us a history of their club and the work they have done on area lakes stocking fish (including Lake Petenwell). The group used to raise their fish in Wisconsin Rapids but stopped in 1997. Now, they purchase fish to stock from Gullet Fish Farm in Madison. The club's membership fee is \$10.00 year for individual and \$20.00 for a family membership. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to donate \$1,000 to Consolidated Musky Club. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tom Camerano stated that at our annual fundraiser, he is often asked why PACRS does not have meetings on a Saturday. Many members work and are not able to attend a Friday morning meeting. It was decided, we would have a Saturday morning meeting on July 20th at the Lure Bar & Grill.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, June 21, 2019
10:00 till 12:00 p.m.**

**The Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Lane
Nekoosa, WI. 54457**

Meeting adjourned 12:10 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano,
Secretary