



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Annual Member Meeting September 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. @ Petenwell County Park Shelter

In attendance: Rick Georgeson, Scott & Beth Bordeau, Colette & Tom Camerano, Steve & Sue Taylor, Lynda & Larry Everson, Virgil Miller, Ron & Barbara Von Haden, Rick Potter, Joe Stuchlak, Janie Raab, Gerry & Karin Ganther, Jeff Seidler, Patrick Lalor, Christie Peitzmeier, Don Kempen, Don Schillinger, Judy Flashing, Gail Hutchins, Dennis Hutchins, Mike & Pam Schmitt, Jordan Pine, Matt Seidler, Harry Hilgers, Paul & Patt Pisellini, Lisa Schenk, Mark Diedrich, Lydia and Tom Thomas, Doug & Elaine Bessette, Peter Manley, Grafton Hull,

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Colette Camerano read highlights from the 2018 Annual Meeting that was also held at Petenwell Park on September 22, 2018. Ron Von Haden made a motion to approve the 2018 minutes. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed to accept the September 2018 annual meeting minutes. Past minutes are available on PACRS website.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on PACRS current bank balances. PACRS made several contributions during 2019; \$1,000 to Muskies Matter Inc, \$1,000 to Consolidated Musky Club Wisconsin Rapids, \$1,000 River Alliance of Wisconsin and \$500.00 to Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation Water Walk. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to approve the treasurer's report. Lynda Everson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau announced a few upcoming events. On Tuesday, September 17, the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) and UW Marshfield Agricultural Research Station will be hosting "Common Ground", an evening of field tours, speakers and dinner. 2 members of PACRS are invited to attend. Rick G is attending. The Wisconsin River Alliance is hosting their "River Bash" on Thursday, September 19th. PACRS is a sponsor of this event and we have 8 complimentary tickets to attend. Please let Colette know if you would like to participate. This event is in Madison. Lt. Governor, Mandela Barnes, is the keynote speaker. Next monthly meeting of PACRS will be at the Lester Library in the Town of Rome on October 18th.

President's Report: PACR efforts continue to result in measurable progress. During this past year the EPA has approved the Wisconsin River TMDL, an effort that PACRS was most instrumental in 11 years ago. Patience and persistence have shown to pay off. Our sites were set and we continued the course, using all the tools available to us. Our TMDL project manager, Pat Oldenberg, informs us that within the next year alone, the permits of 1/3 of the waste treatment plants in the WI River Watershed will come up for renewal and a new phosphorus limit will go into place. Both the 14 Mile Creek Watershed and the Mill Creek Watershed have completed 9 Key Element Plans, which when approved by the EPA, will qualify those watersheds with potentially millions of dollars for the use of making changes on the land, changes



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that result in improved water quality in Lakes Petenwell and Castle Rock. PACRS continues to support and strengthen our partnership with the farmers in the Mill Creek by assisting in the purchase of no till farm equipment that is made available to farmers to work their land differently, and by attending their June and December field days. PACRS made available to farmers in both Wood and Adams County registration dollars for any farmer who attended either of two seminars held in both Baraboo and Stratford, last spring to learn about the use of no till and cover crop.

In February, we will watch for an interview conducted by Discover Wisconsin, a discussion with our own PACRS board member, Gerry Ganther. We continue to support the work of River Alliance of Wisconsin by becoming a major supporter of this year's River Bash. Lt Governor, Mandela Barnes, will speak on the issue of water in Wisconsin. PACRS was invited to speak to the Water Task Force in Mauston, an opportunity to inform 16 legislators of our efforts to improve water quality and to ask of their continued support in the implementation of the TMDL. PACRS took a lead role in supporting the work of WI Land and Water by being a major sponsor of THE WI Land and Water State Conference held last April in Lake Geneva. This week, Tuesday, PACRS will attend an event called "Common Ground" sponsored by EPPIC at the UW Research Station in Stratford. The Eau Pleine Partnership in Integrated Conservation, a recently formed group of citizens, Like PACRS, is doing like work on the Big Eau Pleine. It is important that we show support of their efforts. I would like to close with my favorite quote from Margaret Meade. **"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world, for indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"**.

Election of Board Members: Colette Camerano, chaired the nomination committee with Scott Bordeau and Rick Georgeson.

Our By-laws state that no director may serve for more than six consecutive years, unless this restriction is waived by the affirmative vote of the majority of members present at the annual Membership Meeting. Colette Camerano asked for a show of hands to waive the restriction as we had 2 board members who wish to continue serving beyond their 6 years. All hands raised in favor.

- The two directors to serve another 2 years were presented by Colette. Rick Georgeson and Virgil Miller wish to continue serving. Rick Potter made the motion for Rick G and Virgil to continue their positions on the board. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed.
- Colette announced there were 3 members up for renewal, Mark Diedrich, Jim Stewart and Joe Stuchlak. Rick Potter made a motion to renew Mark, Jim and Joe to the board. Lynda Everson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- We are sorry to announce that Ron Von Haden is stepping down from the board. The only person with more tenure with PACRS is Rick Georgeson. We wish Ron well in his retirement and thank you for all the years serving on our board. Mike Coke has also served on the board for 6 years. We thank Mike for his years of service.
- A new nominee, Peter Manley, is being presented by Rick Georgeson for board approval. Peter has been sailing on Lake Petenwell for 39 years. He has been a property owner on Lake



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Petenwell for 20 years. Peter has taken lake water samples for the DNR for the past 15 years. Peter is recently retired from 30 years with Wood County UW Extension. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to approve Peter's nomination to the board of directors. The motion was seconded by Lynda Everson. All in favor, motion passed.

- No other nominees were presented. Nominations closed.

Other: Colette thanked the members who worked with her on organizing this year's fundraiser. The fundraiser would not be possible if Barbara Von Haden, Rick Potter, Mark Diedrich, Lisa Schenk had not been contacting businesses for donations over the last several months. Also, thanks to Dennis Glidden for making the large wooden baskets for our raffle prizes. Thanks to Chat-R-Box catering for preparing our chicken lunch and to Alter Ego (Ben & Kyle) for providing our music again this year. Thanks to all who contributed their talents and time to make the fundraiser successful.

Don Kemp, Consolidate Musky Club, reported that their club will be doing a Memorial stocking of 730 fish in honor of Joyce Showers. The fish will be stocked at the Plank Hill Boat Landing in Nekoosa on September 17th. All fish will have pit tags.

Joe Stuchlak reported that Muskies Matter will be stocking fish on Monday, September 16th. 150 Muskies and 1000 perch will be stocked in Necedah.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, October 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Lester Library – Town of Rome
1157 Rome Center Drive
Nekoosa, WI. 54457

Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm

Immediately following was the PACRS Celebration and Fundraiser

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano
Secretary