



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting June 18, 2021 10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar & Grill - Nekoosa

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Peter Manley, Steve Taylor, Rick Georgeson, Virgil Miller, Lynda Everson, Jim Stewart, Joe Stuchlak, Gerry Ganther

Members and Guests: Shane Wucherpennig, Julianna Kollross, Dennis Glidden, Don Kempen, Karin Ganther, Curtis Frost, Linda Frost, Wayne Gjersvig, Bob Paterson, Lydia Thomas, Tom Thomas, Mike Turok, Chris Turok

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Steve Taylor read the Secretary Report for Colette, who was not present. A motion to approve by Lynda Everson. Tom Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Virgil Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's report Lynda Everson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reported we have 938 likes on Facebook. Eric Olson, UW SP Extension, spoke to the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance about building capacity. Eric talked about applying for a grant from the DNR, similar to what we did back in PACRS early days. Rick Georgeson added that there are 2 kinds of lake groups; Social vs Solutions and the social groups tend to have a longer existence.

Scott and Rick attended the Adams County Lake Alliance Meeting and their guest speaker was Dreux Watermolen. Dreux has 35 years with the DNR social sciences. He talked about successful surveys and a need for a plan for the survey results.

Scott received a phone call from Chris Murphy about Phosphate Elimination and Recovery Lightweight membrane (PEARL) builds on pre-existing technology to extract oil from water bodies. This new iteration uses nanostructures, incorporated into the material of the sponge, to attract phosphate ions in water, effectively "soaking" them into the material.

Mayo Ewanowski raised a discussion regarding the use of pictures of lake activities to place on Instagram for expanding the PACRS base. A suggestion was made to take a picture of the



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PACRS group for Instagram. Please email Mayo or Scott any activities on the lakes so she can post them. Mayo also discussed the sale of the Erway sculptures . So far, 19 have been sold. Scott and Mayo have been in contact with the Town of Rome Farmers Market. PACRS could exhibit there for new members and sell the sculptures to those individuals.

Conservation Reports

Wood County – Shane Wucherpennig has the roller crimper and it is being used by farmers in the county. Information on the rental of this equipment can be found on their website. At a recent Farmer’s Lunch and Learn Gathering, it was found that UW Madison was doing research on the use of the crimper to repress water hemp and white mold in soybeans. +A grad student has been hired by CSGWC to do a GAP analysis, collect and house all the data from the 7 Central Sands counties on groundwater. Summer water testing for nitrates will continue in the county.

Juneau County: - Dustin Ladd reported for Juneau County. Lake Redstone producers have a roller crimper they share with others in their watershed. They have made a video demonstration how it works. Dustin is working on 2 9 Key Element Plans; Lake Redstone and the Lemonweir Watershed. There are 5 monitoring wells around Central Sands Dairy to monitor nitrates in the water. Thus far, it has been found that there are nitrates going as deep as 125 feet and nitrates do not disappear until the well are driven through bedrock. There was an algae bloom on Castle Rock Lake and a swimmer had to be hospitalized. Other counties, including Columbia County are working together and will on “On Wisconsin” discussing the roller crimper and other conservation techniques. Lake WI Field Day featuring Rick Clark on 6/19/21 has 85 attendees registered with more expected to attend.

Sculptures By Erway: Mayo Ewanowski has 19 sculptures left and wants to bring them to the Farmers Market. She described the Erway story and how they would find the broken boards from the dam and use them for the base of many sculptures. She brought 3 to the meeting.

Other:

- Joe Stuchlak discussed Musky Matters Inc. Don Kempen discussed Consolidate Musky Club. There will be a stocking of fish by the DNR in conjunction with both of these organizations. The amount of fish being stocked is increasing. There will be continued surveys on fish counts and population growths. Steve Taylor made a motion to fund each organization \$1500.for stocking of fish. Tom Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.



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Left to right – Joe Stuchlak Muskies Matter Inc,
Steve Taylor PACRS Treasurer.
Don Kempen Consolidated Musky Club

- Virgil Miller noted the need for the DNR to exert some influence over Wisconsin River Power Co to increase the water level on Castle Rock Lake. It is 1.5. feet lower than usual.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date:
July 16th, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar and Grill
1735 Archer Ln
Nekoosa, WI**

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary