



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting July 16, 2021 10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar & Grill - Nekoosa

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Peter Manley, Rick Georgeson, Virgil Miller, Jim Stewart, Mark Diedrich, Colette Camerano

Members and Guests: Lydia Thomas, Tom Thomas, Scott Kimball, Tom Camerano, Anna James, Felix

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Last meeting was held on June 18th at the Lure. Our first face to face meeting in over a year. Thanks to Jannah Mather who took notes at the meeting so I could complete the minutes. Minutes were distributed by email and mail. A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Virgil Miller. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor was not present for the meeting. Colette gave the Treasurer's report. Current balances on savings and checking were reported. We also have a new tax-exempt number from the state. The new letter is dated May 26, 2021. Steve will bring it to the next meeting. Tom Thomas moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Rick Georgeson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reported we had more reach through Facebook the past month. Articles posted were about the Farmers Market in Rome, we shared another article from EPPIC regarding a Dorchester farmer and indigo agriculture. Indigo Carbon, pays farmers to implement no-till and cover cropping in order to keep more carbon dioxide in the ground. Indigo Carbon is not yet available in Wisconsin but they are working to get it started this year.

Scott will be joining 14 Mile Watershed Alliance on Tuesday, July 20, for a tour of Heartland Farms . Scott was not available when PACRS toured Heartland a few years ago.

Scott will be attending the annual meeting for Longview Point HOA on July 17th. Scott Grigsby is President of the HOA and was instrumental in setting PACRS up with Thrivent Choice Dollars program which has been very successful for PACRS.



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Town of Rome Farmers Market: Peter Manley and Rick Georgeson joined Mayo Ewanowski at the Town of Rome Farmers Market on July 9th. Peter said they were there for four hours. PACRS had a booth at no cost and we exhibited to raise awareness of PACRS, sign up new members and sell the Erway sculptures. Our exhibit booth was next to 14 Mile Watershed Alliance. Thank you to Mayo, Peter, Rick and Scott.

Conservation Reports

Adams County:- Anna James, Water Resource Specialist, said things are moving forward with the Big and Little Roch -A-Cri producers on forming a farmer led council. There appears to be new aquatic vegetation growing in Barnum Bay. It showed up this year and Anna has taken samples. The vegetation appears to be Coon Tail, Common Weed and Pond Weed. These plants are not invasive and good for fish habitat. Adams County has a 3-year position open that will focus on the 14 Mile Watershed. Zebra mussels are present in Lake Petenwell. There was a discussion that other states have inspection and self- cleaning stations for boat operators to use. Wisconsin does not have any. Anna has been with Adams County for only 10 months. She started out by cold calling farmers and introducing herself to gather interest in forming a farmer led council. She now has 5 key producers and will apply for a farmer led grant. Rick Georgeson thanked her for her commitment and enthusiasm. He said there are 33 farmer led councils in the state and 20% of those are in our watersheds. Our area has experienced quite a bit of rain lately. Rick reminded us that no-till and cover cropped fields can handle 4" of rain per hour.

Fund Raiser and Annual Meeting: PACRS will not have a fundraiser like we have had in the past. Members felt it is too soon and business are still recovering from the strains of Covid 19. **A date of Saturday, September 11th has been set for the Annual Meeting.** Location is still pending. There will be a short meeting, election of board members and then a luncheon. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

WRPCO Island Clean UP: PACRS members (Rick, Mark, Peter and Colette) have volunteered to help with the take down and removal of old dilapidated duck blinds that are on the islands in Castle Rock Lake. WRPCO brought PACRS together with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers to work together on this clean up. We will gather on Saturday, July 17th, 8:00 a.m. at Waller's Pond launch on Castle Rock.



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Other:

- Colette said we received an email from Adams County Lake Alliance to renew our membership of \$100.00 per year. We have paid this membership in previous years. Colette made a motion to renew PACRS membership in the ACLA for \$100.00. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- The State Of Our Lakes event is August 7th. Colette will send an email to remind members. We will donate a basket with PACRS apparel and munchies.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

August 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Necedah Town Hall

101 Center Street

Necedah, WI. 54646

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary