



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting October 15, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar & Grill Conference Call Option

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

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Anna James, Jeff Tapper, Wayne Gjersvig, Lisa Diedrich, Jim Carpenter and Rachael Whitehair

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Last meeting was our annual meeting held on September 11th at the Lester Public Library in the Town of Rome. Colette reported on activities from the annual meeting held on September 25th 2020. Steve Taylor was absent from our annual meeting. Colette reported on current bank balances and expenditures that were provided by Steve.

Scott Bordeau gave the Communications Report. Facebook likes continue to grow from a year ago. Scott gave a presentation of PACRS accomplishments from the past year. His full presentation can be found on our website.

The members present at the annual meeting waived the 6- year service restriction. Members elected to serve another 2- year term are: Rick Georgeson, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Jim Stewart and Peter Manley. Mayo Ewanowski is a newly elected board member. Joe Stuchlak stepped down from the board. We wish him success on his new bait shop. Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Rick Georgeson second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor gave the Treasurer's report. Current balances on savings and checking were reported. Steve updated members on how we were doing compared to the budget. Memberships received are slightly higher than what was budgeted. Donations are \$1200.00 less than what was budgeted but we still have the remainder of the year. Our Smile donations are \$47.00. Jim Stewart made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mark Diedrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.



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Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reported that support letters were written this past month for Farmers of Roche-a-Cri and Farmers of Mill Creek. We now have over 1,000 followers. On Instagram we have 57 followers. Thanks to Mayo for keeping up the post on Instagram. 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is touring Owens Rock Cranberries on Tuesday, October 19th. The Verso plant in Wisconsin Rapids closed this past year putting 900 people out of work. The Verso closure reduced the PH load to Petenwell by 5tons/yearly which equals to 5M lbs. of algae. There is a National Cover Crop Conference on November 16th – 17th. It is a free virtual meeting and the link to register is https://www.covercropstrategies.com/national-cover-crop-summit-2021fall?utm_source=omail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly&utm_content=ccs&oly_enc_id=6911D2502089J6A

Producers of Lake Redstone had their Field Day on September. The Voss Family and Powers Family Farms were toured. PACRS members Tom & Colette Camerano and Al & Karen Knotek attended the event. Cover crops, two soil pits and a rainfall simulator were demonstrated on the Voss farm. The Powers Family discussed their Managed Grazing Farm. Most or all of the farm is planted to well- managed perennial grass and clover pastures instead of cultivated corn and soybeans. Their herd is moved through a series of small paddocks which they graze on for 1 to 3 days. This allows the plants to rest and recover from 3 – 45 days between grazing times. About 40 people attended the field day. Dinner was also served.

Adams County Conservation Day for 5th Graders was held September 23rd at the Adams County Fairgrounds. PACRS members Mark & Lisa Diedrich and Tom & Colette Camerano volunteered to help out for the day. The kids spent 20 -30 minutes at each learning station. Some of the stations were on water quality, trapping, composting, AIS, DNR and forestry. A pizza lunch was served for the staff and volunteers and the kids enjoyed box lunches. The event ran from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. The weather was good and the kids were great.

Lake Leaders Crew 13 – Scott reported that the role of the Wisconsin Lakes Leader Institute is to enhance skills and broaden capabilities of people in our lake communities, champion effective and communicative collaboration, and foster responsive and useful networks that support lake citizens. PACRS sent Colette Camerano and Karen Knotek to participate this year. Colette reported that last week was their 3rd and last seminar for Lake Leaders Crew 13. There was a graduation at the Aldo Leopold Shack in Baraboo. Each graduate had to write down 3 commitments on postcards. Wisconsin Lakes would like to see all our training put to good use. We receive certificates and our pictures were taken. PACRS will do a press release with the local news sources.



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Jim Stewart watched Wisconsin Life on the PBS television station. The channel highlights all Wisconsin activities throughout the state. The channel could be good exposure for non-profits. Attached is a link to their broadcast site.

<https://pbswisconsin.org/watch/wisconsin-life/expansive-expeditions-jhrkuk/>

Science By the River – Rachael Whitehair said on Saturday, October 23rd, a family friendly event will be held on the Wisconsin River in the Rapids. You can walk, bike or drive the event from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. It starts at Ben Hansen Park and ends at Veteran’s Memorial Park. Along the way are booths with different topics. Tap House will host tap talk from 1:00 to 3:00. I have attached the flyer for this event with the minutes.

Tri-Lakes Listening Session – Rick Georgeson attended a 1 hour Listening Session with Representative Scott Krug. Scott Krug is on the Tri-Lakes board. Scott was instrumental assisting with securing state funds when PACRS was seeking funding for water quality studies on our lakes. Rick said that Marlin Schneider, former Representative of the 72nd District, and predecessor to Scott Krug was also present for the meeting Rick was interested hearing comments from the school board members that attended.

Election of Officers: Members voted on the election of officers to serve for the coming year. Officers for 2021-2022 are Scott Bordeau as President, Steve Taylor as Treasurer, Peter Manley as Vice President and Colette Camerano as Secretary.

Conservation Reports -

Adams County – Anna James reported that their Conservation Day for the 5th Graders was a success. She thanked PACRS for their donation and participation that day. Anna also said her work with the Roche-A-Cri farmers is ongoing and very promising.

Other: Mark Diedrich announced that on Monday, October 18th, there is a meeting in the Wood County Courthouse. They will discuss the nitrate testing that has been done in Wood and Juneau Counties.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

No Meeting in November

Next Meeting Friday, December 3rd. Location TBD

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary