



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS 2022 Annual Member Meeting September 16, 2022 The Necedah Wildlife Refuge 10:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.***

**Board Members In attendance:** Steve Taylor, Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Peter Manley, Jim Stewart, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Gerry Ganther, Mayo Ewanowski

**Members & Guests in attendance:** Donna Amedro, Deb Biechler, Beth Bordeau, Tom Camerano, Douglas Daugherty, Karin Ganther, Dennis Glidden, Carolyn Glidden, Austin Holland, Anna James, Joyce Johnson, Kyle Kettner, Dustin Ladd, Star Ann Lemar, Jim Markland, Eric Olson, Mark Pfof, Dick Roellig, Lisa Diedrich, Cheryl Schmidt, Steve Schmidt, Gerald Staehling, Dennis Stalsberg, Cindy Stalsberg, Diane Sitkiewicz, Larry Sitkiewicz, Sue Taylor, Brad Strobel, John Underwood, Linda Underwood, Chad Voelker, Linda Walters, Michael Walters, Sara Windjue

**Call to Order:** President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Scott welcomed everyone and began the meeting with introductions from all present.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette stated our last annual meeting was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at the Lester Public Library in Rome. The meeting started at 10:05 a.m. and Scott recalled the attack on America and the lives lost. Members followed with a moment of silence. Colette gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of Steve Taylor. Donations were made in 2021 to Muskies Matter, Consolidated Mucky Club, Wood County Land and Water for a roller crimper for farmers to rent, WI Lakes Conference, River Alliance of WI, and the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance. In 2021, PACRS had 959 Likes on Facebook. Mayo Ewanowski started a PACRS Instagram account. Scott gave the PACRS Year-In-Review for 2021 and his presentation is on our website.

Last year, the membership present voted to remove the 6 consecutive year restriction and Rick G, Virgil and Mark were voted to serve another 2 years. Jim Stewart and Peter Manley were also voted to serve another 2 years. We also welcomed Mayo Ewanowski as a new board member. We thanked Joe Stuchlak for his four years of service and wished him well with his new bait shop. The Musky Club Alliance stated they purchased a new Electro-shocking boat for use by the DNR in the 5 county area near Wausau on the central WI River System, A motion was made by Jim Stewart to approve the annual meeting minutes from 2021. Gerry Ganther second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor reported on current checking and saving balances. Major expenditures this past year were for:

- \$1000. UW Stevens Point
- \$1000. Wisconsin Lakes
- \$1500. Consolidated Musky Club
- \$2,000. Juneau County Land and Water



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- \$1000. River Alliance of Wisconsin

A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to accept the Treasurer's Report. Peter Manley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Necedah Wildlife Refuge Projects:** Brad Strobel is the Wildlife Biologist at the Necedah Refuge. He refers to himself as the River Rat from Merrill WI. Brad passions are wetland and wildlife. He discussed the work they are doing on the Little Yellow River. At one point in time, the refuge and surrounding area were part of Glacial Lake, a massive band of water. In 1910, the turn of the century began the decade of the drainage dream. The Little Yellow River was straightened, made wider and deeper. 130 miles of new ditches were cut on the refuge. The early settlers, tried to farm the land. They found out that this was not a good area for agriculture and they started to exit. In 1937, the refuge became federal property. The ditches remained and the beavers were plentiful. The ditches drain the wetlands fast. Brad said the refuge is in the process of returning the Little Yellow River back to where it was 100 years ago. They are removing the ditch banks and this will allow the river to meander again. In sections already done, the wildlife plants are growing well. The water is traveling at double the distance that it has. A Necedah cranberry farmer south of the refuge said the water is cleaner now that it has been. The Little Yellow River flows into Castle Rock Lake. Brad said they will restore 18 to 20 miles of the river. The Necedah Wildlife Refuge has 11 full time employees and 2 dozen active volunteers. October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> is National Wildlife Refuge Week. There are activities planned every day. Please see the flyer attached.

**President's Year in Review:** Scott Bordeau, President of PACRS, provided a summary of activities of PACRS for the past year. His presentation will be posted on the PACRS web site.

**Election of Board Members:** This year's nominating committee was Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau and Colette Camerano. Rick said that three board members have agreed to continue serving on the board beyond their 6 consecutive years. Our By-Laws state that no board member can continue serving beyond the six consecutive years unless the members remove this restriction at the annual meeting by an affirmative vote of the members. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The six-year restriction has been removed this year for Scott, Colette and Steve. Rick asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Diane Sitkiewicz raised her hand and said she would be interested but this was her first PACRS meeting as she recently became a member. Rick thanked her for her enthusiasm but suggested she should get to know PACRS a little better, come to our meetings and see if she still feels that way in a year. No other nominees spoke up, Rick closed the nominations.

- **Gerry Ganther** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Gerry to serve another 2-year term. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Colette Camerano** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Colette to serve another 2-year term. All in favor, motion passed
- **Steve Taylor** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Steve to serve another 2-year term. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Scott Bordeau** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Scott to serve another 2-year term. All in favor, motion passed.



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**Other:** Sarah Windjue from Wisconsin Lakes said their lake conference will be held April 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Sarah said they are preparing for the conference and if you have a project you have been working on and would like to present at the conference, please let her know.

**Next Meeting Date:**  
**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**The Lure Bar & Grill**  
**1735 Archer Ln. Nekoosa, WI**

Meeting adjourned 12:00 noon

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano  
Secretary