

Minutes of CFAPOA Board Meeting January 9, 2025 via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via Zoom with members present at 6 PM. Members present: Mike Gardner, Tony Schubert, Lindsey Schubert, Dave Carland, Mark Zich, Kevin Flesch, Terry Wall, Jeff Wolfe, and Randy Hulke. Guests: Dennis Claggett and Mark Mantey.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment taken.

3. Board Minutes

The Minutes from the Board Meeting on November 7, 2024 were reviewed. The motion to approve minutes as presented by Gardner and seconded by Wall. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Treasurer's Report was that the annual review everything balanced. Checking balance is \$18,600 and \$13,000 in unrestricted funds. Surplus of \$2,100 for 2024 from budget. We received the \$16,000 grant for the Clean Boats and Clean Waters. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Moved by T. Schubert and seconded by Wall. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion began about Treasurer's Proposed 2025 budget tendered to Board. No changes to the proposed budget were raised. Motion to approve the 2025 budget was made by T. Schubert and seconded by Wall. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

a. Invasive Species

Invasive Species: Clean Boats and Clean Waters grant was approved on December 9, 2024. Congrats to Mike and Diane for the work done to get the Grant approved.

Discussion about the progress of the proposed beetle project for 2025 to further attempt to eradicate the loosestrife. General discussion about how to raise the beetles and then place them on strategic locations on the Flowage in the Spring and Summer.

Adopt a Shoreline: The Committee has two new volunteers.

b. Fisheries

PIP will again occur in 2025. Similar prize structure is proposed. Waiting for the final report on the Survey completed by Max Wolter in the Fall.

c. Citizen Science/Loon Rangers

The results from all of the information gathered from the open water season has been analyzed. We had a light winter last year, flooding in the Spring caused some nests to be lost but there were still 22 chicks, and 41 territorial pairs observed through August of 2024.

Loon Watch at Northland College is still moving forward even with the financial crisis at the College. Hopefully they will continue to capture data in 2025.

We may have a prospect on creating a new prototype of a man-made loon nesting platform in the Spring.

c. Shoreline Protection

Legislature starting this month. Lobbying group is solidifying support to lobby for restrictions on Wake Boats. March should be a big month with lots of activity on the issue. Town of Hunter has taken action to regulate use. Mark Zich offered to create a map with the new regulation and add an article to the Winter Newsletter. Tony Schubert agreed to distribute the map to Resorts for further education of those users of the Flowage.

d. Membership

General discussion about modifying the Membership Forms over the next several months to make accounting for moneys more efficient and to give members more options. Additionally, discussion about software improvements to facilitate a better process as well.

e. Communications

The deadline for the next Newsletter is January 17, 2025..

f. Education/Social

Lion's Club contacted the Chair again about another clean up event on May 20, 2025. More details to come as we get closer in the Spring.

Discussion of the Board about whether to resurrect the Spring Fling social event for 2025. Motion to approve the Spring Fling to take place at Treelands on June 8, 2025.

Moved by Flesch and Seconded by Hulke. Discussion about what sort of emphasis should be planned for event and maybe “Bring a neighbor” campaign.

Annual meeting tentatively scheduled for August 3, 2025

5. Chair Agenda

A. Partners Meeting

The update on Joint Agency Management Plan is being worked on. Board and Board Members will need to provide input. The following Motion was submitted by Tony Schubert and Seconded by Flesch:

WHEREAS the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association supports the process of updating the 2000 Chippewa Flowage Joint Area Management Plan. Future guidelines should be based on an examination of the resources of the Chippewa Flowage and identification and evaluation of the key management issues as stated in its Purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED that we propose that no substantive changes be recommended or enacted to Management Concepts and Policies without development of the comprehensive Recreational Use and Watercraft Management Plan identified in Chapter Two of the 2000 agreement.

FURTHERMORE, we propose that a recreational carry capacity analysis be conducted to support its development.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. DNR Barge Grant Request and potential Sponsorship

Discussion about Max Wolter’s attempt at a Reservoir Grant is in progress to purchase a barge for the use on the Flowage. He is looking for support for the Grant as it is a dollar for dollar match up to \$75,000. We will need to discuss in February our interest in sponsorship.

C. Sawyer County Lakes Forum

Entity is going through by-laws and other founding documents before beginning its work. Mike will report back about progress as the organization continues to rejuvenate itself.

Motion to approve the Invoice for \$35 to be a member of the Statewide Lake Association Association. Moved by T. Schubert and seconded by Flesch.
Motion passes.

A. New Business

None.

- 6. Next Board Meeting February 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.**
- 7. Motion to Adjourn moved by Wall and seconded by T. Schubert unanimous approval
Meeting Adjourned at 825 pm.**