

FOG Board Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2011/ Iron Nugget 7pm

Attendance: Cathy Techtmann/President, Denise Schmitz-Enking/Secretary, Board Members: Ken Edgvet, Al Sobczak, and Joel Enking, Others: Harold Schmude, Heather Palmquist/ Iron County Land Conservation, Jim Kreitlow/ WDNR

Meeting was called to order by president Cathy Techtmann. No treasurers report was available.

Old Business: None

New Business: Presentation of the Spiny Water Fleas Research by Heather Palmquist/Iron County LCC and Jim Kreitlow/WDNR. The spiny water flea is an aquatic invasive species. Three lakes have been identified as having spiny water fleas, Gile Flowage in Iron County, Stormy Lake in Vilas County, and Lake Gogebic, Michigan. Jim Kreitlow told the board about grant money of @ \$150.00 is available to update our water management plan. There are several components to the grant including education and research. Application deadline is August 2011. There is a 75:25% cost share with the grant money. Board discussed the possibility of applying for this funding to use for educating the public about the invasive spiny water flea and possibly providing some portable boat washing units at public landings. Chr. Techtmann stated that FOG currently has a Lakes Planning Grant. Jim Kreitlow was invited to speak about this grant at the Annual Fog Meeting, May 28, 2011.

President Cathy Techtmann informed the board that Kelly Klein of the Iron County Economic Development Committee contacted FOG about making an \$800.00 donation to print more of the Gile Flowage maps. **Motion by K. Egvedt, 2nd by J. Enking to authorize printing of 5000 Gile Flowage brochures for a cost of \$1200 from Printing Plus. M/C** A thank you will be sent to the Iron County Economic Development Committee for the generous donation.

President Techtmann updated the board about some potential FOG partnerships with XCEL energy. These include a solar light at County C landing, and a small portable dock at the Pence landing. Cathy has been working with Rob Olson from XCEL energy on these ideas.

A draft agenda for the May 28th, 2011 Annual Meeting to be held 9:30am at Squeaks Bar/Restaurant was reviewed. **Motion by K. Egvedt, 2nd by A. Sobczak to provide refreshments at the annual meeting. M/C**

Motion by J. Enking, 2nd by A. Sobczak to pay the \$45.00 registration for one FOG member to attend the NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference on June 24, 2011. M/C Five additional registrations for FOG members would then be free of charge.

Other: Board member Ken Edgvet asked if the FOG had ever considered a portable fish hatchery. Questions about permits needed, etc. would need to be reviewed.

Motion by adjourn by K. Egvedt, 2nd by J. Enking M/C