

# Flowage Preservation Alliance

July 16, 2016 NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Saturday, July 2, 2016 Conover Park



### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by R. Ruffalo at 9:30 AM.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

K. Gurski moved to approve the minutes of the July 4, 2015 meeting; C. Sloane seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

K. Gurski presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Beginning balance: \$5,555.18

Deposits (8): \$1,580.33

Expenses: \$4,643.50

Balance as of 7/2/2016; \$2,492.01

The largest expense was a donation of \$4,000 to the Lake District.

K. Fredrick moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; J. Case seconded. Motion carried.

### **Fundraisers:**

R. Ruffalo reported that the 50/50 raffle at the Taste of Conover netted \$125. Current fundraisers include the sale of FPA hats (\$25 each) and Flowage Diary books (\$10 each).

### **Election of Officers:**

Current Directors are Ron Schultz, Ken Gurski and Bob Vogt whose terms expire in 2018; Rich Ruffalo, Jay Richman and George Holloway whose terms expire in 2017; Tom Christofferson, Deb Richman and Roger Kerstner's terms expire 2016. The Board nominated Tom Christofferson, Deb Richman, and Roger Kerstner to stand for re-election, to serve for a term of three years. R. Kerstner moved to elect the three nominees; J. Richman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Appreciation:**

The members of the Flowage Preservation Alliance extended their appreciation via applause to Karl Jennrich, the Holloway's, Art Kunde and the Senechalles for the hundreds of hours they contributed to the effort to proceed with the construction of the dam and Bob Senechalle's efforts and success in obtaining a grant from the State of Wisconsin. Appreciation was also expressed for the cooperation of the neighbors of the dam: Rick and Melanya Pokorny, Ken and Mary Lou Lenz, John and Betty Hembrook, Bill and Joanie Green and Mark Hazelwood.

### **Adjournment:**

R. Vogt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 AM; Ann Hessenauer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vogt  
Recording Secretary

## **HATS FOR SALE!**

At the Annual meeting, FPA hats were available for sale, and they sold out! (\$25) Great embroidery by Hahn Printing, Eagle River.

If there is enough interest, we can re-order.

Email [flowagepreservation@gmail.com](mailto:flowagepreservation@gmail.com) if you want your name on the Wish List. (Christmas presents, anyone?)





## FLOWAGE FLOWERS AND PLANTS BOOKLET

Also available is a booklet identifying flowers and plants on the Flowage, from April thru October. Fifty-one photos make identification easy. (\$10)

Email [flowagepreservation@gmail.com](mailto:flowagepreservation@gmail.com) to get one!

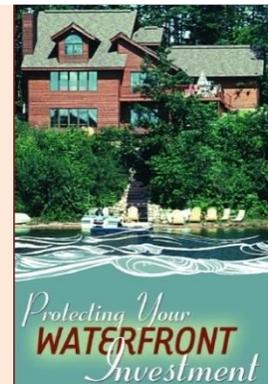
**DAM PROJECT PDF** – Attached to this email is the day-by-day review of the dam reconstruction project. It will also be available on the FPA website ([littleamarackflowage@gmail.com](mailto:littleamarackflowage@gmail.com)) on the “Records” page, for posterity.

**AMAZON SMILE** - Don't forget, if you buy online at Amazon, you can enroll in their "Amazon Smile Program", and designate the Flowage Preservation Alliance as the beneficiary. Every purchase will earn the Alliance a donation!  
<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about>

### YOUR WATERFRONT INVESTMENT

Tom and Karen Christofferson recommend this booklet (free online) produced by the University of Wisconsin Extension. It contains 10 tips for protecting your shoreline and the health of your lake, river, or flowage. To download the free booklet, go to <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/waterfront.pdf> Here are the 10 easy steps:

1. Don't use phosphorus fertilizer – it causes the growth of algae
2. Dispose of hazardous waste properly or it might pollute the Flowage
3. Minimize erosion into the Flowage, especially during construction projects
4. Maintain your septic system (can you believe anyone still needs reminding?!!)
5. Reduce hard surfaces (asphalt) to allow rain to soak into soil
6. Shrubs and trees protect better than grass; forest undergrowth is best
7. Direct your downspouts to wooded areas instead of hard (asphalt) surfaces
8. Install a rain barrel to avoid erosion, and use it to water plants during dry spells
9. Build a rain garden to absorb rain and avoid runoff
10. Build up shoreland buffer: native plants, let your trees fall into the water, avoid raking or clearing the weeds, plant shore bushes, allow fish to spawn near your shoreline



**SUMMER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME** - Membership helps support efforts to keep everyone informed about activities to preserve the Little Tamarack Flowage. “Communication & Education”. Membership remains at \$10 each. About 1/3 of our members don't have email, and we are committed to making sure everyone gets ALL the news, whether email or “real-mail”. We also publish educational brochures which are placed at the two boat landings each year. Please help with your \$10 membership, if you have not already renewed. Thanks!!!!

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