**Minutes for FOAL Annual Meeting – Tuesday, July 3, 2018 - 4:00 pm**

I. Meeting was called to order by Tom Reinkober (President).

II. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Tom Reinkober.

III. Election of Officers: President (Tom Reinkober) announced Secretary and Vice President resigned after last meeting and Carol Stone volunteered to be Vice President and Sue Cook volunteered to be Secretary. Officer Position changes were approved by FOAL members.

IV. The Minutes of July 2, 2017 Annual Meeting were read aloud by Sue Cook, (Secretary) and were approved.

V. Treasure Report: The Treasure's Report was given by Tom Reinkober for Ruth Brostowitz and was approved (see attached report). Tom noted as of May 1, 2018 there were 46 paid members of FOAL. The FOAL income statement shows end of year total assets May 1, 2018 of $11,706.78. There were no

questions on the budget.

VI. PITLC Report: Tom R. informed members Bob Horswill represents Armour Lake and attends meetings when he is town. We still need an additional volunteer for PITLC.

VII. Aquatic Invasives: A species was brought to the meeting and was identified as Chara or seaweed by Jim Rennhack.

VIII. Committee Reports:

a. Loon Watch: Carol Stone announced the wonderful news that we have a pair of loons that had one chick on June 20th. As of July Mom, Dad and the baby are doing well.

b. Water Monitoring: Ken Reid was unable to attend the meeting but sent the attached report. Summary: The Secchi reading for most of May was around 13 feet. On July 2nd the reading was 11 feet. Recent strong rain attributed to the present turbidity.

c. Ken Reid had the following reminders:

1. Walleye daily limit is 3 between 15-20 inches with 1 allowed measuring over 24 inches. Daily bag limit is per license is 5 so you may fish other lakes and keep the additional legal size fish from that lake. The legal possession limit is 10 but on Armour Lake it is six.

2. After dark Canoes, Kayaks, boats and inner tubes, etc. must be have a highly visible light because most motor boat drown out voices, whistles, horns and screams.

3. If you see a fisherman casting toward the shore please paddle your canoe, kayak or rowing skiff to the outside.

IX. Shoreline: Jim Brzezinski informed us the depth was the same spring 2018 as it was last fall 2017 but recently the depth went up 20cms after a heavy rain.

X. Election of Officers: President: Tom Reinkober informed members he has been President for 8 years and would like someone to step up and take the position in the near future.

XI. Old Business

a. Status of Water Bottling Plant PI - Tom

Reinkober reported he received an e-mail from Carmen Farwell with an update on Water Bottling Plant. There will be a public hearing on the bottle company's request for a variance will be July 18th at 3:30pm (? in Eagle River). Email attached. At this time they do not need any money.

b. Vilas County position on Beavers: We no longer have beavers. Vilas County will not allow beavers to obstruct any navigable waterways (lakes, rivers, ETC)

XII. New Business:

a. Condition of E Armour Rd: They are working on the road today.

b. Latest Status of the Bartsch Properties

Corporate Counsel (Zoning): In October 2017 the Forestry, Recreation and Land Dept. of the Vilas County took possession of 5 properties on both Horsehead and Armour Lake for non-payment of taxes. Their intention is simply to sell the properties once they are resurveyed and cleaned up. At the time of our annual meeting they have been surveyed and the two properties on the peninsula have been combined and the large property on Horsehead has been split into two properties. The time line for sale of the properties are going to be varied due to what needs to be done on each property in question. The properties on Horsehead will be up for sale as early as September. However, according to the county the properties on Armour Lake will probably not be available until late fall, due to the cleanup that will be required and the potential environmental impact.

c. Electro Fish Survey: Late last fall the FOAL Board decided to once again approach the DNR to see if FOAL could plant walleyes in Armour. Back in 2011 we were denied. We have been working with Hadley Boehm from the DNR to see what we had to do. The DNR insisted that another electro survey be done in the fall and once the data is analyzed she would make her decision. She is meeting with FOAL on 20 July to answer any of our questions. The survey has been contracted for and will be performed in early September. The actual survey will be paid for by FOAL, however, if we are allowed to plant walleye that expense will be paid for by residents of the lake on a volunteer basis.

XIII. Special Announcements:

a. Homes for sale on Armour Lake: Jim Knuth's home is for sale.

b. Armour Lake Necrology: We will miss Dr. Larry Fleming and Joanne Schalch who passed away this year.

c. FOAL needs volunteers for Annual Picnic, September 1st, 2018. Sue Cook & Carol Stone volunteered.

d. Reminder: Jet Ski hours are 11am - 4pm and Water Ski hours are 10am - 7pm.

XIV. Dates to Remember:

a. Friday July 20, 2018 2:30 PM / Hadley Boehm DNR Biologist Responsible for Armour Lake, will discuss what will be required for FOAL to plant Walleye.

b. Saturday September 3, 2018 at 3:00 PM / FOAL Annual Picnic. Once again Marlene Armada will provide another Italian Dinner.

XV. Special recognition: We would like to recognize and thank Jim Knuth for all he has done for Armour Lake. Twenty two years ago he started FOAL and he has been active in keeping updated with issues that would affect Armour Lake to protect our Lake.

XIV. Adjournment by Tom Reinkober

Educational Component: Discovery Center provided a Guest Speaker who educated FOAL members about the Black Bear.

*Submitted by Sue Cook, FOAL Secretary*