

## FOAL Annual Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2025

I. Meeting Called to Order - Tom Jaskolski

II. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Tom Jaskolski

III. Invasive Species Update and Recommendations – Guest Speaker, Jordan Mueller from Vilas County Land and Water Conservation:

Jordan informed us of the current invasion species in our area as well as the risks we have on Armour Lake and how we can try to minimize these risks. He said invasive species that might invade Armour Lake could come from Crab Creek, but they mainly come in on Boats, canoes, kayaks and their trailers. Complete eradication is almost impossible, Jordan said; it is very expensive and it can take years. He reminded everyone that one of the best ways to prevent invasive species on our lake is to clean all watercraft (including trailers) before reentering Armour Lake. His recommendations for cleaning watercraft were as follows:

1. Remove any visible plants and mud from the watercraft and trailer before you leave another lake.
2. Wash your watercraft and trailer with soapy water.
3. Use high-pressure wash that goes up to 140 degrees (if possible) to rinse your watercraft.
4. Flush all ballast systems with hot water for 3-5 minutes.
5. Drain all water from watercraft (includes live wells, ballasts, tanks, and bilge).
6. Allow watercraft, equipment, and trailers to dry.
7. You can also clean watercraft and trailers with a bleach mix and let them dry.

Finally, Jordan told us to contact FOAL who will contact the local DNR if we come across an invasive species. The slides he brought with images of some of these invasive species as well as lakes in our area are on the website under [Alert! Invasive Species Information \(updated September 2025\)](#).

IV. Elections

- a. Treasure - Debbie Jaskolski volunteered to remain as Treasurer and was duly elected by FOAL members as Treasurer.
- b. Secretary - Sue Cook volunteered to remain as Secretary and was duly elected by FOAL members as Secretary.
- c. Member-at-Large - Bob Horswell volunteered to remain as Member-at-Large and was duly elected by FOAL members as Member-at-Large.

V. Sue Cook Instructed Members to review 2024 FOAL Meeting Minutes provided. Minutes were approved.

VI. Debbie Jaskolski reviewed Treasure Report

VII. Committee Reports

- a. PITLC - Bob Horswell reported last year he removed 3 yellow irises in different locations one of which then returned. He requested FOAL Members to please check their shorelines if you find any questionable plant contact him. Below is a picture of a yellow iris.



A FOAL member made a comment that it appears native plants are increasing. Paul Cook & Tom Jaskolski will be doing a chemical test on 3-5 locations on the lake at no expense to FOAL. Results will be posted after samples are taken and they have results.

- b. Loon Watch - Carol Stone informed members we have three loons together (sometimes have seen five). No nesting noted this year. For the last two or three weeks Carol has heard loons calling occasionally. In addition there have been no ducks or Canadian geese spotted.

#### VIII. Old Business - None

#### IX. New Business

##### a. Membership Levels

Membership levels have declined from 57 in 2021 to 43 this past year. We are open to suggestions on how to increase our membership. In the fall Paul Cook and Tom Jaskolski passed out flyers to individual homes. Members suggested we do the same this year. Members were also concerned about receiving emails from FOAL. An email was sent out to all Members who received the email replied YES to wanting to receive them. If no confirmation was received by FOAL the individuals will be contacted by phone or mail.

No additional suggestions were made. Feel free to contact the board members if you have any ideas at a later date.

##### b. Different Date/Time for Annual Meeting and/or Fall Picnic

Members liked the Annual Meeting sign posted on roadsides and recommended doing this again next year. Members also wanted the Annual Picnic to start at 4:00 on August 30, 2025, at the Presque Isle Community Building. Members want pizza as the main dish and have everyone bring a dish to pass. Annual FOAL meeting in 2026 will be moved to 10:00AM on July 4th Weekend (day to be determined). If the Presque Isle Community Room is unavailable the meeting will be held at Pipke Park.

##### c. PI Town Tax Reimbursement

Last year the town collected \$377.19 from each taxpayer as a tax levy to pay for the town's participation in the four-town Emergency Services District (Presque Isle, Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters & Winchester). Everyone will receive a new tax bill and for those who have already paid their taxes in full they will receive a check for \$377.19. For those who have not paid in full, their new tax bill will reflect a decrease. If you have not received a letter from Vilas County and Presque Isle regarding this please contact the Presque Isle Town Clerk.

##### d. New Members

Rick Brown purchased his home on Armour Lake on May 20, 2025. We welcomed Rick to FOAL!  
Andrew & Colleen Risinger (Joined FOAL in 2024 at Annual Picnic). Welcome to you both too!

##### e. Necrology

Pat Farley  
Don Schalch  
Tom Fugette.

##### f. Subdivision Approval

Steve Gleasman has received approval to subdivide his property on Armour Lake. The number of lots will be determined to conform with Presque Isle requirement that all lots have to have 200 feet of frontage.

g. Ludsten/Casey Property Concerns

Concerns were raised that the developer who owns property across from E. Armour Road is trying to get first right of refusal of the Paul Ludsten/Susan Casey property by threatening to remove the easement Ludsten/Casey currently use for their driveway. If the developer gains ownership of this property there are concerns that they would use it to give lake access to future residents on the property across the street from Ludsten/Casey.

Joel Ehrlich offered to research the possibility of the easement being removed. Tom Jaskolski will contact Ludsten & Casey to determine if there are ways FOAL can help resolve the easement issue and prevent the developer from getting a first right of refusal on the property.

X. Meeting was adjourned by Tom Jaskolski.