



2022 Annual Membership Meeting

March 11, 2023

Four Corners Food and Spirits

Town of Lincoln

Our mission is to facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest.



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Outgoing Board Members Tony Erba,
Mary Maguire, Tom Keiser, Madelaine
Rekemeyer - THANK YOU!!!

Agenda for Annual Meeting:

Secretary's Report - Grant Ebert (Secretary)

Financial Report - Jean Barron (Treasurer)

Election of board members (Pam Dryer)

2022 accomplishments and 2023 plans - Pam Dryer, President

Other Business

Priorities and Accomplishments in 2022

Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:

- Built a 32' foot-bridge on the west end of Marengo Ridge trail with grant from Bayfield County Health Department – 150 hours of volunteer time.
- Maintained trails to ensure they are accessible and well-marked. Over 250 volunteer hours contributed.
 - All work was done by volunteers! They built the bridge, kept trails cleared, kept signs updated, add blazes, and mowed trails in the summer and groomed in winter.
 - Added trail mileage to our map.
 - Built 4 new benches.
- Monitored existing Wood Turtle sites, Turtles for Tomorrow maintained them. **3 wood turtle nests laid and hatched!**
- Partnered with Bayfield County Emergency and Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association to identify locations, print and install Bayfield County Emergency signs that show GPS locations.
- Successfully fundraised \$24,500 for Boardwalk to Mikinaak Lake. Includes 2 grants, Landmark Conservancy commitment and 10 individual donations from Members.

Grow our Education program and engage the local and regional community:

- Maintained kiosk and little library. Little Library continuously updated by Teri Isaac.
- Held our Lincoln Community Forest picnic and fundraiser on August 2. All local residents were invited.
- We were selected as a Chequamegon Food Coop Round Up for Partners recipient. We will receive donations in December 2023. It will be used for education programs and signs.

Keep our organization viable:

- Maintained our social media presence by having a strong team in place: Email updates about 4 times per year; social media postings monthly, sometimes more often. Ads in Bottom Line News 4 times a year. Web site updates ongoing,
- We have a good working relationship with Landmark Conservancy. They expect an updated MOA and Kiosk sign in 2023.
- Ensured sound finances; exceeded our revenue goals. Our Endowment continues to grow.
- 98% of our work is done by volunteers. We have a viable, strong and passionate Board, Committee Chairs and volunteers donated over 600 hours of their time to keep us viable.

Manage the Forest for Wildlife, Diversity and Climate Resilience:

- Maintained white pine plantings located in aspen harvest areas. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitored and controlled invasive plants. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitored the Forest in general and communicated with WI DNR and US Forest Service. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitor red oak and white spruce planted after aspen harvest. (FLCF)

2022 Financial Report and 2023 Annual Budget

FLCF Annual Budget	Budget 2022	Year End 2022	Budget 2023
January 1 cash available			
Savings	4,898.36	4,889.43	4889.43
Checking	1,801.98	11,445.95	11,445.95
Total Cash on Hand	6,700.34	16,335.38	16,335.38
Revenue/Income			
Memberships	2,000.00	1,430.00	2,000.00
Donations	2,000.00	3,810.00	2,000.00
Boardwalk		Report in 2023	16,500.00
Other revenue-county grant	0.00	2,000.00	
Other revenue-endowment	0.00	630.00	
Donation pipe	150.00	153.94	200.00
Product/event sales	1,500.00	2,129.00	1,250.00
Bench sales	1,250.00	0.00	1,200.00
Annual Revenue	6,900.00	10,152.94	23,150.00
Expenses			
Membership & Communications	300.00	0.00	300.00
Forest Projects	2,760.00	3,457.83	21,538.00
Fundraising	1,425.00	784.98	1,100.00
Education	730.00	0.00	800.00
Endowment	0.00	2,360.00	0.00
Operations	1,835.00	1,344.10	1,805.00
Total Expenditures	7,050.00	7,161.93	25,543.00
Revenue vs. Expenditures	-150.00	2,991.01	-2,393.00
Forest Forever Fund Endowment – Year End 2022 - \$36,090			

2023 Priorities based on Board and Committee Plans and Budget

Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:

- Build the Boardwalk to Mikinaak Lake.
- Initiate Second Saturday Monthly activities.
- Continue with our trail maintenance to keep people engaged and safe. Groom in winter.
- Sell, build and place new benches along trail.
- Maintain and monitor turtle sites, bat houses and beaver deceiver.
- Reinitiate water quality monitoring with Superior Rivers Watershed Association.

Grow our Education Program and engage the local and regional community:

- Several Second Saturday activities will include nature walks to engage more people in the use of the forest, such as wildlife tracking, mushroom, edible plant and bird identification.
- Develop programs that can utilize the Boardwalk to Mikinaak Lake.
- Develop and install interpretive signs at Boardwalk.
- Fundraise for equipment, such as snowshoes, binoculars and rubber boots, to enhance participation in planned activities and programs.
- Keep kiosk fresh and little library full of children's nature books.
- Conduct wildlife programs off-site.

Keep our organization viable:

- Grow our Forest Forever Fund – goal of \$5,000 new donations in 2023.
- Engage and show gratitude for volunteers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, Members, Partners, Landmark Conservancy and our local Community.
- Improve social media and print media presence. Continue to update our web site.
- Work with Landmark Conservancy to update MOU.

2022 Board of Directors - Thank You!

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*3-year term expires and leaving Board. ** Moved and resigned.

Board candidates for March 11, 2023 election: Jason Akl, Jean Hanson Zirn

Committees

Forest Projects: Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee identifies and implements trail and wildlife projects in the Forest.

Fundraising: Kim Sturm, Chair.

This Committee identifies revenue sources and conducts actions to raise money.

Forest Forever Fund: Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee develops and implements programs that provide for a permanent endowment.

Education: Teri Isaac and Kathy Zuelsdorff, Co-Chairs

This committee identifies and carries out education opportunities in relation to the Forest.

Communications and Membership: Pam Dryer, Chair

This Committee recruits and maintains memberships, manages the member database, and conducts outreach.