



**Annual Membership Meeting**

**March 27, 2021**

# Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

- Business Meeting
  - Secretaries Report
  - Financial Report
  - Recognize Outgoing Board Members
  - Elect Directors of the Board
  - Report on Accomplishments and 2021 Plans
  - Other Business
  - Suggestions, ideas, concerns



# Lincoln Community Forest

- 396 acres of hardwood, conifer and young forests in the Town of Lincoln, Bayfield County
- Scenic and rugged terrain of high bluffs and deep valleys and 2 ½ miles of the Marengo River
- 10 acre lake and numerous forest wetlands
- Open to everyone for non-motorized nature-based recreation (hunting, fishing, hiking, trapping, cross country skiing)
- Titled to Landmark Conservancy, managed with assistance from FLCF

**The Friends of the Lincoln Community Forest (FLCF) is a non-profit organization that incorporated in March 2013**

**Mission:** To facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest

**Vision:** We envision the Lincoln Community Forest and Marengo River within as a community asset:

- That is rigorously managed throughout
  - to ensure a healthy, sustainable & scenic forest,
  - to protect its natural and historic character.
- That provides in the South Unit a small network of primitive trails where the visitor can enjoy nature-based recreation.
- That preserves the North Unit in a largely undeveloped state.





## Secretary's Report

- Read minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting
- Motion to approve

# Treasurer's Report

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
	12.31.20	01.01.21
Cash Available	\$11,084	\$11,691
(Checking & Savings)		
Revenue/Income		
Annual Revenue	\$4,903	\$9,610
Cash Available	\$15,987	\$21,301
Expenses		
Membership/Communications	\$336	\$869
Forest Projects	\$1,097	\$9,910
Fundraising	\$388	\$1,140
Education	\$0	\$150
Endowment (FFF)	\$370	\$0
Operations	\$903	\$945
Annual Expenditures	\$3,094	\$13,014
Revenue vs. Expenditures	\$1,809	(\$3,404) ***
Total cash available December 31	\$11,691	\$8,287
*** \$3500.00 in checking held over from 2020 to be used in 2021 for trail project partially funded by DNR grant to hire Wis Corps		

- **Motion to approve**

# Forest Forever Fund

“When I talk to people about the forest and friends group they are impressed with the FFF, giving a sense of security/permanence and knowing that the forest is everlasting showing that members have a strong belief in what they are doing.”

From Teri Isaac, Board Member and Education Co-Chair

January 31, 2019 balance \$26,510

December 31, 2020 balance \$30,026 \*

\*Note that we do not have the current balance

# Thank You Outgoing Board Members!!

**Jack Wichita**



- On Board and on-board from beginning
- 3 three-year terms
- Volunteers for on-site work whenever he can and other ways
- Has served as VP and Secretary
- Drafted organizational documents
- Will always have our back

**Sheila Ossowski**



- Served us 6 years as Treasurer
- Brought our book keeping and reporting up-to-standards
- Led us through budgeting
- Volunteered in many other ways, most notable was fundraising and picnic co-organizer
- Will continue to serve on Fundraising Committee



# 2021 Board of Directors' Election

<b>Pam Dryer*</b>	<a href="mailto:pamdryer3@gmail.com">pamdryer3@gmail.com</a>	715.765.4131	President
<b>Mary Maguire*</b>	<a href="mailto:mmm3@cheqnet.net">mmm3@cheqnet.net</a>	715.765.4732	Vice –President
<b>Jack Wichita**</b>	<a href="mailto:j_wichita@yahoo.com">j_wichita@yahoo.com</a>	715.765.4132	Secretary
<b>Sheila Ossowski**</b>	<a href="mailto:ossowski@msn.com">ossowski@msn.com</a>	715.765.4225	Treasurer
<b>Teri Isaac</b>	<a href="mailto:craniac@cheqnet.net">craniac@cheqnet.net</a>	715.765.3250	
<b>Tom Keiser</b>	<a href="mailto:tmkeiser9@gmail.com">tmkeiser9@gmail.com</a>	612.816.3745	
<b>Tony Erba</b>	<a href="mailto:theo.femur@gmail.com">theo.femur@gmail.com</a>	414.630.8817	
<b>Madelaine Rekemeyer</b>	<a href="mailto:madelaine1078@gmail.com">madelaine1078@gmail.com</a>	651.792.5534	
<b>Kevin Brewster</b>	<a href="mailto:kbrewster8@yahoo.com">kbrewster8@yahoo.com</a>	715-617-5343	
<b>* Running for second 3-year term</b>			
<b>** Leaving Board</b>			

### **New Board candidates for March 27, 2021 election**

<b>Emily Blodgett</b>	St. Paul, season resident Town of Lincoln
<b>Erin Merrigan</b>	Town of Lincoln
<b>Grant Ebert</b>	Town of Lincoln; Secretary Candidate

### **Renewing Board Candidates for March 27, 2021 election**

<b>Pam Dryer</b>	Served 1 3-year term
<b>Mary Maguire</b>	Served 1 3-year term

### **Officer Candidates - to be voted on by Board after this meeting:**

<b>Pam Dryer</b>	President
<b>Mary Maguire</b>	Vice President
<b>Madelaine Rekemeyer</b>	Treasurer
<b>Grant Ebert</b>	Secretary

# 2020 Highlights



# Thank you Board, Volunteers Members and Partners for Your Contributions and Support this Pandemic Year!

- “They (members) also like knowing that there is a variety of places for them to fit in as a volunteer when they choose to do so. The activities and work days, meeting new friends and gaining a place to belong and be a part of.” Teri Isaac, Board Member

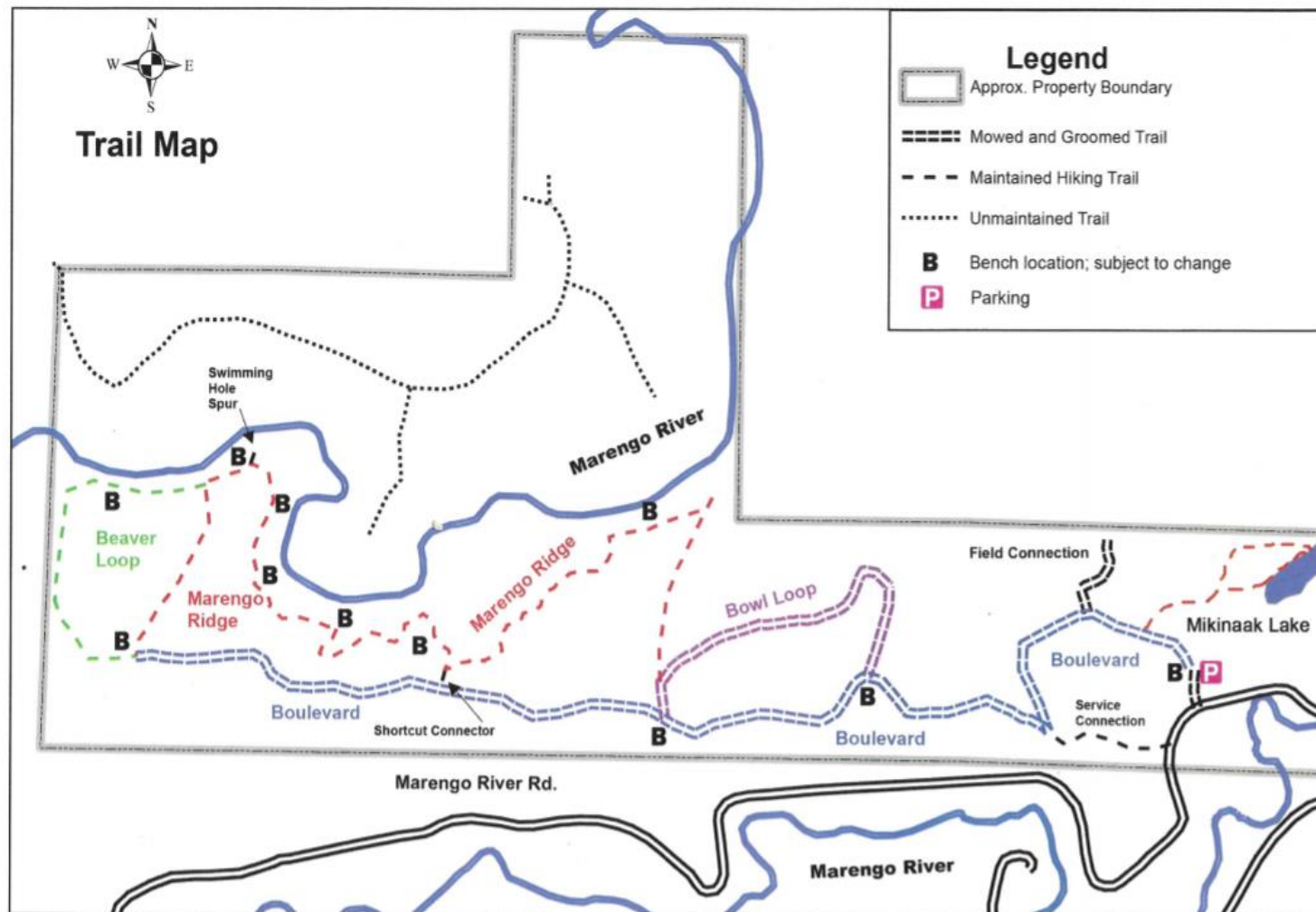
# Nature Based Recreation



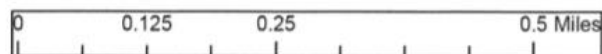




## Trail Map



### Lincoln Community Forest Trail System T45N, R5W, Bayfield County



# Successful Boardwalk Grant



- \$3,500 DNR trails grant
- Hire WisCorps for one week (youth and young adults)
- \$1,500 from Landmark
- Friends will purchase materials
- Volunteer time to write grant, supervise, and complete wetland permit
- Joint cost for wetland permit



# Ongoing Trail Maintenance and Repair Challenges – July storm blowdown



Estimated 150 Volunteer  
Hours trail work in 2020





# Other Challenges and Appreciations: Covid-19



“Always great out here. Perfect population density for a pandemic.”

“Thank you for staying open during the shutdown!  
Beautifully maintained.”



# New Opportunity

- Northland College new student orientation
- Community service project
- Landmark recommended us to Northland
- Helped shape trails to improve drainage at trailhead
- Mel Baughman guided the students





# Gates at S. & N. Service Entrances





# Groom >2 miles of trails for cross-country skiing.

## Packing Snow



## Grooming – Laying corduroy



Grooming stats for 2020-2021 - 83 days of skiing, 560 miles on snow machines, 75 hours  
- This includes Community Forest and Little Siberia Trails combined.

# Property and Trails are in Great Shape

- Hiking Trails well marked and tread improved
- Boulevard trail clear, mowed, groomed and beautiful

“Could not ask for a more beautiful place to enjoy! The Kiosk is lovingly cared for (smiley). Thank you to all who volunteer. Saw lots of Bumbles.”



“WOW ! What a beautiful property. The leaves and trails were just perfect on this Fall day. The views of the river from the Marengo Ridge Trail were amazing. Thanks to all who have made this forest and trail system what it is.”



# Education in our Communities and in the Forest

## Programs and Events Cancelled

But, people did their own “events”:

“6 Hr. hike with picnic lunch @ the water hole. Flicker pair were scoping out a hole fairly close to the trail near the bench at the apex of the big loop around the canyon. BWhA, Flicker, TUVAU, Phoebe, GCKI, several others with chorus frogs serenading us as we passed the vernal ponds.”

Little Library had good use



# Chequamegon Bay 2021 Birding and Nature Guide



- Lincoln Community Forest Included as 1 of 25 sites.
- Self Guided Tours/Walks





Will  
return  
in  
2021!  
TBD





# Fish and Wildlife Habitat – Are critters using the homes we provided?

## Turtles



## Bat house getting some use (by bats)



# Marengo River Water Quality and Habitat Improvement

Tree seeding on eroding Bluff:

- White Pine and White Cedar Seeding
- Colleen Matula, DNR Silviculturist and Tom Piikkala, Retired DNR Forester
- Seeded in January
- Will be monitored for 5 years





# Marengo River Water Quality and Habitat Improvement





# Fish and Wildlife Habitat

## Planted Tree Monitoring



White Pine, Red Oak





# Pandemic Pizza Fundraiser



100 frozen  
pizzas plus 50  
fresh on day  
of "sale"



Plus Entertainment

# Pandemic Pizza Fundraiser



"Drive-thru" Distribution System



Masked Volunteers

55 people who ordered 150 pizzas =  
\$1,761 net funds raised

# 2021 Projects and Plans (From 2019 Planning Session)

- Infrastructure to keep the Forest inviting and safe as a community and public asset
  - Boardwalks this year on main trail in wet areas
  - New interpretive sign with map for kiosk (Landmark)
  - 5 more benches
  - Plans, cost estimates and fundraising for “bridges” and boardwalk to Lake
  - Continued maintenance
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat projects
  - Bat and turtle habitat monitoring
  - Seedling monitoring and protection as needed



# Engaging the Community and Members

## Abundant Volunteer Opportunities

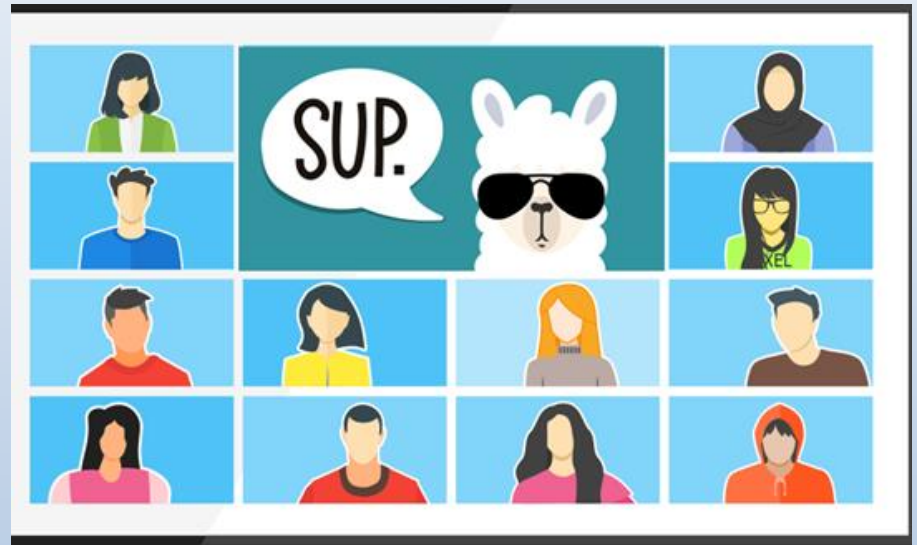


And we always provide food and beverages

# Keep Our Finances and Organization Strong

- MOA Revision
- Restart Education Events and Programs
- Board and Organization Succession
- Fundraising
- Forest Forever Fund
- Budgeting
- Communication
- Have Fun
- Enjoy the Forest

2021: From This:

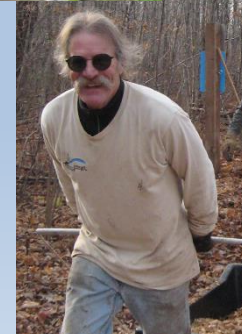


To This!!





# Thank you Board, Volunteers and Members for all you're Contributions!



QUESTIONS?