

## 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Samoset Council

The Samoset Council Annual Meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, February 24. Standard annual business resolutions were reviewed and approved as well as the 2021-2022 Samoset Executive Board was elected, and volunteers were recognized. We honored our inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts: **Katie Martell** of Troop 9427, Wausau, **Riley Degner** of Troop 9392, Marshfield, and **Donae Fike** of Troop 9427, Wausau.

**Dr. Marjorie Miller** ended her two-year role as Council President. She has been a strong leader, advocating for Samoset Scouting youth as well as community youth during the challenges of the pandemic and the National BSA reorganization. She has leveraged her relationships to increase the diversity of the board, recruit key volunteers and to find resources to fund Samoset programs. She found time during her tenure as president to go through Wood Badge adult leader training and became an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow as well as serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Scouts BSA Troop 9118 in Wisconsin Rapids. She will continue to serve on the board as the VP of Financial Development. We thank her for her service!

Dr. Miller Recognition plaque:



We installed **Thad Brockman** as the 41<sup>st</sup> Samoset Council President. Thad is an Eagle Scout and has been on the board for six years, most recently serving as VP of Program. Thad strongly believes in leadership through service and wants to focus on executive board connects and how to continue to resonate the program with our board through the methods of Scouting. He is fond of the Scoutmaster's Minute and looks forward to providing a President's Minute at future meetings. Thad had said that some board members have asked of him "what do you expect from me?" He thought it was more

about “what do board members expect of him?” He simply stated he asked everyone to “Do their Best” in and follow the Scout Law in their Scouting role.

Thad Brockman providing remarks as the new Council President



Volunteers finishing their tenure on the board were also recognized with a crystal recognition item with their name and years of service to the board etched in. **Reid Rayome** served on the board for five years volunteering as an OA representative, risk management, audit and ad hoc committee member. Reid will continue to serve as a council member at large with the risk management, audit and ad hoc committees. **Larry Foltz**, who was our VP of Properties passed away on Sunday, January 17. Larry had served on the board in 2008. We had a brief memorial for Larry and his crystal recognition item will be given to his family at a future memorial event.

We welcomed two new board members:

**Dick Amelse** has been a member at large and involved with properties committee, construction crew and program committees for a number of years. He started out in Scouting as an adult leader of Scouts BSA Troop 435. He has also been heavily involved with the Order of the Arrow at the lodge, section and national level. He has two Eagle Scout sons. They and his two daughters have spent a combined total of over 20 years on Camp Staff at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation. Dick and his wife Jeannie live in Kronenwetter.

**Peter Brey** is an investment manager from Wisconsin Rapids where he is a senior partner at Buena Vista Investment Management. Peter has been a valued member of the communities he has lived in. While attending UW Madison, Peter played Big Ten Basketball and was Captain of the team in 1976-77 as well as being awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor. While in Madison he helped found the 1<sup>st</sup> Boys and Girls Club in the city. Peter is an Eagle Scout and has been married for 42 years to Debra. They have two adult children.

**Karen and Doug Berryman** of Port Edwards were recognized as Honorary Life Members of Samoset. The Berryman's have served Samoset Scouting extensively since their son was old enough to join Cub Scouts. They have been unit leaders, unit commissioners, served on district and council committees as well as the Samoset Executive Board. They current are co-chairs of the Council History Committee.

**American Legion Alois Dreikosen Post 469 of Marathon** was recognized as the Chartered Partner of the Year. They have bene very active supported Pack and Troop 458 during the pandemic. The new chartered representative, Roger Grell has really been engaged in the youth program and supportive of Scouting. Roger was not able to attend the meeting, but Troop 458 Scoutmaster, Steve Krautkramer accepted on behalf of the Legion. We will present the framed certificate to the American Legion leaders at an appropriate venue in the near future.