

**Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, April 2, 2016**

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Fred Poss at 9:00 A.M. Present were Dean Boehne, Duane Ives, Al Hendricks, Lori Bechtel, Vicki Reed, Ed Henry, Pam Hanson and Dale Zank. Excused were Phil Kalscheur and Ed Wilson. Kristin Charlton, Marlo Orth, Rod Zika and Loren Lee were also in attendance as guests.
2. Minutes from the January 9, 2016 minutes were presented and reviewed. After no changes, minutes were approved as presented.
3. Public Comment: Marlo Orth shared that he contacted Josh Peterson regarding the gravel pit being nearly full. Marlo asked Josh to find another spot that would be appropriate for the LECA to use for a deposit site. Three sights were found and have been mapped. Also, Buzz Sorge has contacted ACOE to request them to do reconnected. They are evaluating and will determine what they will be willing to do.
4. Guest Loren Lee, a senior girl scout, presented that she is working on her Gold level achievement award. Her project is to put an emergency siren at the aeration site on the lake. Cost of the siren is \$17,000-\$20,000. A liaison from the Town of Ludington is going to assist Loren in filing for grants. She is requesting a LECA contact person. Loren is hoping to have to have the siren installed in the summer of 2016. Loren is looking for a raining day fund in case she runs into issues on funding. The siren will be owned by the Town of Ludington and they will be responsible for it but the Lake District has been asked to be responsible for the electricity running to the siren. LECA granted approval for Loren to have a booth at the annual Triathlon for fund raising. Dale Zank will be Loren's LECA liaison on the project.
5. Planting Project: Guest Kristin Charlton has researched the planting project at the aeration site and discussed it with Kelly Jacobs at the County. Her recommendation is to stick with the \$1,000 grant for the project. Rod indicated that we submitted a proposal and received approval from a committee which lists exactly what we are going to do. We need to obtain a copy of the proposal. LECA does have a committee assigned to this project which includes Vicki, Lori, and Ed.
6. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne. General discussion on finances. Report was approved as presented.
7. Pontoon purchase: Dale Zank presented that the current pontoon the LECA owns is old and ended last year with a hole in it. We have the opportunity to

purchase a newer pontoon for \$1,500 which includes the trailer. Dale recommends the purchase. The County may want the old trailer and if not, possibly some funds could be made by selling the old pontoon. Motion made to approve the purchase the new pontoon for \$1,500 and approved.

8. 2016 Triathlon update: Vicki Reed discussed current status on all items. The sponsor levels are up. Triathlon cards will be printed soon and banners will be laid out with Signart soon. Tent, bathrooms, and finish line have all been organized. EC Adventures will hand out advertisement cards at Spring Fest in Chippewa. Next step is getting volunteers for the event. Sponsor stickers will be for sale at the entrance table. Duane Ives will arrange some cross promotion of the event on the Facebook page. Fred has purchased the kayak. Raffle tickets are ready and handed out to board members. Home Grown Tomatoes will be the entertainment and Fred will organize the food. Al Hendricks will arrange the liability insurance and route the rain insurance information via email.
9. Golf Outing: Event will be July 30, 2016. Lori Bechtel will connect with Leann Balliett on event planning.
10. Vicki Reed has organized the water testing of the lake. She will have everything lined up shortly. Volunteers will be needed.
11. Vicki Reed continued with board elections. Positions up for renewal are Vicki Reed, Phil Kalscheur, Dean Boehne's and one open position. Vicki has indicated that she will not be rerunning nor organizing the triathlon. Information to be put in the newsletter and on the Facebook page indicating the open positions. Ed and Fred will organize the job description. Nominating committee was organized with Lori Bechtel, Ed Hendry, Pam Hanson and Duane Ives will serve.
12. Duane Ives updated the board on the Member Planet website. He needs all board members to accept the membership into Member Planet. Once all have accepted, the site can be used to its full capability. The site is currently being used for sponsorship payments and decal purchases. It can be used for donations.
13. Spring Clothing: Duane Ives indicated that the sale last year was a success. He would like to launch the clothing site again soon. It would potentially close by mid-April. Three items were added to the catalog, sports bottle, plastic cup, and plastic wine glass. Store will be open from April 6-23<sup>rd</sup>.
14. Fred Poss has been studying the background on paying GOES for Neil Trombly's time. Fred will sit down with Rod Zika and resolve the issue.

15. Lake Management Report: Rod Zika presented the LEC 2014-2015 Management Plan. The document is available on the website. The installer of the aeration system is providing a bid on cost to have them come back, clean out the system, take measurements, and teach us how to manage this annually. The system would be turned back on approximately at the end of April. Volunteers will be needed. Water monitoring will be done for two years from the 2015 start date of the aeration system.

16. Fred discussed creating a vision statement for the steering committee. Fred is doing some follow up with the county on this request. The LECA feels that we have a mission statement right in the bylaws of the Lake District.

17. President's Report:

- A. All three creeks have been dredged. Everything looks very nice. Dale Zank and Fred Poss handled meeting the trucks and arranging so thanks to both.
- B. Fish crib date: July 9, 2016.
- C. Fireworks will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- D. Tree drops will need to come from private owners as the public land trees have all been used up. Fred will include an article in the newsletter asking for private owners that may be interested in having a tree dropped.
- E. Newsletter articles: Vicki to put a triathlon article, pan fish regulation article, Duane on clothing sale, window decal sales.

18. Other Business:

- A. Special thanks to Dale Kirchoff for grading the gravel pit road.
- B. Motion to continue LECA membership to Wisconsin Lakes, approved.
- C. Fred to approach Tammy Moss on auditing the financials for the past year.

19. The next board meeting will be Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at the Augusta Fire Station.

20. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Lori Bechtel

Secretary