

Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting

Minutes

Saturday, October 27, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 9:00 A.M. Present were Lori Bechtel, Dean Boehne, Dale Zank, Duane Ives, Phil Kalscheur, Fred Poss and Dan Marcheske. Absent from the meeting were Marc Christopher, Amy Quella, Cathy Lea, Pam Hanson and Al Hendricks. Guest: Marlo Orth
2. Minutes from the August 12, 2018 and the August 18, 2018, meetings were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne.
 - a. A motion to transfer \$25,000 to the Lake District in order to facilitate Eau Claire County's purchase of necessary road building materials and install the Hay Creek Sand Trap was made by Fred Poss, seconded by Dale Zank and passed unanimously. The larger plan at this time is to at a later date spend \$40,000 to assist in the installation of the Muskrat Creek Sand Trap and to pay off the \$8,925 remaining balance on the aeration lot purchase.
 - b. A motion by Phil Kalscheur and seconded by Dale Zank was made to send a receipt to the Haug family for their donation of a \$1,500 boat, motor, and trailer to be sold and its profit turned over to the Lake Association. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Dean Boehne reported that membership is up slightly—about 2 or 3 people—compared to the prior year.
 - d. Dean Boehne shared two Thank You letters—one from the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, the other from Leadership Eau Claire—thanking our association leadership for the successful leadership presentation we made to the Leadership Eau Claire group who visited us at Skid Row and learned of our rehabilitation efforts.
4. President Bechtel reported that there are currently two gun raffles in progress and are going well. The drawing will take place on December 1st. A third gun may be purchased and raffled off if sales warrant this.
5. Marlo Orth provided a Lake District update. He reported that David Hon of the DNR, Josh Pedersen of Eau Claire County, and Kelly Jacobs of our engineering firm walked Hay Creek and set a haul road path that avoids wetlands. This effort should allow us to avoid survey expenses. Rod Zika provided the team with location information. Kelly Jacobs informed the group that she recommends a wider haul road and buttressing the bank where we install the Hay Creek trap. The county highway department has approved using off-road

heavy trucks over the bridges on NL in order to haul the sediment which comes out of the trap.

6. Marlo Orth also reported that the Eau Claire River Watershed group will be receiving grant money so that more than \$248,000 for educating farmers on improved erosion control will be assigned to Eau Claire County, and Clark County will receive about \$171,000.
7. Marlo Orth also reported that Robin Walsh and the DNR installed 33 more tree falls in the lake this month. That brings the total fish cribs and tree falls to a grand total of 481. That leaves just 19 more units to be installed by 2020 to reach our goal of 500.
8. Fred Poss reported that his article "Over They Go" on our recent fish crib installation on September 8 was successfully submitted to the August Area Times and published on the front page this week.
9. Dale Zank reported that the older of the two pontoons which the association owns is being fixed and will be offered for sale through Nick Klenke's business as well as the donated boat, motor and trailer which is being advertised on Craig's List.
10. Dale Zank moved and Fred Poss seconded a motion to pay for the monthly cell phone cost for the river gauges to be installed on the G Bridge. Lake Altoona will pay the cost for the K Bridge cell phone. The cell phones will report out river stage data to assist in flood control.
Motion passed unanimously.
11. Vicky and Mark Reed have graciously agreed to continue sampling water quality in Lake Eau Claire for the next year.
12. Lori Bechtel discussed the need to have tickets for the Triathlon ready to sell at this year's upcoming Christmas Party.
13. Lori Bechtel discussed the need for new fundraising ideas. Suggestions include a calendar raffle, a broom ball contest on the ice, a chili feed, and a Big Fish contest operated through The Woodland gas station. A catch-and-release option in the contest was discussed.
14. The annual holiday party date was set to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Augusta Lion's Hall in Augusta.
 - a. The board decided that all our board members should bring in a basket to donate for sale/raffle at the Christmas Party.
 - b. Phil Kalscheur reported he has connected with Tugger about catering the event.
 - c. Discussion followed about food donations to the food pantry and the Augusta School's Good Neighbor Fund to help pay down lunch debt. The board unanimously agreed that both of these are great ideas.
 - d. Cathy Lea and Duane Ives volunteered to organize the remainder of items for the holiday party.
 - e. The board decided to invite Nick Klenke and his wife to be our guests at the Christmas Party because of all the hard work he has done for the association.
15. Other business:
 - a. Duane Ives reported that the Clothing Sale had about 20 orders, and the board agreed for the profits to go back into the purchase of hats and t-shirts to be used as giveaway prizes.

- b. Dan Marcheske reported that the 2019 Ice Fisheree Contest on the lake is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2019. Dale and Fred agreed to help set up a tent and sell 50/50 tickets.
16. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Adjourned at 11:15 A.M.
Submitted by Fred Poss