Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 12, 2018

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Lori Bechtel at 9:00 A.M. Present were Lori Bechtel, Dean Boehne, Duane Ives, Al Hendricks, Fred Poss, Cathy Lea, Pam Hanson, and Amy Quella and two guests, Rod Zika and Marlo Orth. Absent were Marc Christopher, Dale Zank, Dan Marcheske, and Phil Kalsheur.

2. Minutes from the June 30, 2018 minutes were presented, reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes as presented, unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer’s report was presented by Dean Boehne.
   a. General discussion on membership renewals and fundraisers.
   b. Treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

4. Public comment:
   a. Marlo Orth led a discussion on healthy lakes participation and grant opportunities. He has assigned Kathy Knuth as the coordinator.
   b. Marlo Orth notified the board members that a parliamentarian has been arranged to oversee the Lake District’s annual meeting next Saturday.
   c. Marlo reminded board members that Lake Eau Claire has not received or been awarded the $100k in matching funds yet for the year.
   d. Rod Zika commented that the 2012 Lake Management Plan calls out to five distinct areas for sand removal: Trouble Waters, Gravel Pit, Skid Row, Hay Creek, and Muskrat Creek. All areas are not being addressed but should be.

5. Marlo Orth gave an update on the potential new sand trap at Hay Creek. A discussion followed both on the possible Hay Creek trap and a Muskrat trap. After discussion, Fred Poss made a motion for the board to commit $25k for the Hay Creek trap and $40k for the Muskrat trap, which was unanimously approved.

6. Fred Poss reported on fish crib installations. September 8th has been set to meet at 8:30 am at the North boat landing as the next fish crib date. He is looking for volunteers.

7. Fred Poss reported that the new lake map is under way.

8. A boat and motor was donated by Steve and Bonnie Haug. Cathy Lea made a motion to have Nick Kleinke sell the donated boat for $1500, unanimously approved. A new motor will need to be purchased for the old pontoon if its use is still required. A notification will be sent out to the LECA membership asking for donations.
9. Grant Committee will meet after the meeting. The committee has met once and feels that it is making progress. More updates to come.

10. Lori Bechtel discussed the need to continue fundraisers even though volunteers to coordinate efforts is difficult. The suggestion was made to pay any fundraiser coordinator 5% of the net proceeds. Fred Poss made a motion to approve a new fundraiser policy of paying any fundraiser coordinator 5% of the net proceeds, which was unanimously approved.

11. Lori Bechtel reported that the golf fundraiser was a great success and thanked Leann Balliett for all of her efforts managing the event. Leann has already secured the next golf fundraiser date of July 27, 2019 and it will be held at Hickory Hills Golf Course.

12. Annual Picnic and meeting – Lori will contact all individuals that are currently holding positions up for re-election. Cathy Lea has the food arranged. Dean has the financial audit results. Lori has the President’s plaque.

13. Dean Boehne reported that the financials were audited with no irregularities noted.

14. Other business:
   a. Lori Bechtel reported the next gun sale will be later in the fall.
   b. A suggestion was recently received from John and Katie Selz that the LECA consider changing its name “Friends of Lake Eau Claire”. The change may help to lessen confusion about the two organizations and may possibly increase membership. The board decided to operate with a DBA so not to affect any official filed documents.
   c. The sponsor program in 2019 will have some changes to it to accommodate all businesses that donate to the fundraisers.
   d. Duane Ives will coordinate a fall clothing sale.

15. Adjournment @ 11.11 am
Submitted by Pam Hanson