Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 13, 2018

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

2. Minutes from the October 7, 2017 minutes were presented, reviewed. Motion made by Duane Ives 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. Kristen Charlton Announced Wisconsin Lakes Convention is being held in Steven’s Point on April 18th and you can register online. The next Wisconsin Lake Board meeting is in Eau Claire on February 8th, 2018 with venue to be determined.
   b. Rod Zika led a general discussion regarding the LECD management plan originally started in 2007 with continual updates. The current plan needs to be updated and Rod’s recommendation is that the LECA is involved. A subcommittee will be formed.

5. Marlo Orth reported on the status of the new deposit site and confirmed dredging will begin week of Jan 15th at Trouble Waters. The new possible Hay Creek location needs to have coring done to determine if granite is underneath.

6. Fred Poss reported on the Northside creek dredging went well. He also reported that there are 430 fish structures in the lake. He also reported that according to a recent DNR report, the walleye population is growing and Lake Eau Claire has some of the highest walleye per acre results in the state.

7. A Grant committee is being developed to begin researching available grants and recommending an approach to applying for grants.

8. Lori Bechtel reported that 5 gun raffles were conducted during 2017 and were very successful fundraisers.

9. Dale Zank reminded everyone that the Ice Fisheree contest is coming up on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. Dan Marcheske reported that there will be some
nice raffle prizes and he would be donating another Vexilar system to the LECA to raffle.

10. Dean Boehne recommended the Association renew Wisconsin Lakes membership and it was approved.

11. Duane Ives reported a higher participation in the 2017 sponsor program than prior year. He also led a discussion for revisions in the coming year. Renewal notices would be sent and all board members are encouraged to find new sponsors that may be interested in participating.

12. Other business:
   a. Lori Bechtel noted:
      i. Holiday “Thank You” cards were sent.
      ii. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter due by January 27th.
      iii. Annual meeting date is August 18, 2018.
      iv. 2018 Budget tabled until upcoming meeting.
      v. Holiday party scheduled tonight at 5:00 pm social and 6:30 pm dinner.
      vi. LECA fireworks scheduled for July 4th, 2018. Funds collected for show are $2,620 and will need to be ordered in February.
      vii. Amazon Smile donations are 4 times a year and LECA should receive first funds mid-February.

13. Next meeting – March 3rd at 8:30 am – Bridge Creek Town Hall

14. Adjournment @ 11:20 am
    Submitted by Pam Hanson, Secretary