

## Lake Eau Claire Association Board Of Directors Meeting

Minutes March 28, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Poss at 9:00 A.M.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Fred Poss, Dean Boehne, Lori Bechtel, Al Ross, Ed Henry, Bob Buley, Vicki Reed, and Mike Harden. Excused were Phil Kalscheur, Ed Wilson, and Patti McHugh. Four guests were present; Tom Peterson, Marlo Orth, Tom Hartel, and Dan Marcheski.
3. The minutes of the January 3 meeting were read and discussed. A motion was made by Vicki Reed, and seconded by Lori Bechtel to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.
4. The treasurer's report was passed out and explained by Dean Boehne. He clarified that one of the unpaid sponsors from last summer's triathlon have now paid, leaving only one as yet unpaid. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Al Ross and seconded by Lori Bechtel to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
5. The two summer fundraisers are the triathlon which will be held on June 20, and the golf outing which will be held on July 25. Vicki Reed is serving as the chairperson for the triathlon, and Al Ross is the chairperson for the golf outing.
6. Public Input: Tom Peterson addressed the Board. Tom is a candidate for the Bridge Creek Town Board. He explained his views on his vision for the future of Bridge Creek Township. Dan Marcheski spoke to the Board representing the Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree, LLC. He graciously presented a check for \$250 to the Lake Eau Claire Association from the proceeds from this winter's event. The Board thanked Mr. Marcheski for his generosity. Marlo Orth addressed the Board regarding concerns as to how to deal with risks of damage to the aeration system as a result of boating activities. He is working with DNR and Eau Claire County personnel trying to devise various means of preventing damage to the aeration piping and diffuser systems as a result of anchors, snagged fishing lines, etc. Some ideas already proposed include warning signs to be placed at the boat landings explaining the aeration system and necessary precautions to be taken by the public, the possible use of buoys to mark the location of the system, and other ideas.
7. Vicki Reed elaborated on the upcoming triathlon. The price to compete in the triathlon will be \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids under 12 if registered prior to June 16, and \$35 and \$25 if registering after that (includes picnic). For the picnic alone the cost will be \$15 for those over 12 (beer included for those of age) or \$10 (no beer), and \$5 for kids under 12. A band has not yet been hired for the event. A triathlon Committee meeting will be held April 7 at 6:00 P.M. at the Hideaway.

**8. Fred Poss announced that the upcoming newsletter will be the last one mass mailed in written print.**

9. Al Ross explained the progress being made in planning the July 25 golf outing fundraiser. The event will be held at the Osseo Golf Club, will cost \$30 per entry, and will include 9 holes of golf, and a chicken dinner. The committee for this event includes Mr. Ross, Bob Buley, Patti McHugh, and Ed Wilson. A meeting to discuss logistics, prizes, raffles, etc. will be forthcoming.
10. Fred Poss brought up the motion passed by the Board via email to authorize Rod Zika to proceed in awarding a contract to ADS for the construction of the aeration system.
11. Fred Poss is working with the Townships of Bridge Creek and Ludington, and the City of Augusta for the purpose of hauling sediment from 3 of the north side sediment traps on Tuesday, March 31. The cost will be about \$1200.
12. The next date for fish crib construction has been set for Sat. June 13, at the North boat landing. Bough cutting for those cribs is tentatively set for June 11.
13. Newsletter articles are due April 15.
14. The remaining meat raffles for this year are set for April 10, 24, and May 8 and May 22nd. Volunteers have been solicited and retained for these events.
15. President's Report: Fred Poss indicated that he had procured a \$1000 donation from the Town of Ludington and over \$500 in proceeds from the meat raffles. He commended Rod Zika for his yeoman efforts in planning and contracting for the aeration system installation. He indicated that everyone involved is working very hard to have the project come in under budget, but the DNR newly required boardwalk is costly and was not in the original budget projection.
16. The Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition was discussed. This group involves Clark and Eau Claire Counties, and focuses on the Eau Claire River watershed, and the 3 impoundments on the river. Fred expressed concern that a disproportionate amount of federal funding may be awarded for farmland above Lake Mead.
17. The idea of supporting Wildlands School in a walleye tracking study to be conducted on the lake was discussed. Mr. Boehne indicated that the Association has funds to support the purchase of one receiver and eight transmitters. A motion was made by Bob Buley and seconded by Mike Harden to make the current money available to the school but to table the idea of getting involved as an organization in this project until a later date. Motion carried.
18. The next meeting will be April 25, at 9:00 A.M. Adjournment at 11:18 AM.