

Friends of Lake Eau Claire  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2020 via Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 6:07pm. Present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Dale Zank, Nathan Smith, Tad Ries, Joe Vydrzal, Angel Zimmerman, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, Al Weisenbeck, Dan Marcheske, and Fred Poss. Guess: Mike Lea and Marlo Orth. Absent: Al Hendricks and Chad White.
2. Review of previous minutes dated July 1, 2020 A motion was made by Duane Ives with a second from Dale Zank to approve the minutes. Unanimous vote, minutes were approved.
3. Review of previous minutes dated August 15, 2020. A motion was made by Angel Zimmerman with a second from Cathy Lea to approve the minutes. Unanimous vote, minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - Report was presented by Pam Hanson. \$24,884.50 net gain for the year. A motion to approve the report was presented by Angel Zimmerman with a second by Al Weisenbeck. Vote was unanimous and the report was approved.
5. Public Comment: No public comment
6. Lake District Update
  - a. Mike Lea is pursuing an aeration study and is awaiting a proposal. Once costs are known, the board will have a final vote on the study.
  - b. Mike Lea and a member of the Fish and Wildlife service walked the site of potential river bank stabilization. A tentative commitment was discussed of \$3,000-\$5000 towards a stabilization project. A motion was made by Dale Zank with a second from Duane to approve paying for the engineering costs up to \$6,000 for the bank stabilization project.
  - c. The possibility of getting Muskrat Creek dredged is being explored. Dredging may accelerate the work that the sand trap is doing. There was discussion regarding the possibility of sharing cost with the affected homeowners and other lake residents. The issue was tabled until all facts and figures for the project have been received.
7. Annual Meeting Recap
  - a. The annual meeting went very smoothly, despite the Covid-based restrictions and lower turnout.
8. Historical Site-Dale Zank asked for LECA assistance to apply for a Wisconsin historical site recognition sign for the clubhouse and dam. The dam was the largest WPA project in Wisconsin. Application fees are \$250. If approved, a plaque or sign denoting the area as a historical site would be placed. Randy Stutzman will spearhead the project and provide the necessary historical research. Duane Ives introduced a motion to approve \$250 for the historical site application, and it received a second from Angel Zimmerman. Vote was unanimous and the motion was approved.
9. Fish Crib Install Summary:
  - a. 19 cribs were this year bringing the total number of fish structures in Lake Eau Claire to 541.
  - b. Fred Poss will transition out of leading the fish crib projects and transfer information and responsibilities on to Nate Smith and Duane Ives, as co-chairs of the fish crib committee.

10. Fred Poss will organize the dredging of Beach and Bedpost creeks on the northside of the lake this fall. The estimated costs will be around \$3,000. A motion to approve \$3,000 in funds for the dredging of Beach and Bedpost creeks was introduced by Duane Ives, and seconded by Cathy Lea. Vote was unanimous, motion was approved.

11. Pontoon Title and Insurance Changes: The title and insurance policy on the pontoon may need to be transferred into the Lake District's name. Once transferred, LECA would pay all costs associated with maintenance and insurance. Discussion included: researching the needs for increased liability insurance for not only pontoon and trailer use, but for other areas of exposure inherent in LECA's fundraising activities. A motion to transfer the policy and insurance will be tabled until Lori Bechtel researches the liability insurance situation. Motion will be addressed via email.

12. Membership Chair/Committee

- a. Amy Quella will continue membership committee work by doing the membership mailing.
- b. Membership committee activities can be split into a Welcome Committee branch and a Tracking Committee branch. Lori will send out the grid with committee assignments again and through that process will hopefully find board members to populate both branches of the Membership Committee.

13. Fundraising

- a. Corn Hole Tournament will commence in a week and a half from this meeting date. Team entries are capped at 20 teams. There are currently 19 teams. Volunteers are still needed and basket donations for the auctions are also needed. The goal remains (weather dependent) to have the event outside.
- b. There is a gun raffle in progress and the drawing will occur just prior to hunting season.
- c. Muskie-Level Sponsors will receive "Thank You" cards this year.
- d. Ideas for a possible event at Mulligan's will continue to be considered by the board.

14. Website management proposal progress was tabled until the next meeting.

15. Other Business

- a. Holiday Party-In light of Covid concerns and uncertainty, further decisions regarding the holiday party were tabled.
- b. Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November, 17 2020. It will be a Zoom virtual meeting.
- c. Other: Cathy Lea and Fred Poss urged resident board members of Bridge Creek township to involve themselves in upcoming town meetings, with regard to the issues of board member position elimination and the proposed comprehensive zoning plan.

President Lori Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Nate Smith, Secretary