

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
August 3rd, 2022 at 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting,

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 5:37 Present:, Lori Bechtel, Jody Shong, Al Weisenbeck, Angel Zimmerman, Al Hendricks, Joe Vydrzal, Tad Ries and Dan Marcheske. Absent: Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Todd Hanson, Pam Hanson, Dale Zank, Nathan Smith, and Fred Poss. Guests: Mark Johnson, Kris Johnson
2. Review of previous minutes dated May 25, 2022. A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Jody to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s report was provided by Joe Vydrzal. Dues area low compared to last year however many members paid multiple years in 2021. Fireworks are low but hopeful that we will catch up at the annual picnic. Calendars were down by about \$200. Amy Quella has agreed to help send out a membership mailing at the end of August. Motion was made by Dan and second by Tad to approve the financials as provided. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Mark and Kris Johnson from the Augusta fire department were on the call. They have requested to do a rescue training session on the water. They will simulate a jet ski running into a pontoon. They requested volunteers to use their pontoon and jet ski. Lori offered their pontoon and suggested that they may be able to use Duane’s jet ski. They propose this occurs from the party beach on the north side of the lake. Parking will happen at the North Shore boat landing. They proposed August 17th and to meet at 5:30 pm with the rescue simulation to start at 6:00 pm. A general Q&A would follow immediately afterwards and they intend to be off the lake by 7:30pm. Lori will give the park forest ranger a heads up that this will occur as well as lake owners so there will be no concern if owners hear sirens.
6. Lake District update (Lori Bechtel): Grant applications are in progress; Mike Lea will keep the board informed. Mike met with Kathryn Schauf the county administrator, Rod Eslinger from Planning and Development, and Josh Pedersen from Parks and Forest yesterday afternoon regarding cost sharing if we get the DNR grant to dredge Skid Row. It still looks pretty encouraging for funding from that source. There was a lot of discussion on how to secure the funding and no talk about whether or not it should be funded. As long as they can sell it to the county board, Mike thinks we have a shot at getting funding. Rod Zika and Mike have to give a presentation to the Waterways Commission on August 9th to present their case for the state to grant half of the project. Mike hopes to have an update on all of this at the annual meeting on Aug. 20th.

The other update he had was for the repairs to the aerator walkway. He took his neighbor, who is a retired contractor, down to look at it and they came up with a plan and materials list to permanently address the problem. He requested about \$800 from the Association for materials for the project. He does not think it will run over that, but if it does the District will cover it. Hoping to have a work day with volunteers in early September to do the project and will look for volunteers when an exact date is decided.

A motion was made by Angel Zimmerman and a second from Tad Ries to approve the \$800 for the walkway. Approval vote was unanimous.

7. Tad mentioned that Matt Solie who lives on the lake has access to equipment that he could bring in to possibly help with dredging. Lori B will reach out to Matt to connect him with Mike.
8. Life jacket stations- Joe Vydrazil informed board that station number 3 still needs to be stained, Tad offered assistance with this. Joe V to follow up with the county to see if they have a preference where this one should be located, either skid row or potentially location off of NL where many kayakers put in the water. 4th station still needs to be built.
9. Golf Outing recap: Another successful year, Hickory Hills intends to donate a couple's membership for next year that could potentially allow us to raise as much as \$2k. Next year will be same location but date is TBD.
10. Calendar sales are complete and drawings began Monday August 1st. We sold \$13k in calendars and after all payments, the profit will be a bit less than last year. Next year's goal is to outperform this year. Shout out to Nikki Smith, Al Hendricks, Duane and Trisha Ives and The Woodland for being top sellers.
11. Annual Meeting/Picnic – Will be held Saturday, August 20th at the clubhouse. This year Festival Foods will provide the catering. Cathy and Mike Lea will donate the beer and Todd and Pam Hanson will donate the soda and water. Woodland again will donate ice cream. Still need to choose a charity, Angel Z will reach out to Trisha Ives to see if she has recommendations as she is the liaison between the school and community. During the annual meeting, we will elect board members. Dan Marcheske's term is up and has agreed to remain on the board. Todd Hanson and Tad Ries have decided to not be nominated. Our bag of raffles tickets is still missing from the ice fisheriee, Lori is asking if anyone has it or knows where it is.
12. The website is online, Lori would like to update much of the information and documentation. Asking the board to review content in order to have multiple eyes on it.
13. Other business-
 - a. High water signs - looking for volunteers to take lead on this project. Joe V said he would and will look into pricing and finalize logistics of these signs.
 - b. ATV club reached out and is interested in holding a race on the ice in January. Lori B reached out to the county and Parks & Rec and confirmed no approval is needed because the lake is open to the public. Potential opportunity to raise funds through selling raffles or perhaps we could collect % of registration for ATV's. More to come on this.
14. Next meeting date: August 20th following Lake Picnic. Lori B has requested that all Board Members reach out to her to let her know if there are days that absolutely don't work for a meeting. Attendance has been challenging and is difficult to find days and times that work for everyone.

President Lori Bechtel adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

Submitted by Angel Zimmerman on behalf of Secretary Nate Smith.