

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Agenda

March 31, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting,

1. Meeting called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 6:05pm. Members present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Nathan Smith, Tad Ries, Joe Vydrzal, Angel Zimmerman, Dan Marcheske, Fred Poss, Cathy Lea, Al Weisenbeck, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, and Jody Shong. Guests: Mike Lea, Vicki Reed, Bob Laden, Marlo Orth, Joe Kurst, Todd Meyer and Courtney Kneifl. Absent: Dale Zank and Al Hendricks
2. Review of previous minutes dated December 20, 2021. A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Cathy Lea to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved. President Lori Bechtel introduced herself and the board to guest members.
3. Treasurer's report presented by Joe Vydrzal. \$55,630.72 current balance. \$49,000 due back from the DNR for the rip rap project. \$5,000 down from last year. Ice Fisheree brought in \$5,177.00 this year. Fred Poss made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Angel Zimmerman. Report was approved.
4. Public Comment:
Two candidates running for Eau Claire County Board, Todd Meyer of Fairchild and Courtney Kneifl of Ludington, introduced themselves to the board, discussed key issues, and fielded questions from board members. Lori thanked both candidates for their time and thoughtful answers. Marlo Orth provided information to the board about watershed grant applications for the three lakes (Mead, Eau Claire, and Altoona) and the importance of working with the Amish and local farmers to encourage phosphorus and nitrogen reduction.
5. Lake District update was provided by Mike Lea. Dredging has been completed. 1,051 yards of sediment was removed from the Gravel Pit trap which is positive news as it is less than has been previously removed. 14,527 yards was taken out of Troubled Waters, which is the main trap keeping sediment out of the lake. Lost Lake rip rap is complete. Skid Row project update: a \$225,000 recreational boating grant application will be re-submitted with an additional funding request allocated to making the boat landing ADA compliant and improve the Troubled Waters canoe landing. These additions to the application should move our position ahead on the priority list for the grant funds. Smaller grants are being pursued for projects including: equipment to monitor aeration system, bathymetric equipment (to be shared with Lake Altoona) needed to verify the effectiveness of sediment traps.
Mike Lea asked if the LECA would consider making a commitment of \$14,000 to go towards the purchase of bathymetric equipment that will be shared with Lake Altoona. A motion was made by Fred Poss to approve \$14,000 to share the cost with Lake

Altoona for the purchase of bathymetric equipment. The motion was seconded by Joe Vydrzal. Motion was unanimously approved.

6. Joe Vydrzal informed the board that there are funds available to build two more life jacket stations. Sign Art will likely donate the signage for the stations. At least four volunteers are needed in late May to help build the remaining life jacket stations.
7. Bean & Bacon Days history event will happen over the July 4th weekend at the community center in Augusta. Stacy Brown of the Augusta Library asked if the LECA would have a table at the event to answer questions, provide lake information, and show the history of the lake. The table can also have fundraising information and lake brochures. A forthcoming email will be sent to elicit volunteers.
8. The website has been down during transition and update. Republishing is forthcoming. The updated site will continue to have document storage for LECA and Lake District documents and files.
9. Grant committee will continue to organize potential grant funding opportunities.
10. Other Business:
 - a. Fish crib installation will have to wait until after May 15th as per DNR regulations.
 - b. Lori Bechtel called for the solicitation of sponsors
 - c. Calendars are available at the Woodland, dates for organized calendar sales and distribution to businesses will be determined.
 - d. The Golf Outing will July 16th, 2022 at Hickory Hills. Leann Balliett is currently in the process of planning.
 - e. Aeration site repair was delayed. Volunteers will be needed for the repair once weather permits.
11. Next meeting date will tentatively be Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.

President Lori Bechtel adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Secretary Nate Smith.