

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023 at 5 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm
Present: Al Hendricks, Lori Bechtel, Nathan Smith, Cathy Lea, Duane Ives, Al Weisenbeck, Jill Weisenbeck, Angel Zimmerman, Dale Zank, Fred Poss, Guests: Mike Lea, Rod Zika, Joe Kirst, and Michele Skinner Absent: Joe Vydrzal, Jody Shong, and Kim LaLonde.
2. Review of previous minutes dated May 1, 2023. A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Jill Weisenbeck to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s report was provided by Jill Weisenbeck. Financial statements were provided for board review. Ending balance of \$163,044.85 as of May 2023. Donations are looking good, the response for fireworks donations has been good and membership dues are coming in after the mailing. \$6,003.78 has come in from sponsorships and calendar raffle receipts are coming due. The financials currently show the bigger payouts for the larger dredging projects. A motion was made by Al Hendricks to approve the treasurer’s report. A second was offered by Dale Zank. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Lake District update (Mike Lea)
 - a. Dredging permits are under review with the DNR and the Endangered Resource review is also underway.
 - b. A new sediment deposit site was approved and is headed to the Eau Claire County Board and the the DNR for approval.
 - c. Other: The Annual County Budget Listening Sessions will be held at 6pm on August 3, 2023 at the Senior Center in Augusta. Mike Lea encouraged speakers to attend on behalf of the lake association. Fred Poss volunteered to speak at the session.
 - d. The Lake District Annual Meeting will take place on August 19, 2023 at 2pm at the large picnic pavillion
6. The board had a discussion about the details of gifting the boat, motor, and equipment received through ARPA funds. Discussion included: uses of the new vessel and equipment among participating lake associations and the details regarding insurance transfer to the newly formed Eau Claire River Watershed Association. Rod Zika and Michele Skinner informed board members about aspects of the organization and a range of plans for the use of the new equipment for quantitative measurement and implementation of best practices to sustain the 900 square mile watershed. A motion was introduced by Fred Poss to approve the gifting of ARPA funded boat, motor, and equipment to the ECRWSA, Inc. The motion was seconded by Cathy Lea. Motion was approved by affirmative votes of a majority of the quorum present.
7. The condition of the LECA pontoon and motor was discussed. Members agreed to look at purchasing a new used pontoon boat and motor for fish crib and fireworks hauling projects.
8. Member Planet website discussion was tabled.
9. Membership mailings were sent out.

10. The Fireworks effort this year will be under the supervision of Joe Vydrzal. Volunteers still needed.
11. The Annual Lake Association picnic will be in conjunction with the Lake District Annual Meeting. After the 2pm district meeting, there will be a social hour beginning around 3pm on August 19, 2023 at the lake picnic pavilion followed by dinner around 5pm which will be catered by Tugger Francel. Cathy Lea reminded the members that donations for beer and non-alcoholic beverages are welcomed. Fred Poss offered a drawing prize of a free, guided fishing trip for the event.
12. North side creek dredging will need an organizer. Dredging occurs after deer hunting season and current organizer Fred Poss will train the new volunteer. Lori Bechtel offered that Joe Bechtel may be willing to take over the process.
13. Fundraising Updates
 - a. Golf Outing still has open spots.
 - b. The annual calendar sale has forty days left.
 - c. Sponsorship program will be wrapping up. Lori requested that members refer any potential sponsors to her during the remaining time.
14. There are currently two open board positions and there will be three spots opening in August. Lori asked for members to submit potential candidates for those board positions.
15. Other business:
 - a. Issues with the lake aeration system which caused the system to become inoperable for a short time were addressed. The issue was repaired and the aerator system is back up and running.
 - b. Fish cribs will be installed again in 2023 in accordance with DNR requirements. More planning and discussion will be forthcoming with regards to crib styles, placement considerations, and dates. Rod Zika informed the board that some of the new equipment that the ECRWA will be utilizing will offer an analysis of old crib condition, placement, and provide helpful information which can be used to place cribs in the future.
16. The next meeting date: TBD
17. President Lori Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.
Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary

Addendum to minutes dated June 21, 2023

By way of email, a motion was made by Lori Bechtel to purchase a used 1992 pontoon and motor from Mike O'Connor on Lake Eau Claire for \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Duane Ives and approved with the following board members emails:

Yes votes = Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Nate Smith, Cathy Lea, Jill Weisenbeck, Al Weisenbeck, Jody Shong, Dale Zank, Joe Vydrzal, Fred Poss, Al Hendricks

No votes = none

Motion carried