

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting,

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 5:34pm Present: Al Hendricks, Lori Bechtel, Nathan Smith, Cathy Lea, Al Weisenbeck, Angel Zimmerman, Jill Weisenbeck, Heidi Conner, Jason Phillips, Josh Zimmerman Absent: Duane Ives, Kim LaLonde and Joe Vydrzal. Guests: Mike Lea, Jarod Leslie, Jess xxx
 - a. President Lori Bechtel welcomed new board members: Josh Zimmerman, Heidi Conner and Jason Phillips.
2. Review of previous minutes dated June 19, 2023 and August 19, 2023. Request to add attendance to the August 19th minutes. A motion was made by Cathy Lea and seconded by Jill Weisenbeck to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s report was provided by Jill Weisenbeck. Presentation of balance sheet (YTD). Total Assets: \$185,487.10 /Total Liabilities: \$850. Presentation of fund balances. A motion was made by Lori Bechtel to add raised funds, not specifically allocated to a specific project, to the General Fund. The motion received a second from Josh Zimmerman. Vote was unanimous, motion was approved. A motion was made by Nathan Smith to approve the treasurer’s report. A second was offered by Josh Zimmerman. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Lake District update (Mike Lea)
 - a. New dredging permits were approved and will remain valid for 10 years.
 - b. Four main traps are up for rebid and the bill will open on November 14, 2023. Three areas of Skid Row will be part of the bid package of areas to dredge.
 - c. The new deposit site has been held up by the DNR and FEMA. The channel in front of the cottages will hopefully be done this winter.
 - d. Mike Lea presented the board with a request to consider allocating approximately \$50,000 for the channel in front of the Skid Row cottages. Jill Weisenbeck made a motion to approve \$50,000 for the clean-out of Skid Row in front of the cottages. The motion was seconded by Nathan Smith. Vote was unanimous, motion was approved.
6. Budget Discussion (Jill Weisenbeck)
 - a. Jill presented a 2024 budget example. The question was put to the board concerning: where the board sees funds being allocated, from what sources will those funds be derived, and a general consensus regarding disbursements, targets for funds and fundraising for 2024. Ideas tabled until the next meeting.
7. Inventory List
 - a. Jill Weisenbeck created an inventory list of the LECA’s holdings. Holdings include: equipment, tools, supplies, sensors, and watercraft. The inventory will track all current and future holdings.
8. Website Management
 - a. Website management has been an on-going concern, as there has not been a proactive response from the current provider.

- b. Ideas for 2024- Platform may need to be updated to allow more user-friendly administration. Finding a new website carrier. Jason Phillips has some networking options for potential website options and upgrades. The goal being to maximize the effective.
 - 9. Northside Creeks- Joe Bechtel and Al Weisenbeck have taken charge of the dredging. Beach and Bedpost creeks will be cleaned out on October 31, 2023. The area in front of the aeration building will be targeted for dredging next spring. Rock and gravel will need to be added to the access on Al Hendricks' property to accommodate the dredging equipment. A motion was made by Al Hendricks to approve \$3,000 for clean-out of the northside creeks. Cathy Lea provided a second. The vote was unanimous, motion was approved.
 - 10. Fundraising- The potential was discussed to use personalized lake art as a fundraising tool. Jess will provide website information.
 - 11. Open LECA Board Positions- The board can remain at its current number, but nominees can be considered.
 - 12. Other Business-
 - a. Fish Cribs- Remaining deep water cribs can be launched.
 - b. Future plans should include large-scale placement of half-log cribs.
 - 13. Next meeting date: TBD
 - 14. President Lori Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.
- Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary