

Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 16, 2016

1. The Meeting was called to Order by Vice President Vicki Reed at 9:00 A.M. Present were Dean Boehne, Lori Bechtel, Pam Hanson, Ed Wilson, Phil Kalscheur, Al Hendricks, and Dale Zank. Excused were Fred Poss, Ed Henry, and Duane Ives. Dan Marcheske, John Selz, Rod Zika, and Marlo Orth were also in attendance as guests.
2. Minutes from the May 21, 2016 minutes were presented, revised, and reviewed. Minutes were approved as presented electronically prior to the meeting.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne. General discussion on finances. Report was approved as presented. A full review of the Triathlon income and expenses were reviewed.
4. Annual financial audit was completed by Tamy Moss as in past years. Her report was read and reviewed with all items being in order. Report will be read at the annual meeting on August 20th.
5. Public Comment:
 - a. Rod Zika discussed the situation at Skid Row and a possible model study. This study would cost a considerable amount of money and take a long time. Rod said we really need to find out what is happening. Instead drones were used to take many pictures of the entire lake. A video promo was created by David Fonseca and reviewed by the board. The video was excellent and nicely done. Thank you to David! Rod will send the promo to all for any additional revisions to be made. Once done, it will be distributed via all channels and promoted on website, Facebook, etc.
6. Fish Crib Status: Dale Zank. The project went very well and it was complete by 10:30 am. Two pontoons were used and 16 fish cribs were put in. Logs were purchased from the Amish. A big thank you to Kenny Zich for hauling the logs free of charge and Steve Goss for the skidster use. Discussion on the purchase of a second roller for the old pontoon that was given to the County. Approximate cost would be \$500. The board approved spending up to \$650 for a second roller. The new pontoon does need some repairs. Dale Zank will obtain some costs for these repairs and will email to full board.
7. Walleye Study: Rod Zika discussed the tagging of 8 fish two years ago. The fish were followed until this year. The fish were difficult to find recently so should be revisited. The aerators seem to be working and improving the

walleye population.

8. Mailing of Raffle Tickets: The lake association is no longer allowed to mail the raffle tickets. Sale of raffle tickets was down this year so we need to brainstorm on ways to increase the sales or get raffle tickets dispersed to member. Raffle tickets will be printed earlier and distributed at the holiday party. Pam and Vicki will connect on possible distribution ideas. A discussion on membership being down as well. A reminder to those that have not paid will be sent via email and then a mailing.
9. Board positions: Lori Bechtel gave update on the nominating committee's progress on five open positions. Potential board candidates are being contacted.
10. Discussion on the purchase of spare aerator. The topic was tabled.
11. Golf Tournament Discussion: Suggestion for next year is to have people prepay in case of rain. Leann Balliett is organizing.
12. County and State Meetings, Marlo Orth: On July 11th, LECA and LECD held a meeting with State and Local DNR, Eau County Board Members, Eau Claire County Staff and Town of Bridge Creek Board Members. Rod Zika did a slide presentation outlining what we have accomplished concentrating on sediment, water quality and the fishery. After the presentation, pontoons were taken out on the lake to view and talk about the aeration system and then went to a tree drop area where the DNR did fish shocking to illustrate and talk about how our efforts have improved the fishery. The Lake District has made a request for \$100k in funds from Eau Claire County. Efforts are being done to get the entire county board to support all of the improvements and projects on Lake Eau Claire. There will be a very important finance and budget meeting on Thursday, July 28th at the Augusta City Hall at 6:00 pm.
13. Hay Creek access: New owners have given permission to access the Hay Creek sand trap. Approval was given at a previous meeting for \$1,000 to have the Hay Creek sand trap cleaned. The cleaning will be done as soon as possible. The other partially filled traps will also be cleaned at the same time since the equipment would be available. Dale Zank will look into this.
14. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20th at the Lake Eau Claire clubhouse. The catering will be done by Augusta Meats. John Selz will take care of getting the beer from the Hideaway and will purchase water and beer. Dale will request a donation of water. Prices will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per cup for beer unless prices are more than planned. An email will go out soon reminding folks that the schedule will be 4:00 pm social hour, 5:00pm dinner, followed by the annual meeting. The board will assemble after the official meeting to elect officers.

15. Newsletter articles: A request for all lake board members to submit newsletter articles by August 1st.

16. Other Business:

- A. Tree falls/fish crib totals are currently at approximately 300, more than half way to 500 total. A review of who has requested will be done by Marlo and Rod.
- B. Fireworks and Boat Parade cleanup: Discussion on a lot of trash was found around the lake after the boat parade. The Lake Association does not manage the boat parade but will publish a suggestion in the spring to use squirt guns or biodegradable balloons. We will emphasize the detriment balloons have on the lake.
- C. Suggestion to try to work with Ducks Unlimited, Bass Anglers, Whitetail Unlimited, Augusta Sportsmen. Ask for partner possibilities. Forming a committee to pursue donations would be helpful.
- D. Vicki Reed mentioned that the geese population has exploded. The county does have programs to help eradicate the geese. Vicki suggests that the board look into the problem and solution at a future meeting.

17. The next board meeting will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 immediately following the annual meeting at the Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Submitted by:

Lori Bechtel, Secretary