



Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 7, 2017

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Lori Bechtel at 9:00 A.M. Present were Dean Boehne, Duane Ives, Dan Marcheske, Dale Zank, Pam Hanson, Al Hendricks, Fred Poss, Phil Kalscheur, Marc Christopher, Cathy Lea, with two guests, Marlo Orth and Rod Zika. Absent was Amy Quella.
2. Minutes from the July 22, 2017 minutes were presented, reviewed with a couple revisions noted. Motion made by Duane Ives to approve minutes as presented, unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne.
 - a. General discussion on membership renewals and fundraisers.
 - b. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
4. Public comment:
 - a. Rod Zika led a general discussion to bring awareness to sediment removal in the lake and the need for financial support and grant funding. He noted we may need financial support from the committee for additional funds. Fred Poss brought up the issue of working with the Water Coalition to discuss efforts on how to refocus the Coalition to sediment from phosphorus concerns from farmland, grant research, and for sediment and erosion for the lakes and river.
 - b. Marlo Orth reported on the status of the new deposit site. Survey has been completed, engineering and legal review is in process. The site is located on Hwy G, near horse trailer parking lot. New proposed deposit site is 36 acres and could hold enough sand for ~ 20 years (at 6 feet deep)
5. Marlo Orth gave an update on the Lake District and its recent meeting. There was a suggestion to allow absentee ballots and teleconference for members that cannot attend. State Statute does not allow absentee ballots at the annual meeting and a full discussion of parliamentary procedure guidelines. Marlo Orth reported November 7th is the next Lake District meeting. The new brochure was presented and has been circulated to county board members and others.
6. Fred Poss reported on the north side creek dredging and suggested that there may be a need to put fill in the low area. May also need to remove some trees at Hay Creek. Fred also reported that he may have a source that wants sand from dredging. He has requested a bid from Opelt dredging of the three creeks. (Bedpost, Beach Creek and Hay Creek)
 - a. Rod Zika recommended getting an engineering assessment before proceeding with dredging plans.
 - b. Future consideration: \$24K to create a new trap up stream; main cost is

to build a road and \$10K annually for clean out at Hay Creek

7. Dale recommended that we provide additional information to lake residents about the aeration system. It is important to communicate why the aeration system is important and the long-term benefits. Lori offered to coordinate an article for the next newsletter.
8. Lori Bechtel reported that the attendance at the August 19th Annual Meeting increased from prior year. Chris Fellers volunteered to run a White Elephant sale to raise money for the fireworks. The sale is being conducted October 14th and 15th with all proceeds going to the July fireworks.
9. Duane Ives reported on the survey results from the annual meeting. The primary concern is sediment in the lake.
10. Golf outing update by Lori Bechtel – The event was held Saturday, July 29th. Leann Balliett organized and managed the event and it was a very successful fundraising event. Thank you Leann!
11. Other business:
 - a. Kristen Charlton put together a list for potential grants. Lori will review and report back to the committee.
 - b. Topics for the next newsletter were discussed and will be sent out November 10th.
 - c. Gun raffle – there are two active raffles now with drawings October 25th and November 4th. There are tickets remaining for both raffles.
 - d. Duane suggested we participate in Giving Tuesday again and was agreed to do so.
 - i. Cathy recommended that we research and participate in Amazon Smile program as an additional fundraiser. Duane Ives will facilitate.
 - e. Holiday party to be held January 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm To be held at the Lions Club in Augusta. Fred Poss to inquire on availability.
 - i. Duane Ives recommended a food drive be included in the holiday party to give to the food pantry. Cathy and Duane volunteered to lead the initiative.
 - f. Discussion on a crib fall was led by Dale Zank for a possible fundraiser.
 - g. Leann suggested the committee incorporate a Clubs Choice Fundraising event. Items are mostly food items. Tabled the discussion for now.
 - h. Dan Marcheske reminded everyone that the Ice Fisheree contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018.
12. Next meeting – January 13th at 9:00 am – Augusta Fire Station
13. Adjournment @ 11:15 am
Submitted by Pam Hanson, Secretary