

Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2019 at 9:00 am at Augusta Fire House

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Duane Ives at 9:04am. Present: Dale Zank, Dean Boehne, Pam Hanson, Marc Christopher, Al Hendricks, Duane Ives, Fred Poss, Dale Zank and Cathy Lea. Absent: Lori Bechtel, Phil Kalscheur, Dan Marcheske. Guests: Marlo Orth, Patrick Bethke and Ricky Strauch.
2. Review of previous minutes dated January 12, 2019. Motion to approve by Dean, seconded by Cathy. Vote was unanimous to approve minutes.
3. Treasurer's report – Financial statement presented by Dean. Approximately \$10,000 paid out year-to-date for sedimentation. Expects to have full \$25,000 spent by next meeting in May 2019. Motion to approve by Cathy, second by Fred. Vote was unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment (3 Minutes) – no comments
5. Bridge Creek Town board candidates Comments: (Election April 2, 2019)
 - a. Ricky Strauch introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background. He wants to continue preservation and conservation and wants to pass the land on to the next generation. He is in favor of town zoning and ordinances. This makes the town eligible for more grants. He believes by the town adopting county zoning will allow the town the ability to negotiate with industries to protect our resources. (sand mines, hog and chicken farms) He believes the LECA name change to Friends of Lake Eau Claire was a positive change. He would like to partner with the board to increase the preservation message even further. Closing Remarks: Sees a need to get someone new on the board to make changes and believes he can evoke the needed change.
 - b. Patrick Bethke introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background. He sees a need for leadership and believes he has the qualifications. He is in favor of county zoning and ordinances but not town as he believes that is too costly. He believes because the town is unzoned we don't have the support of county and state to help protect our land to regulate the sand mines, hog and chicken farms. If the town adopted county zoning, farmers would be eligible for funds to

help protect our resources. He fully supports Friends of Lake Eau Claire and their efforts to preserve the lake. Closing Remarks: We need a comprehensive plan to regulate the saw mills, hog farms and sand mines and need to put things in place and move forward with county zoning to preserve the land.

6. Lake District update by Marlo Orth
 - a. New Hay Creek sediment trap update – Marlo shared new sand trap has been completed. Dean will submit for matching district funds and anticipate about \$18,000.
 - b. Trouble Waters sediment removal completed. The trap wasn't very full but needed to be cleaned.
 - c. Fish structure location requirement by DNR. Rod Zika, Fred Poss and Marlo Orth working to provide fish crib locations to DNR by May 15, 2019.
7. 2019 Fundraiser updates/planning
 - a. Calendar raffle – board members asked to sell 20 calendars at \$10 each. Turn packets into Woodlands when sold.
 - b. Triathlon has been cancelled.
 - c. Suggested combining existing raffle with the golf outing raffle. Would need to refund money for raffle tickets already sold. Motion by Cathy and seconded by Fred to cancel existing raffle and combine with Golf Outing raffle July 27, 2019 at Hickory Hills Golf Course. Unanimously approved. Will contact people that bought raffle and either refund or they can elect to participate in the Golf Outing Raffle.
 - d. Gun Raffle status – two new raffles (Browning and Remington rifles) 115 tickets available drawing May 4th.
 - e. Fundraising ideas:
 - i. Pancake Feed – consensus that it isn't worth the effort
 - ii. Jane and Troy Bechtel have offered to find out more information about Blues/Brews/BBQ possible fundraiser for Sept 2020.
 - iii. Catch and Release Summertime fundraiser which is more regulated and more difficult to raise money.

8. 2019 Sponsor program
 - a. Duane suggested to reduce sponsorship levels to 3 from 4 to simplify. All levels could donate product but required to pay half cash. Motion by Fred and seconded by Al to approve. Unanimously approved.
 - i. Muskie Level \$300
 - ii. Northern Level \$200
 - iii. Walleye Level \$100
9. Board member attendance/replacement
 - a. By-laws require attendance and participation.
 - b. Phil Kalscheur has agreed to step down from the board.
 - c. Recommendation to appoint Nate Smith until August meeting.
 - d. Board to make recommendations and vote at the May meeting.
10. Other business:
 - a. Ice Fisheree was a huge success! Thank you to all volunteers.
 - b. WI State funding – an existing state fund, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship was brought to our attention by Shannon Zimmerman, who currently serves on the Joint Finance Committee and is a lake property owner. The board is asked to review the stewardship and bring ideas back to the May meeting.
 - c. Annual Meeting reservation at County Park – Date is August 17^t, 2019
 - d. Amy and Pam will coorganize.
 - a. The building is already reserved 4pm to 7pm
 - b. Need to find caterer soon.
 - e. Amazon Smile – Duane encouraged members to use
 - f. Other
 - a. Fred shared that the boat sold for \$1,300. Nick sold the boat. Duane made a motion to pay him \$150 to sell the boat.
 - b. Fireworks on the Lake are tentatively planned on Thursday, July 4th, pending final approval at May meeting. Bean and Bacon Days events run from July 4th- July 7th.
11. Next meeting is set for Saturday, May 18th at 9am at the Augusta Fire Hall.
12. Motion made by Duane to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 11:11 am