

Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2019 at 9am at the Augusta/Bridge Creek Firehouse

1. Meeting called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 9am. Present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, Dale Zank, Nathan Smith, Al Weisenbeck, Tad Ries, Joe Vyrzdal, Fred Poss, Dan Marcheske, and Angel Zimmerman. Absent: Al Hendricks and Amy Quella. Guests: Mike Lea, Marlo Orth, Dean Boehne, and Kenny Zich.
 - a. President Lori Bechtel welcomed new directors to the board.
2. Review of previous minutes dated July 13, 2019: A motion was made by Cathy Lea with a second by Fred Poss to approve the minutes. Review of previous minutes dated August 17, 2019: A motion was made by Cathy Lea with a second from Pam Hanson to approve the minutes. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report - Financial report was presented by Dean Boehne. Year-to-date membership fees are up. Firework donations are up. Remaining checks from members pledging to match Cathy Lea's Donation Challenge still being collected. A motion to approve the report was presented by Cathy Lea and seconded by Duane Ives. Vote was unanimously approved.
 - a. A motion was made by Fred Poss, with a second from Todd Hanson, to approve a bank signature change for incoming treasurer, Pam Hanson. A motion was made to add a backup bank signature on the account of which the President's signature, Lori Bechtel, was moved. The vote was unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Augusta/Bridge Creek Fire Chief Kenny Zich requested assistance and resources from the association concerning lake-related emergency situations. Discussion included: creation of a calling tree for emergency situations, potential participation of association members in winter and summer water-rescue training operations. The use of text broadcasts to association members was discussed. Emergency landing of a helicopter at the north boat landing was also discussed. The current problem is tree coverage.
 - b. Marlo Orth presented copies of a Dedication Program from 1937, when the dam was constructed, as a token of appreciation and a reflection of the history of the dam and lake.
5. Lake District Update (Mike Lea)
 - a. The Muskrat Creek trap is project is moving forward. An engineer has been chosen and is in process of creating engineering plans. The county will be putting in a road. The road may need widening, based upon potential truck and equipment size; volunteers may be needed to cut trees in the next month.
 - b. Lake District board members examined stream-bank stabilization projects on the Black River and are discussing ideas and investigating options related to: upstream actions that may reduce run off and grants such as the "Phosphorus Water Quality Trade Credit" as well as other upstream options which may benefit the lake.
6. Fish structure location/Fish crib installation: President Lori Bechtel updated the board on fish structure location requirements. Documentation was found which satisfied the DNR requirements.
 - a. Fred Poss discussed creating an annual update of all volunteers, brush donors, a contact list, and all GPS locations for fish cribs.
 - b. Chris Fellers will be doing GPS location recording this year. Joe Vyrzdal also volunteered to participate in GPS location recording.
7. Fred Poss provided a report concerning northside creek dredging. A grand total of 54 truckloads (575 cubic yards) of sediment was removed from Hay, Bedpost, and Beach Creeks.
8. The latest fish crib installation is set for September 14, 2019 at the north shore boat landing.

9. Lake Management Plan Updates/Bid Process: President Lori Bechtel led the discussion pertaining to the need for an updated Lake Management Plan for DNR approval. The association will pay for the update. Marlo Orth and Lori Bechtel met with DNR and were informed that all that is required is a simple plan update. Two proposals were received: Rod Zika and Buzz Sorge. After a discussion on the proposals took place, a motion was made by Fred Poss, with a second from Pam Hanson, to approve the proposal from Buzz Sorge to update the lake management plan with a cost up to \$5,000.00. The vote was unanimously approved.

10. Youth Leadership Water Quality Project - President Lori Bechtel informed the board about a Eau Claire Youth Leadership program, in which 6 high school students from Eau Claire are participating in the process of water quality testing. Vicki and Mark Reed will head the project and an official document will be presented.

11. 2019 Fundraiser Updates/Planning

- a. The golf outing for next year is slated for July 18, 2020. Leann Balliet will once again organize the outing.
- b. Leann will also be organizing a Fall craft and vendor fair for October 5th, 2019. Leann would like the association to sell food and drinks for the 5-hour event. Volunteers are needed. Pam Hanson and Fred Poss both volunteered to help. Leann is checking into the appropriate vendors licenses for the event.
- c. The current gun raffle at The Woodland will be on October 19, 2019.
- d. The July 2020 calendar raffle will include Muskie-level sponsors on each calendar. The format, pay-outs, and drawings will remain the same.
- e. The totality of all fireworks donations by December 31st will be used for the purchase of fireworks with no other funding added.
- f. Lori and Duane have created a "For-Sale" section in the newsletter for listing items for sale and advertising. A 5% listing price fee will be retained.

12. Committees and Leadership - Lori will send out a list of committees via email for board members to review. Members can reply via email with committees and activities that they are willing to participate in. Angel Zimmerman and Cathy Lea volunteered to organize the holiday party. Local charities will again be sponsored during the fundraising.

13. Other Business:

- a. No update on the possible Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant that Shannon Zimmerman is assisting with.
- b. Lori is looking into the purchase of high-water signs for the three boat landings. These signs have been approved by the DNR, but the association must manage them. The idea of using hinged signs will be explored.
- c. Lori is investigating bids for website management.
- d. Fred Poss handed out Lake Bathymetry Maps to everyone and it was very much appreciated.
- e. The next meeting of the board will be on November 2, 2019 at 9am at the Augusta/Bridge Creek Firehouse.

President Lori Bechtel adjourned the meeting at 10:43am.

Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary