



Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2020 at 11 am at the Augusta Lion's Hall

1. Meeting called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 10:57 am.
2. Review of previous minutes dated August 15, 2019: A motion was made by Dale Zank with a second from Al Hendricks to approve the minutes. Previous minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report - Report was presented by Pam Hanson. A motion to approve the report was presented by Vicki Reed and seconded by Todd Hanson. Vote was unanimous, motion approved.
4. Review of annual audit conducted by Dawn Werlein was presented by Treasurer, Pam Hanson. A motion to approve by Vicki Reed and second by Todd Hanson. Vote was unanimously approved.
5. Introduction of the current 2019-2020 board members:
 - Lori Bechtel
 - Duane Ives
 - Fred Poss
 - Al Weisenbeck
 - Nate Smith
 - Al Hendricks
 - Pam Hanson
 - Dale Zank
 - Joe Vdyrzal
 - Dan Marcheske
 - Tad Ries
 - Amy Quella
 - Cathy Lea
 - Angel Zimmerman
 - Todd Hanson
6. A raffle drawing was conducted and the winner was Tad Ries
7. President's Report
 - a. President Lori Bechtel outlined the 2020 Covid-related fundraising challenges. There was a 30% decline in business sponsorship. There were 24 business sponsors generating around \$8,000. Membership remained steady for 2020.
 - b. Fundraising Outcomes/Future Events: Calendar raffle generated over \$8,000. There is an August target for the 2021 calendar raffle. Ice Fisheree raised over \$4,000 in 2020. The Annual Golf Outing, managed by Leann Balliett, generated over \$5,600. Next year's golf outing is scheduled for July 17, 2021 at Hickory Hills. Gun raffles were completed and a cornhole tournament is scheduled for September 26, 2020 at Mike's Buckhorn. All funds generated with these fundraisers and events is funneled to the Lake District.
 - c. The Lake Management Plan was updated, with consultation from Buzz Sorge, and has been approved by the DNR.

- d. Fish crib installation, led by Fred Poss, resulted in the building and placement of 6 new cribs in June, and 13 additional cribs in July. President Lori Bechtel offered thanks to all of the volunteers.
- e. 2021 Fundraising Goals:
 1. Friends of Lake Eau Claire will assist Mike Lea in applying for grants.
 2. Continued fundraising to provide for all projects necessary to maintain and optimize the health of the lake.
8. President's Award
 - a. President Lori Bechtel will present the President's Award to Leann Balliett in light of her service to the fundraising efforts of the board. Since she has assumed management of the golf outing fundraiser, Leann has helped the association raise over \$40,000.
9. Elections
 - a. Five board member spots are open for re-election. Those members include: Dale Zank, Fred Poss, Cathy Lea, Angel Zimmerman, and Amy Quella. All board members except Amy Quella agreed to be re-nominated. Lori Bechtel thanked Amy Quella for her service the past three years. A nomination was made for Chad White to be submitted and Chad had previously agreed. A motion was made by Marlo Orth, with a second from Randy Richards, to approve the five board members on the nomination list. Vote was unanimously approved.
10. Other Business
 - a. Cathy Lea offered a donation of \$100 to the 2021 fireworks fund and called for a challenge from attendees to match her donation. Several matching donations were provided by members.
 - b. Vice President Duane Ives informed the board that there is an ongoing conversation with Astrea to potentially expand internet service around the lake. Astrea would conduct site surveys. Joe Vydrazil suggested working with the county to raise the antenna, thereby increasing internet coverage.
 - c. Lake residents' requests for fish cribs can be made at this time.
 - d. The Friends of Lake Eau Claire clothing sale will be forthcoming.
11. Lori Bechtel thanked everyone for attending and moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Submitted by Nate Smith, Secretary