



Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2021 at 6pm, Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse

1. Meeting called to order at 5:55pm by President Lori Bechtel.
2. Review of previous minutes of annual meeting from August 15, 2020: A motion was made by Fred Poss to approve, with a second from Vicki Reed. Vote unanimous, previous annual minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report- presented by Joe Vydrzal. \$49,000 allocated to sediment removal. A motion to approve the report was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Cathy Lea. Vote to approve report was unanimous and the motion was approved.
4. Review of Annual Audit of Financials: An audit of the financial books was conducted by Dawn Werlein. Her audit verified reconciliation of the financials. A motion to approve the audit report and seconded. Vote was unanimously approved.
5. Introduction and Thanks to current 2020-2021 board of director members (15): Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Fred Poss, Al Weisenbeck, Nate Smith, Al Hendricks, Pam Hanson, Dale Zank, Joe Vydrzal, Dan Marcheske, Tad Ries, Chad White, Cathy Lea, Angel Zimmerman, and Todd Hanson
6. President's Report: President Lori Bechtel offered thanks to Angel Zimmerman, Cathy Lea, and Pam Hanson for organizing the annual meeting and picnic.
 - A. President's summary: It was a good year financially with increased usage of the lake.
 - B. Sponsorship Program included: 33 Muskie-level sponsors, 5 Northern-level sponsors, and 6 Walleye-level sponsors, totaling \$12,000 in sponsorship income.
 - a. Membership funding was up \$1,500 year over year. Calendar Raffle sold 1,300 calendars bringing in roughly \$9,000. The Ice Fisheree created \$3,000 in revenue and the Golf Outing brought in \$9,000. 2022 Ice Fisheree will be on February 5, 2022. Leann Balliett will organize the 2022 Golf Outing. A cornhole tournament is scheduled for 9/11/2021 at the Mike's Buckhorn Bar.
 - C. Lake District Update:
 - a. Muskrat cleanout received \$17,000 in donations (LECA matched \$9,000) The project had an enormously positive impact on the Muskrat frontage.
 - b. Small creek dredging continues.
 - c. Fish Cribs/Tree Drops: Duane Ives and Nathan Smith will construct and install approximately 10 deep-water fish cribs in October and Robin Walsh will take care of tree falls. Lori offered thanks to all the volunteers.
 - d. Joe Vydrzal is constructing life jacket loaner stations, these will be in memory of Al Berger on behalf of his wife, Rosie Berger. Jen and Lou Mason helped facilitate the purchase of life jackets. Volunteers are needed to help finish the life jacket stations.
 - e. Large Projects: Grant money needed for Skid Row Trap and dredging. Estimated costs could be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. Ongoing research is being done to find funding sources.
7. President's Award: Lori presented the President's Award for 2021 to Tom Hartel, in light of his tireless contributions to the maintenance of the lake aeration system. Volunteering his time and providing troubleshooting and off-season service, free of charge, has saved around \$150,000. Congratulations to Tom Hartel, he has been an invaluable resource!

- 8/9. Election of new board of director members: There are 6 positions up for election.
- a. Five board members terms are expiring and all volunteered to allow their names to be submitted for nomination. They included Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Al Hendricks, Pam Hanson and Al Weisenbeck. Chad White resigned his position this spring and the resignation created one additional board member spot. A nomination for Jody Shong was previously made and Jody agreed to serve. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Tom Hartel to close nominations. Fred Poss seconded the motion.
 - b. Mike Lea introduced a motion to approve all six nominations for the board of directors. The motion was seconded by Trisha Ives. Vote was unanimously approved.
 - c. Lori Bechtel offered thanks to the new board of directors for agreeing to serve.
10. Other Business:
- A. Cathy Lea asked for members to match her donation for fireworks for the Summer of 2022.
 - B. New property owners in the channel were in attendance and welcomed.
 - C. No other new business was brought forward.
 - D. Raffle winners were drawn.
11. President Lori Bechtel thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary