

Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020 at 7pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Lori Bechtel. Present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Dale Zank, Nathan Smith, Joe Vydrzal, Amy Quella, Angel Zimmerman, Al Hendricks, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, Al Weisenbeck, Tad Ries, Fred Poss and Dan Marcheske. Guests: Kevin Ives, Mike Lea, Marlo Orth
2. Review of previous minutes dated January 11, 2020: A motion was made by Duane Ives, with a second from Dale Zank, to approve previous minutes with edits and revisions. Previous minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report- presented by Pam Hanson. Financials show that membership is down but a membership mailing is in progress. \$9,800 in expenses (\$6,300 for sediment removal). After the fireworks expense, there is roughly \$46,000 and those funds will be held for matching and fundraising shortfalls. A motion to approve the report was made by Dan Marcheske and seconded by Todd Hanson. Vote to approve report was unanimous and the motion was approved.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Lake District Update (Mike Lea)
 - a. 2,000 cubic yards of material was removed from Hay Creek and roughly 2,200 from Muskrat Creek. 17,840 cubic yards removed from Troubled Waters and greater than 10,000 cubic yards from Gravel Pit resulting in the most sediment ever pulled out in one year.
 - b. The Knowles-Nelson grant acquisition fell through, as the funding is earmarked for land acquisition.
 - c. The Forest Stewardship Grant may have potential for stream bank stabilization. The grant would require cost share. \$100,000 in funds was applied for regarding county lake rehab. Covid-19 is affecting the process.
 - d. There is potential for pursuing a Recreational Boating Grant for Skid Row. In 2019, \$232,406 was used just for digging. The idea of an increase in transparency was discussed. Duane Ives suggested sharing the traps, trap info, clean-out frequency, cost, funding breakdowns, the potential shortfall this year, as well as illustrating the tax base and LECA funds to illustrate the overall fiscal situation.
6. Lake Management Plan is finalized and will be published via Facebook. The plan will be open to Facebook comments from the public for one week. Lori Bechtel will email the plan to board members. Lake Districts and DNR will possibly use the plan as a template as an example of an efficient, streamlined lake plan.
7. Fish Cribs-Lori passed onto the board that Fred Poss plans to use underwater cameras to examine the current state of the fish cribs. Volunteers will be needed for fish crib-related activities.
8. Covid-19 Fundraising Effects:
 - a. The cornhole tournament is postponed and will be held at a later date. Those who have paid will be updated as to those potential dates.
 - b. A debate over whether to hold the calendar raffle in July or postpone it, resulted in an agreement to keep the raffle date the same. It was agreed that publicity and sales will be ramped up. 420 calendars need to be sold to break even.
 - c. Sponsor solicitation will resume with respectful messaging, sensitive to the impact of Covid-19. Gun raffles can resume at the Woodland and begin with a handgun

that had been earmarked for the cornhole tournament. Joe Vydral suggested using the online Zoom banquet template. Joe will investigate the potential for online donations.

- d. The golf outing will be held this year, but it will be a smaller event considering the negative economic impact that Covid-19 has had on many sponsors.
9. Todd Hanson solicited bids and informed the board that fireworks have been ordered. The fireworks will be provided by Spielbauer Fireworks. If the firework show needs to be postponed, there will be no penalty.
10. Website Management- A proposal was received for website services which would lower annual cost. Duane will verify if the proposal still stands and get it out to the board for approval.
11. The Lake Leaders Conference has been delayed until next year.
12. Other:
 - a. Lori suggested that members submit articles for the newsletter. Duane suggested highlighting fundraising, sand trap information and associated costs, and sponsorship opportunities.
 - b. The next meeting will be in 30 days to discuss fundraising, time and date will be determined.
 - c. Any new lake residents' names can be passed on to Amy Quella.
12. President Lori Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.
Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary