

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2017: 10:00AM @ Augusta Lions Hall

200 East Lincoln Street, Augusta, WI 54722

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marlo Orth – District Chairman

- Marlo Orth called to order the Annual Meeting and welcomed all for attending and thanked everyone for their support and participation.
- Marlo Orth recognized the following people for their contributions to Lake Eau Claire, and all of the volunteers who have contributed many hours of time and labor: Mark and Vicki Reed, Rod Zika, Fred Poss, Dean Boehne, Mike O'Connor, Gary Gibson, Patrick Bethke, Robin Walsh, Mike Lea, Tom Hartel, Al Berger, Lori Bechtel, John Selz, Eau Claire County and their conservation representatives, and the DNR.
- Buzz Sorge was presented with custom made lawn chairs in recognition for all his work to assist with the development of Lake Eau Claire and the education of our membership.
- Thank Lions Club and John Selz for their assistance with this meeting.
- Introduction of Board Members: Marlo Orth-Chairman, Dean Boehne-Treasurer, Mike O'Connor-Secretary, Gary Gibson-Vice Chair and Eau Claire County Rep. and newly appointed Patrick Bethke-Bridge Creek Rep.

2. Minutes of August 20, 2016: Mike O'Connor – District Secretary

- Copies of minutes were made available to all participants. The Secretary will read minutes if requested. No requests to read minutes.
- Motion to approve minutes: Mary Wagner
- 2nd motion: Patty McHugh
- Approved: voice vote with use of voting cards.

3. Treasurer's Report: Dean Boehne - District Treasurer

- Presentation of Financial Statement by Dean Boehne which included copy of the 2016 and the first 6 months of 2017 Income Statement that was provided to the membership
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Carroll Carlson
- 2nd motion by : Cathy Lea
- Approved: voice/card vote

4. Audit Report: Dean Boehne

- Dean read audit report letter from auditor, Dawn Werlein, Town of Bridge Creek Treasurer. No irregularities were reported or recorded in the report.
- Motion to accept Audit Report: Kristin Charlton
- 2nd Motion: Duane Ives
- Approved: voice/card vote

5. Lake Association Presentation: Lori Bectel

- Presentation by Lori Bectel, Lake Association President thanked everyone for their participation and help, and reminded all of the Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic later today in the County Club House.
- Association has 12 member Board of Directors and membership fee is \$25.00
- The 11th annual Triathlon Fund Raiser met its projected financial goals, and recognition was given to Vicki Reed for her support and leadership. \$10,000 was raised.
- The 3rd annual Golf Tournament fund raiser was a great success and the Lake Association plans to continue this tournament next year. \$10,000 was raised.
- New gun raffles, in conjunction with the Woodland Store, will be initiated this year with a goal of raising \$6000.
- Lake Eau Claire clothing continues to improve with increased sales.
- The Lake Association volunteers continue to obtain water samples for the DNR to test water quality in our lake.

6. Reports:

a. Tree Drops: Robin Walsh

- Robin Walsh and Mike Lea coordinated the 50 trees dropped and cabled to the shore in 2015.
- In 2016 40 more tree drops were completed.

b. Fish Cribs: Fred Poss

- Presentation reviewed the purpose and goals of the the fish cribs to improve the fishery.
- Began in 2010 and have been working on this project for 6 years.
- 283 fish cribs have been installed.
- Long term plan is to maintain a level of 500 woody structures with cribs and tree drops.
- North side creeks: Hay Creek, Muskrat Creek, and Bedside Creek have had limited but consistent dredging through the efforts of the Lake Association, and approved by the DNR.

c. Proposed new Spoils Deposit Site: Marlo Orth

- A new 36 acre spoils site has been identified north of the highway G bridge, and approved by Eau Claire County and the DNR.
- We hope to receive approval to begin engineering of this site within 6 months.

- The Gravel Pit spoils site is full but has some limited future space potentially available.
- All of the spoils sites remain County owned with permission given to the Lake District for use as a spoils site.

d. Shoreline Restoration Initiative: Amanda Schultz

- Amanda Schultz-Agronomist, presented a shoreline restoration initiative to be located on the north shore of Lake Eau Claire on the aeration system property. This project is to promote effective shoreline restoration techniques such as vegetation and tree coverage.
- Bed Post site could be used as a demonstration site to teach owners how to protect the lake through shoreline restoration to prevent unwanted run off.

e. Muskrat and Hay Creek new sediment trap proposal: Rod Zika

- Hay Creek represents a 40.6 square mile watershed, and Muskrat Creek represents a 34 square mile watershed.
- Hay Creek is primarily farmland for run-off of nutrients and sedimentation with significant erosion banks.
- Muskrat Creek: A trap needs to be installed. More study needed.
- Rod sited Ayers Associates engineering survey to estimate the costs projected for these traps are: Hay Creek 3000 cu. yard trap: \$24,000 initial and \$10,000 annual maintenance, Muskrat Creek 5000 cu. yd. trap: \$40,000 initial and \$17,200 annual maintenance. Maintenance based on cleaning cost of \$8.00 per yard to clean traps.
- Success of the traps should be comparable to success with troubled Waters and Gravel Pit traps.
- Recommendation is to pick appropriate spots for sediment traps to be installed in Muskrat and Hay Creeks, and maintain them. It is preferable to have traps located as close to existing roads and spoils sites to be most cost effective.
- Options to address the needs of these 2 creeks will be based on available funds from the Lake District as approved by the Lake District membership at the Annual Lake District Meeting.

7. Proposed Tax Levy to meet proposed budget: Dean Boehne - action

- The 1.75 mil rate was presented by the Board to be approved in the 2018 Proposed Annual Budget.
- 1.75 Mil Rate levy approved for 2018 Budget by a vote of 31 voting yes for the 1.75 and 24 voting no for the 1.75.

8. Elect one commissioner for three year term:

- Mike Lea was nominated by Mike O'Connor for open Board of Commissioners position.
- Kristin Charlton was nominated by Brian Kellett.

- As a result of a written secret ballot (33 votes for Mike Lea, 18 votes for Kristin Charlton), Mike Lea was voted in for a 3 year term.

9. Other Business:

- Recommend better upkeep of the boat landing.
- Siren Project has been completed and will be tested 1 time per month between 11:00 and 11:30am. Lauren Lea did receive her Gold Award based on her effort with the Siren Project.
- Recommendation was made as an advisory motion to stop and/or remove the aeration system on Lake Eau Claire to save money for other lake improvement projects.

10. Motion to destroy the ballots: Marlo Orth

- Motion to destroy ballots: Cheryl Poss
- 2nd motion: Mike Kuntz
- Motion approved: voice vote

11. Date and time for next year's annual meeting (Suggest August 18, 2018 10:00am at Augusta Lions Hall, 200 East Lincoln Street, Augusta, WI 54722).

- Motion to accept recommended Annual Meeting date, time, and place: Mike O'Connor
- 2nd motion: Lynn O'Connor
- Approved: voice vote

12. Adjourn:

- Marlo Orth