

Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2020 at 5pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm by President Lori Bechtel. Present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Dale Zank, Nathan Smith, Joe Vydrzal, Al Hendricks, Angel Zimmerman, Mike Lea, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, Al Weisenbeck, Tad Ries, Dan Marcheske, and Marlo Orth. Absent: Fred Poss, Amy Quella
2. Review of previous minutes dated May 13, 2020: A motion was made by Duane Ives, with a second from Joe Vydrzal, to approve previous minutes. Motion was approved.
3. Treasurer's Report- presented by Pam Hanson. Financials show \$2600 in receipts for May and \$200 in disbursements. Additionally, there were over \$7,000 in deposits in June, a \$2384.82 net gain. A motion to approve the report was made by Cathy Lea and seconded by Al Weisenbeck. Vote to approve report was unanimous and the motion was approved.
4. Public Comment: Marlo Orth is present to field any questions that board members may have.
5. Lake District Update (presented by Mike Lea)
 - a. Three grants are currently in motion. 2 grants relate to dredging, 1 relates to surface water management (1 Federal grant, 2 DNR grants). Williams Engineering has been contacted regarding bank stabilization, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.
 - b. The Lake District Annual Meeting will be held on 8/15/2020 at the Lion's Hall. The commissioner term is up and the tax levy must be passed. There will be a mask requirement and Covid rules will be in effect.
6. Lake Management Plan has been approved by the DNR.
7. Fireworks currently need one more volunteer with a pontoon to haul the fireworks over to the island.
8. The older pontoon is not being used. Duane Ives made a motion to exchange the old pontoon for current work and maintenance on the newer pontoon with Nick Klenke. Dale Zank seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The pontoon insurance must be switched into Lake Eau Claire Association's name. The insurance policy must be looked over, updated, and the title transferred into the Lake Association's name.
9. Online Fundraising-Joe Vydrzal informed the board that virtual raffles must have a physical drawing. Joe recommended the Ducks Unlimited template and managing the raffles through Member Planet. There was discussion regarding convenience fees and whether or not those should be passed on to the individual or absorbed by the Lake Association. Potential for a test raffle of an item was discussed.
10. Fish Crib Work-6 fish cribs were placed into the lake at the latest installation. The next crib installation will be Saturday, July 25th, 2020 at 9am. 2 dozen more concrete blocks are needed. Brush from the City of Augusta can be used for crib material.
11. Covid 19 Fundraising Effects:
 - a. Many sponsors have committed, despite the challenges of Covid 19.
 - b. 2020 Calendar Raffle completed with 1,257 tickets sold and a profit of around \$8400.
 - c. The Cornhole Tournament still may happen this fall. It would be held outdoors and would fall within the 250 person outdoor limit.
 - d. The golf outing is on July 18th, 2020. There will be 28 teams participating. There will be a gun raffle on site.
 - e. Fundraising ideas discussed: Tad Ries put forward the idea of using summer events to sell more calendars and raffle them in August. Cathy Lea suggested putting a Venmo on the LECA boat in the boat parade for soliciting fireworks donations.

12. The Annual Meeting was scheduled for August 1 at the EC County Clubhouse, but other venues were discussed in light of the Covid 19 situation. The meeting will be changed to August 15, 2020, after the Lake District meeting. There will be no picnic or food (in light of Covid uncertainty) and the reservation paid for the clubhouse can be applied to next year's meeting.
13. New website management proposal is still in the works. Duane Ives will update the board as it progresses.
14. Other Business:
 - a. With regard to the topic of boat landing repair, Marlo Orth recommends that Darren Senn communicate with Josh at Parks and Forest.
 - b. The idea of researching the potential need and feasibility of walleye stocking was discussed.
 - c. The next meeting date will be on 8/15/2020 after the Lake District Annual Meeting at 11am at the Augusta Lion's Hall. Several members are up for re-election. LECA board members encouraged to reach out to anyone interested in being nominated. It will be a three year term.
15. President Lori Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.
Submitted by Nathan Smith, Secretary