

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2021 via Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Lori Bechtel at 6:03pm. Members Present: Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Dale Zank, Tad Ries, Joe Vydrzal, Angel Zimmerman, Dan Marcheske, Fred Poss, Cathy Lea, Al Weisenbeck. Absent:, Pam Hanson, Todd Hanson, Jody Shong, AL Hendricks. Guests: Mike Lea
2. Review of previous minutes dated September 21, 2021. A motion was made by Al Weisenbeck with a second from Cathy Lea to approve the minutes
3. Treasurer's Report - Report was presented by Joe Vydrzal. Cathy Lea made the motion to approve financials including the correction to the life jacket station from \$3.3k to \$660 instead, with that change Dale 2nd the option and financials were approved.
4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Lake District Update
 - a. Mike Lea informed the board that rip rap project had started at Lost Lake and are to starting to haul rocks and should take a couple of weeks.
 - b. Mike also informed the board that the DNR grant requirement is that we pay the full amount and they will reimburse the Association. This process will take approximately 3 weeks. The cost will be \$76k of which includes out \$34k commitment. Cathy stated that the reimbursement portion will be \$49,684. Fred made a motion to approve covering the full cost and wait for reimbursement, Angel 2nd, no objections, motion passed. Mike and Joe will work to get the paperwork submitted.
 - c. Mike informed the board that the lake rehab fund received the full \$100k so we can do all trap and dredging this year at musk rat, gravel pit and troubled waters. Lake Altoona is working to dredge as well however they have to prove first that our dredging is working, which Mike believes we will need to prove the same. Rod would like to do some measuring to ensure that it is working. It will be more cost effective to purchase the equipment needed than rent. Cost will be about \$30k, Mike suggests Altoona cover \$10k, LECA cover \$10k and he is looking into some additional dollars from Covid relief funds.
6. The life jacket stations have been moved into storage for the winter and will be brought back in the spring. Joe believes a 4th station is possible
7. Membership Committee: No movement at this time however Joe will have an update at the next meeting and will have a spreadsheet with which members have paid at that time.
8. Holiday Party Update: Angel confirmed that we are still set for January 8th. Currently we have 24 people confirmed and we do not need to have a minimum order but will make a decision in the next week or so if we should continue with it based on attendance. Angel, Lori, Dale, Joe and Cathy have agreed to donate baskets for a silent raffle.

9. Newsletter: Lori indicated not much to report on however is requesting people to submit articles if they have any ideas.
10. Grant Update: Cathy provided an update which she indicated that currently there is \$364k being applied for on behalf of LECA with \$363k match. Those grants are \$100k from the County, \$49k for the rip rap project and \$225k from pandemic monies available.
11. Social Media Update: Duane will provide an update at the next meeting.
12. Dredging Update: Fred provided the following information. The northside creek dredging went well. Wrote a report/article. Had 5 trucks donated. Creeks weren't quite as full. Took about 460 yds. out. Tollefson did the dredging again. Does good work. Last year cost was about \$1,175. Should be about the same cost this year. J&J excavating donated trucks. Last year's cost was about \$1200 last year.
13. Fish Crib Update: Duane indicated that we have started a new style of fish cribs using pallets that have been donated by some local businesses. The new cribs will be installed in the spring.
14. Fundraising Update: Tad will provide an update at next meeting. Lori did indicate that we are waiting for final approval from the State of WI for our 2022 calendars and expects it within the next week or 2.
15. Ice Fisheree Update: Fisheree is set February 5th, 2022. Lori will do some email blasts to continue getting the word out. Dan confirmed that we are around 20% so far in tickets sales. There are some supply chain issues however Dan feels confident that he will be able to get things situated. Fred confirmed use of his tent again and Tad confirmed us of his vehicle as was used last year.
16. Other Business: Dale provided an update on the historical sign and that it will go to the casting editor after the 1st of the year and believes install will likely be in May or June 2022.

President Lori Bechtel adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.