

**Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Fred Poss at 9:00 A.M.  
Present were Dean Boehne, Duane Ives, Al Hendricks, Rod Zika, Lori Bechtel, Ed Wilson, Ed Henry, and Pam Hanson. Excused were Vicki Reed, Dale Zank, and Phil Kalscheur. Guests present were Marlo Orth and Alex Sobotta.
2. Minutes from the August 1, 2015 minutes were presented and reviewed. After no changes, minutes were approved as presented.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne. General discussion on finances. Report was approved as presented.
4. Rod Zika presented a \$1,000 grant opportunity that the Lake Association is eligible to receive on shoreline preservation using native plants. Discussion to use aeration site as a possible demonstration site. Rod will contact Kristin Charlton to see if she is interested in leading the effort.
5. Guest speaker Alex Sobotta from the Wildland's School requested assistance from the Lake Association on volunteers needed to continue monitoring the walleye study that was implemented earlier in 2015. Two students would like to go out on the water on Wednesdays for 2-3 hours but an adult volunteer is needed to accompany them, preferably with a boat. Lake Association will coordinate an email requesting volunteers.
6. Fred Poss presented a request from Larry Comstock regarding transferring the aeration site ownership over to the Lake District with the Lake Association guaranteeing the payments to continue until the land is fully paid for. This will alleviate property taxes that would likely increase as the new assessment will be coming out soon. Motion made by Dean Boehne to transfer ownership and seconded by Ed Henry, motion approved.
7. Fred Poss led a discussion requesting board members or others to testify at the next Lake Altoona board meeting in late November regarding the closure of ice fishing on that lake and how it will impact Lake Eau Claire. We are requesting the bag limits to be changed on January 1<sup>st</sup> instead of May, as currently planned. Fred is also requesting board members to attend the next Eau Claire county board meeting being held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Representation is needed to request matching funds of \$100,000 on river dredging.
8. Triathlon 2015 summary, event was a success, over 300 meals served even though attendance was slightly down. The next event will be on June 11, 2016.
9. Duane Ives presented a summary on the recent clothing sales auction handled through Order My Goods and Fleet Feet. Total sales were 141

items with a net profit of \$336.50. Another store will likely be run in the spring.

10. Duane Ives discussed the Association Facebook page and the overall goal is information sharing. The site can be used for other things in the future including fundraisers, highlighting of sponsors, and cross promotional opportunities. The cost is zero and is a great place to get information out to the public.
11. Duane Ives led a discussion on the current Lake Eau Claire website and keeping information current. Duane will continue to evaluate and research possibilities for an operational website. Rod Zika will arrange for Duane to gain administrator rights to the current website.
12. Golf outing will be held on July 30, 2016 and the effort will be coordinated by Leann Balliett.
13. Rod Zika discussed aeration site and preliminary results. The aeration was turned off last Monday. A review of the data points will take place with the DNR. Rod also indicated the need for a small heater in the aeration building. Heater plus install bid is \$500 and will proceed as planned.
14. Fish crib update: Fred indicated the last fish crib install went well and had some great new volunteers. Thus far, 183 fish cribs have been installed and a total of 50 tree falls have also been completed. Cribs will be checked next year to be sure they have remained in place. Fred gave a summary of a fish crib survey that was done at the annual picnic. 32 responses were received with 31 indicating the effort should continue and only 1 indicating no.
15. Discussion led by Fred on whether there is a Wisconsin Tourism state award for 2016 and whether we can apply. Ed Henry to research and also contact Robin Walsh for follow up.
16. Holiday Party update: Request has been received to move the holiday party to the second Saturday in January. After discussion the board approved the date for the holiday party to be Saturday, January 9, 2016. The event will be held at the Lion's Hall and is open to the public.
17. Newsletter articles are due to Fred Poss by November 10<sup>th</sup>.
18. The next board meeting will be Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Submitted by:

Lori Bechtel

Secretary