



Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 22, 2017

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Lori Bechtel at 9:00 A.M. Present were Dean Boehne, Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives, Dan Marcheske, Dale Zank, Pam Hanson, Al Hendricks, Fred Poss, Phil Kalscheur, Vicki Reed and Marc Christopher with two guests, Marlo Orth and Kristin Charlton. Absent was Ed Wilson.
2. Minutes from the May 13, 2017 minutes were presented, reviewed and no changes noted. Motion made to approve minutes as presented by Dean Boehne and unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne.
 - a. General discussion on membership renewals, fundraisers for May and June.
 - b. Triathlon was a success and a huge thank you to the committee and volunteers.
 - c. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
4. Public comment by Marlo Orth
 - a. General discussion of status of a new deposit site along with a medium to help communicate the need for financial support with the County and members. Site located on Hwy G, near horse trailer parking lot. New proposed deposit site is 36 acres, could hold enough sand for ~ 20 years (at 6 feet deep)
 - b. Agreed that that a brochure should be created highlighting projects, events, etc. in a bullet-point format. Pam Hanson, Duane Ives, and Fred Poss to lead this effort and target completion date of September 30th.
 - c. Motion by Fred Poss to allow President Lori Bechtel spend up to \$8k for work that the lake district needs to do for the new deposit site for surveying, staking and engineering. Motion was seconded by Dale Zank and approved.
5. Lake District recently applied to the County for a \$100k matching funds grant for lake rehabilitation efforts. The next hearing meeting will be in Fall Creek at the town hall on Thursday, July 27th.
6. Northside creek dredging update by Fred Poss. Removed 39 truckloads of sand (387 cubic yards) out of Hay Creek.
 - a. Fred Poss requested another \$1,500 to dredge Bedpost and Beach Creek in early fall. Duane Ives seconded the motion and approved.

- b. Town of Ludington voted to no longer donate the use of a truck for dredging efforts. Lori Bechtel to reach out to the Township. Currently City of Augusta and Town of Bridge Creek donate the use of their trucks.
 - c. Future consideration: \$64K (Muskrat \$40k and Hay Creek \$24k) to create new traps up stream; cost estimates do not include cost is to build a road, and \$27K annually for clean out at Hay Creek
7. Fish crib installation update from Dale Zank and Fred Poss. Volunteers are dwindling and more difficult to maintain the schedule of 16 per year. There is currently a total of 283 fish cribs and 88 tree falls with a goal of 500. Recommendation to move to annual effort instead of twice a year and increase the number made to 20 instead of 32 so we can continue to meet goals. It was suggested that we cancel the August fish crib event and make changes for next year. Marlo Orth mentioned that there will be more tree drops to assist in this effort.
8. Dan Marcheske announced that the Ice Fisheree is scheduled for February 3rd, 2018. Augusta Bass Anglers are not hosting their annual summer fishing contest this year. He offered to create and run a catch and release event and open up fundraising opportunities for the LECA. August 26th was suggested to get the permit and hold the event but it is running late. It was agreed to table until 2018.
9. August 19th Annual Meeting coordinated by Ed and Bonnie Wilson
 - a. Social Hour at 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm and the meeting after.
 - b. Display the vintage pictures and have lake video going
 - c. Food caterer will be Tugger's Sweet Shoppe and Catering
 - i. Chicken dinner w/beer \$15.00/person for adults and \$10/child
 - d. Annual meeting agenda August 19, 2017 at County Park
 - i. Vicki Reed offered to present an illustration of the water testing
 - ii. Voting on continuing fire works
 - iii. Annual audit in process.
 - iv. Bylaw change discussion
 - v. Nominating committee – Four positions will be up for renewal in 2017 (Fred, Dale, Ed, and Vicki) Lori will reach out to individuals to form a nominating committee
10. Golf outing update by Lori Bechtel next Saturday, July 29th. Leann Balliett is managing the event and everything is going well including raffle sales. Secured the hole in one insurance. Event to be held at The Osseo Golf Course on July 29th.
11. Other business:
 - a. Gun raffle – both raffles sold out and first gun winner was drawn July 15th. The next drawing will be held Monday July 31st.
 - b. Letter from concerned citizen about boat safety over July 4th weekend
 - i. Reminder of regulations to be included in the next newsletter.

- c. Newsletter – articles due by August 11th, planned to send around annual picnic August 19th.
 - d. Holiday party to be held January 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00pm on the 2nd Saturday in January. To be held at the Lions Club in Augusta. Lori to inquire on availability.
 - e. Budget committee beginning work for 2018 with members being Lori Bechtel, Duane Ives and Pam Hanson.
 - f. Dale Zank informed board that there is a lot of garbage that has accumulated below the dam. If anyone is in the area, take a trash bag and help with cleanup.
 - g. Grant research and availability. Kristen Charlton volunteered to work with the board to gain visibility to what is available to help with initiatives.
 - h. Kristen Charlton, representing the WI Lakes Association, gave an update on Wisconsin Lake Board and the fact that there are a lot of open board positions and they need volunteers to serve. Being a board member involves quarterly meetings and an annual retreat. The group is self-sufficient because it lost all funding from the state.
12. Next meeting – October 7th at 9:00 am – Augusta Fire Station
13. Adjournment @ 11:15 am

Submitted by Pam Hanson, Secretary