



Lake Eau Claire Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 3, 2018

1. The Meeting was called to Order by President Lori Bechtel at 8:30 A.M. Present were Dean Boehne, Duane Ives, Dan Marcheske, Pam Hanson, Al Hendricks, Fred Poss, Amy Quella, Cathy Lea, and three guests, Marlo Orth, Jim Engel and Gary Gibson. Absent were Marc Christopher, Dale Zank and Phil Kalscheur.
2. Minutes from the January 13, 2018 minutes were presented, reviewed. Motion made by Fred Poss to approve minutes as presented, unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne.
 - a. General discussion on membership renewals and fundraisers.
 - b. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
4. Public comment:
 - a. Jim Engel announced he is running for an Eau Claire County Board Supervisor position. Jim detailed out three main reasons why he is qualified and why residents should vote for him.
 - b. Gary Gibson, current Eau Claire County Board Supervisor representative, announced he is running for re-election and gave an overview of the current county projects and grant activity for water quality and dredging along with the other positions he currently holds.
5. Fred Poss reported on the Northside creek dredging and indicated 16 truckloads of sediment were removed from Bed Post Creek for an estimated total of 160 cubic yards. A total of 17 truckloads of sediment were removed from Beach Creek for an estimated total of 180 cubic yards. The grand total of 340 cubic yards of sediment from both creeks were dumped at the Gravel Pit storage site on Connector Road. The cost for the cleanout of these two small creeks (with significant sediment amounts) was paid for by the LECA, as has been the case since they were established about fourteen years ago. Fred Poss has approval to start the process of the Hay Creek cleanout in early June with a budget of up to \$1,000.
6. Duane Ives gave a report on the corporate sponsorships and seven sponsorships have been received to date. Of the total, five are Muskie level and 2 are Northern level. Reminder given to the board to assist with the solicitation and forward the program to any businesses that may be interested in advertising.
7. Fred Poss gave an overview of the Ice Fisheree contest which was a successful fundraiser held on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. A big thank you for all the work

done by Dan Marcheske and all that volunteered for making this a successful fundraiser for LECA. The fish caught were reported to the DNR for the fish survey.

8. Lori Bechtel discussed the venue for the triathlon, The Lake House is currently for sale but the owner has indicated that we can use the grounds for the event. Further discussion will be needed if it is not reopened in time for the event.
9. Lori Bechtel led a discussion on the fireworks and options for increasing donations. The board spent approximately \$2,500 in 2017. The LECA has collected approximately \$2,900 in donations for the 2018 fireworks show. The 2018 budget was discussed and Amy Quella made a motion to spend \$3,500 for 2018 fireworks show and seconded by Fred Poss. The motion was approved unanimously and the show will be held on July 4th at dusk.
10. Lori Bechtel gave a report on the success of the gun raffle program held in 2017 and indicated another raffle will kick off in the spring, likely a turkey hunting gun.
11. Fred Poss gave an update on the fish crib installation project which is held once a year. The next install will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the north side boat landing. There are currently a total of 430 fish cribs and tree falls in the lake with a goal of 500 by 2020. The goal will be to drop 25 more per year for the next 3 years.
12. Other business:
 - a. Amazon Smile first receipt was received for the 4th quarter of 2017 for a total of \$33.81.
 - b. Duane Ives reported on the LECA clothing sale which is currently on sale and ends on March 11th.
 - c. Dean Boehne reported that the IRS annual tax-exempt certificate has been filed.
 - d. Fred Poss reported that the Augusta city council received the LECA and Lake District report.
13. Next meeting – April 28th at 9:00 am – Location TBD
14. Adjournment @ 9:40 am
Submitted by Pam Hanson, Secretary