

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm Present: Al Hendricks, Duane Ives, Cathy Lea, Al Weisenbeck, Dale Zank, Angel Zimmerman, Jill Weisenbeck and Jody Shong. Absent: Nathan Smith, Joe Vydrzal, Kim LaLonde and Fred Poss. Guests: Mike Lea.
2. Review of previous minutes dated September 20, 2022 A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Cathy Lea to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s report was provided by Jill Weisenbeck. Discussions included: Prepaid dues will be on the actual year’s books that they are for. Skidrow cleanout will remain in that category. Lake Altoona and LEC applied for an ARPA grant and the title of the boar and equipment will be in the Lake Eau Claire Association’s name. Receipts will be turned in and reimbursed by the county. After review and questions, a motion was made by Cathy Lea to approve the treasurer’s report and a second was offered by Dale Zank. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Lake District update (Mike Lea)
 - a. Dredging recently began at the traps. Total yards removed will be reported at the next meeting.
 - b. The Skid Row project will be partially funded by a Recreational Boating Grant, the County, and a DNR grant. It will include two new sediment traps – eagles nest and upstream from Skid Row. Survey work being done for the new sediment deposit site.
 - c. Cleanout out at the mouth of Haycreek can be done with two clear channels but will require extra dollars. Estimate is \$34k. Current fundraising effort is underway. Motion was made by Dale Zank to approve up to \$34,000 and second by Duane Ives. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
 - d. Dredging permit needs to be renewed this winter which will include the NW Creek.
6. Skid Row & Hay Creek Update – County funding will cover most but won’t cover in front of the cottages so may need a fundraiser.
7. ATV races will be held on January 14, 2023. No approvals were needed from the County or the DNR. The Lake Association will hold 50/50 raffles, large prizes etc. Nate and Nikki Smith will lead this effort with Duane and Trisha Ives also volunteering.
8. Ice Fisheree to be held on February 4th - Dale is unable to coordinate the volunteers. Lori connected with Scott Williams who is managing the event. The Ice Fisheree will once again donate Vexlar for a raffle. Jody Shong and Trisha Ives volunteered to coordinate the workers at the event.
9. Calendar Update – They have been ordered. Raffle license needs to be renewed and is pending but have not received state approval yet. Once approved, the calendars will be printed.
10. ARPA Grant – Equipment has been ordered and should be received in the Spring. It will include a 16 ft Bass Tracker with console and 20 HP motor. Items that will not be

- included with the grant: Life jackets, fire extinguisher, anchors, registration, rope, cushions cover and battery. Question was raised if the LECA would consider donating the funds to purchase these items. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
11. Board positions open- Pam Hanson and Dan Marcheks left the area which opens two board positions. Board members suggested the following individuals and Lori will try to contact each.
 - a. Joel Anderson may be interested.
 - b. Cathy Lea suggested Scott Williamson
 - c. Dale Zank suggested Jim Seichter
 12. Website- Lori needs help with getting the Lake Eau Claire website updated. Cathy Lea is willing to help but may need to roll off of something else. Lori will begin including on emails to the website company.
 13. Holiday Party – Hold off for this year and will get that added to the newsletter.
 14. Newsletter- Lori has received a few articles but is requesting more.
 15. Other Business:
 - a. Dale mentioned that the Historical sign is set to ship this week and will get that added to the newsletter
 - b. Clubhouse renovations – The county will leave the steel structure, fireplace and spiral staircase down to the water. Goal in a few years is to add heated restrooms. They have some dollars to get partial structure down.
 - c. Town of Bridge Creek Clerk and Treasurer positions are open if anyone knows of someone that might be interested.
 16. Next Meeting date – will be scheduled at a later date. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Submitted by

Angel Zimmerman