

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting,

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 5:32pm Present: Lori Bechtel, Al Weisenbeck, Angel Zimmerman, Jill Weisenbeck, Josh Zimmerman, Duane Ives (partial meeting), Nate Smith, Jill Benzschawel, Cheryl Claude, Heidi Conner Absent: Kim LaLonde, Joe Vydrzal. Cathy Lea, Jason Phillips, Al Hendricks Guests: Mike Lea
2. Review of previous minutes dated April 9, 2024. A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Josh Zimmerman to approve the minutes with one correction to Heidi's last name. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Review of previous minutes dated August 17, 2024. A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Josh Zimmerman to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
4. Treasurer's report was provided by Jill Weisenbeck.
 - Annual Meeting revenue \$3501 with net of \$1621.24
 - Lori transferred \$75k to CD which will need to be renewed/moved in April
 - Jill went through comparison 2023 to 2024.
 - Jill clarified budget categories.Motion was made by Josh Zimmerman and seconded by Nate Smith to approve Treasurers' report. Unanimous approved
5. No public comments
6. Mike Lea gave Lake District Update
 - FEMA designation was denied. Can still get the project done just not how it was originally planned.
 - Muskrat still isn't cleared, it is better but still needs more work. Need to remove minimum 4,000 yards, however Mike recommends 6,000 yards with cost of \$35,800. Motion made by Angel Zimmerman seconded by Nate Smith to approve up to \$35,800 to cleanout muskrat. Unanimously approved.
7. Picnic recap occurred during financial update.
8. Website management update - Lori, Cathy and Jason met with the website management company, JB Solutions. JB suggested moving current website to a new, user friendly platform which would have an approximate cost of \$1,500. The

proposal will be sent to board members. Motion made by Jill W and seconded by Jill B to approve \$1500 to upgrade website. Unanimously approved.

9. Fish crib installation is September 14th and is being led by Fred Poss and Dave Claude. Motion made by Angel Zimmerman seconded by Josh Zimmerman to approve \$500 for supplies needed.

10. Small creek dredging – Organization being handled by Joe Bechtel & Al Weisenbeck. Request made for up \$1,000 in expense. Motion made by Nate Smith seconded by Josh Zimmerman to approve up to \$1k. Unanimously approved

11. Tabled high water sign revisions until Cathy Lea can speak to it next meeting

12. Projects needed around the lake - Lori proposed revisiting a survey project to gather input from lake members on which projects the Association should prioritize. The team agreed to gather ideas for the survey questions and consider using an online survey service. They also discussed strategies for increasing membership recruitment, including a door-to-door campaign targeting property owners, a mailing campaign, and encouraging members to provide their email addresses. The team decided to organize these efforts for next spring.

13. Fundraising:

- Golf outing fundraiser – Would like to keep event and Josh, Jason and others would be willing and interested in taking over for Leann.
- Discussed an ATV raffle large raffle. Some concern regarding number of tickets that need to be sold. Jill agreed to help research idea before next meeting. This type of raffle has the opportunity to raise up to \$20,000.

12. Other business

- Membership recruitment: 220 properties on the lake, about 50% are members. Set up a committee to combine recruitment and survey and go door to door to obtain feedback and recruit new members.

13. Next meeting date to be determined via email

14. Lori adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.