

Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting,

1. Call to Order– Lori Bechtel called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm Present: Lori Bechtel, Al Weisenbeck, Jill Weisenbeck, Josh Zimmerman, Cheryl Claude, Heidi Conner, Cathy Lea, Jason Phillips, Al Hendricks. Guests: Mike Lea  
Absent: Nate Smith, Duane Ives Jill Benzschawel, Kim LaLonde, Joe Vydrzal, Angel Zimmerman
2. Review of previous minutes dated January 28, 2025. A motion was made by Duane Ives and seconded by Jill Weisenbeck to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s report was provided by Jill Weisenbeck.
  - Full walk-through and recap of year end 2023/2024.
  - Lori will send budget for members to review and can submit questions and review for clarification and suggestions.
  - Al Hendricks posed the question if we submit thank you card when people make personal contributions. Lori B to send out when we know who they come from often they come from the company and it’s not always know where they’re from. Motion was made by Josh Zimmerman and seconded by Cathy Lea to approve Treasurers’ report. Unanimous approved
4. No public comments
5. Mike Lea gave Lake District Update
  - Dredging season is underway. Trouble Water trap should be complete in two2 weeks.
  - Gravel pit trap and Haycreek do not need to be done.
  - Eagles Nest bid was \$570 sq/yd
  - The Skidsteer Guy is also working on the Muskrat Creek and Hay Creek traps, with a bid of \$25,000 for the Hay Creek project.
    - Joe V made a motion to approve, Josh 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote, motion carried
    - Will share the news of the approval on FB
6. Website management update - Lori, is waiting for an update from the website company.
7. Events – Ice Fisheree is this weekend, Trisha Ives is coordinating volunteers.

- Cathy Lea recommends a winter gathering as people want to get together. The preference would be to hold it at a sponsors location. Jason is willing to help if the date works. Kim also is willing to help. Cathy will speak with Harvest Moon.
- Picnic will be similar to what has been done in the past. Mike Lea will confirm if we have a standing reservation.

#### 8. Fundraising-

- UTV Raffle - discussed the idea of organizing a UTV raffle as a fundraising event. They considered the cost of the UTV, the number of tickets to be sold, and the potential for selling tickets at different events. The team agreed that the UTV raffle could be a significant fundraiser, potentially generating \$20,000 in profit. However, they also acknowledged the need for time to plan and execute the event, suggesting that it could be ready for 2026. The team also discussed the possibility of selling tickets at various locations, including bars and UTV events. They agreed to consider expanding their picnic event to include the UTV raffle. The team also discussed the idea of conducting a public opinion poll on social media to gauge interest in the UTV raffle. Jill B obtained 3 quotes for the cost of UTV and trailer, cost would range between \$17k-\$20k. Suggest obtaining public feedback.
- Golf Outing – Leann Balliett is done organizing. Josh and Jason have agreed to take this over. August 23, 2025, is the date this year. Hoping to revive this event. Josh will follow up with Lori to find out who has donated in the past. Al H will provide hole in 1 sponsor.
- Calendars should be arriving soon.

#### 9. Other business –

- Need to do membership recruitment. Looking for volunteers to print, stuff envelopes and out in the mail. Suggestion to divide up lake properties and get board members out to encourage them to join the membership.

10. Next meeting date is April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

11. Lori adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.