

Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owner Association

Board Meeting

October 14, 2013

(approved Feb 24, 2014)

Present: T Boman (chair), F Haueter, T Eastlund, D Scharlemann, C Neff, Thom Storm, C Heltne, C Rusch

Absent: L Hall, R Carlson, R Hershey, B Possin

Treasurer Report. F Haueter presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses to date are greater than revenue. Cash reserves remain adequate. Grant monies from DNR for the LEEP for Youth are not expected in 2014. Budgeting for 2014 and 2015 was discussed. ***A motion by T Eastlund, seconded by C Rusch to approve the report carried unanimously***

Minutes of the Sept 9 meeting. In the absence of the temporary keeper of the minutes (L Hall), T Eastlund read proposed changes to the draft minutes, which had been circulated. Changes were accepted. ***A motion by C Neff, seconded by F Haueter to accept the Sept 9 minutes carried unanimously.***

Membership Committee report. Lacking a chair, T Boman led the discussion. Outreach to members for membership retention and dues payments were discussed. D Scharlemann indicated willingness to serve as Chair, Membership Committee.

Communications Committee Report. Current Committee chair and Newsletter editor C Rusch discussed the recent issue of the newsletter. ***D Scharlemann and C Rusch are to update the newsletter mailing list.***

Discussion turned toward the website. T Eastlund and C Heltne proposed a plan of getting a new, non-wordpress website and a deliberate development of a new site emphasizing communications. C Heltne indicated willingness to oversee and facilitate a communication plan, serve as Chair, Communications Committee. ***A motion by C Rusch, seconded by F Haueter, to appoint C Heltne as Chair, Communications Committee carried unanimously.***

C Heltne explained the 3 major parts of the communication efforts: (1) Newsletter, led by C Rusch,(2) the website committee, currently and temporarily led by T Eastlund and (3) a membership emailing capacity, to be led by C Heltne. C Heltne outlined a plan that included work on a new website and membership emailing capacity, and developing a budget and proposal prior the May 2014 Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 1030am so the Nominations Committee could meet.

At 1040am the Board reconvened.

.Report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee proposed a slate of nominees:

1. Vice President C Neff
2. Secretary T Eastlund
3. Chair, Membership Committee D Scharlemann

Election of secretary, vice president, and chair of the membership committee .

T Boman accepted the Nomination Committee report and restated the list of nominees for Board officer positions: C Neff (Vice President), T Eastlund (Secretary). The president called for a vote and the two nominees won the unopposed election unanimously.

After a recommendation by T Boman, ***a motion by T Eastlund, seconded by C Rusch, to appoint D Scharlemann as Chair, Membership Committee, was passed unanimously.***

Education Committee Report. C Neff reported on the LEEP program and the likelihood of an unbudgeted request for supplies and equipment for the May 2014 Field Trip. Donations will be sought for some of the items. **C Neff will share with the board a list of needed supplies and equipment. The information will help budgeting planned for May 2014.** Needs for the May 2014 Field Trip will be addressed by email meetings and deliberations of the Board.

C Neff reported that the Education Committee recommends splitting of the Education Committee into two committees, one for LEEP/youth and the other for adult/community audiences.

A motion by C Neff, seconded by D Scharleman to create two education committees (Education Committee/LEEP/youth and Adult/Community Education Committee) was passed unanimously.

The Board approved that C Neff is to continue as chair of Education/LEEP committee and T Eastlund will serve, temporarily, as interim chair of the Community Education Committee.

ECLA POA Membership Catchment Area. F Haueter discussed the existing geographic boundaries in which our membership is sought (largely Barnes Town and part to Gordon Town with Simms lake near the westernmost limit). F Haueter is obtaining a map that can be made available and put on the website and in the Board Guidelines.

Dams Report. C Rusch reported that Mooney Dam will have major repairs but dates and funding is uncertain. Repairs are not urgent and a draw down of the lake is not expected.

ECLA POA Storage. F Haueter and C Neff announce that our equipment and supplies have been moved from the Cedar Lodge to F Hauter's lakeside stuga. Rent is no longer being paid. T Boman sent a letter from ECLA POA to Cedar Lodge expressing appreciation for renting space. The last remaining piece of office equipment (shelves) will be removed soon. **Several members will meet Thursday Oct 17 at the stuga to go over materials being stored to discard as much as possible.**

Water Quality Committee and the Lowering of Lake Phosphate Levels initiative. The Board decided to set committee objectives as:

1. Review the scope of the problem
2. Discuss possible P sources
3. Work with towns, counties as need to urge enforcement of laws requiring septic system compliance

T Eastlund, F Haueter and (?) agreed to serve as members of the Water Quality Committee along with co-chairs T Boman and C Heltne.

Taste of the Lakes Recipe Booklet. T Eastlund showed the Board a mock-up of a 38 page, illustrated Recipe Booklet from the Cooking Demo on Aug 24. He recommended that they be printed and distributed to members and to the public (at town halls, bars, stores, VFW etc) as an awareness effort to further promote eating large mouth bass, to gain recognition as a lake ecology leader and to recruit new members. Discussion included that some members don't want one, others may prefer it send by email. Quotes from Advance Printing, Hayward, gave a price of \$1.10 per copy for 100, down to \$0.74/copy if 400 purchased. Members decided not to print now, but to reconsider in Spring 2014.

Barnes Watercraft Hours Ordinance Change to 10-6PM. C Neff reported that there will be a public hearing on the subject probably in November. We were encouraged to attend.

Outlet Bay Bridge. A recent engineer inspection reported that the bridge was capable of sustaining 25 ton traffic. There is public support to maintain the bridge (a petition). It seems likely that Barnes Town will maintain the bridge rather than remove it.

Board Guidelines changes. Due to time limitations, the proposed Board Guideline changes will be addressed by the Board via email.

The next face-to-face Board meeting will be in May 12, 2014

Prepared by T Eastlund