

Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owner Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013,
(Minutes approved Oct 14, 2013)
Maki's Restaurant

Present: Tom Boman, Ted Eastlund, Leslie Hall, Fred Haueter, Robert Hershey, Cris Neff, Carole Rusch, Denise Scharlemann, Thom Storm, and POA member Carol LeBreck. Absent, Carl Heltne and Barbara Possin

Minutes of August POA meeting approved as distributed

Nominating committee still needs to fill positions of secretary, membership chair and vice president. Membership committee chair position is crucial, as this position makes sure membership reminders are sent out at the end of the year.

Fred's Treasurer's Report approved. Figures showing higher expenses than income are misleading due to inconsistencies caused by confusion about when membership dues are due. Some lower contributions may also be due to 501c3 situation. Fred to present check (\$1200? to \$1300?) representing member designated AIS donations to the Barnes AIS Committee at Sept. Barnes Town Board meeting. Leslie to arrange for agenda to include presentation of check to AIS during AIS committee report. Fred's wife to bring camera, Leslie to make arrangement for photo and photo report to go in papers.

Carole R. reported on progress of fall newsletter. In addition to the preview of articles Carole e-mailed to us, it was suggested: Carole to put in a plea for e-mail addresses, Ted to provide article and pictures about "Taste of the Lakes", Carole to get names of CBCW landing volunteers from Sally - and Shoreline Monitors and CLPW pullers from Ingemar and Lee, to be included in a news item giving volunteers credit for their hard work.

Carol Lebreck was invited to speak on NR115. She reported that this latest assault on our lakes needs a response to the DNR by 5 pm deadline today. All board members also encouraged to e-mail by 5. This law greatly weakens laws requiring: limiting of impervious surfaces, limiting expansion of non-conforming structures, and limiting cutting in vegetative buffer zone. She suggested we contact the new Bayfield County zoning chairman, Rob Sherman, to request that we be informed immediately when plans come up for re-writes and zoning issues affecting our lakes. Motion by Cris, seconded by Leslie, to authorize President Tom Boman to send an e-mail from our membership opposing the new NR115 rules. Ron Carlson and Carol Lebreck to compose a letter which Tom will e-mail this afternoon. It was suggested that he copy the e-mail to Bayfield and Douglas County boards, their zoning Chairmen, the board of review, the Barnes and Gordon Town Boards and the Barnes Plan Commission. Formation of a POA Zoning Committee or equivalent was discussed. No action taken.

Ted reported on "Taste of Lakes" program. Very well received. Town Hall looked great with new ECLA POA and LEEP exhibits with table-top display boards and new table cloths. Discussed possible reasons for lower than expected attendance .

Cris reported on the LEEP fall educational program.. Classroom sessions at the school are completed. Canoe lesson at Drummond pond on Friday, The big day is this Monday Sept 16 at Middle EC boat landing. Rain date, Tuesday. Cris reported on excellent cooperation by the science teacher, and also by the English teacher who successfully integrates follow-up photojournalism projects by the students with English class. All board members are invited to help on Monday.

Motion by Chris – second by Denny – to reimburse Ted E. for the ECLA POA and LEEP exhibit tabletop display boards, logo graphics, photographs and table cloths used at “Taste of Lakes” and to be used at future events. Payment not to exceed \$400. Motion carried. Ted to get receipts to Fred.

Discussion about privacy regarding the names in news articles and on display board pictures. Cris to talk to school.

Ted reported on progress of website committee and their investigation into both volunteer and paid website developers. Carol Andresen and Ted plan to attend a website class. The committee wants to be sure that the website is developed in such a way as to ensure that the communication committee has editorial control, and that it includes ways to communicate back and forth with our members (and others). Thom S. discussed more details about the Chester Park pattern of website development, and communication techniques.

Cris reported on Cedar Lodge office space. Although Lodge owners have been good to us through the years, keeping the space is impractical. We are paid through September. Motion by Ted – second by Denny – to discontinue rental, effective end of Sept. Motion carried. Cris will notify the owners and set date for volunteers to remove materials from the space –To be stored temporarily at Fred’s Stuga.

Dates were set for Calendar year 2014. Regular board meetings 2nd Monday of April, May, June August, Sept, and Oct. July will have regular board meeting on Monday, July 14, and the Annual Meeting will be on July 19 . Education Seminar (topic to be determined) will be Aug. 23, and AIS Seminar on May 17. Tom B. to report dates to Town for inclusion in Town Calendar of Events.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45. Tom asked Leslie to e-mail her AIS reports for Aug. and Sept. which had to be skipped due to Board Meetings running overtime. Discussion ensued regarding ways to cover all agenda items in the time allowed for meetings.

Next meeting: October 14 – 8:30 am – at Maki’s

Submitted by Leslie Hall