

# Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area

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Annual Meeting  
July 2016

# Agenda

- 8:30 am---- Continental Breakfast.
- 9:00 am ---Welcome and Business Meeting
  - *Call to Order.....Carl E. Heltne*
  - *Minutes of previous meeting...Information-Barbara Possin*
  - *Treasurer Report-----information--Fred Haueter*
  - *Report of Board of Directors.....information--Carl E. Heltne*
    - Strategy Map –Barbara Possin
    - Current Activity
      - LEEP-CEH/Cris Neff
      - CAFO-Ted Eastlund
      - NR-55 –CEH
      - Town of Barnes Boat and Jet Ski Ordinance-CEH
  - *Election of Board of Directors..... Action Item*
    - *Report of the Nominating Committee..... Cris Neff*
    - *Nominations from Membership.....Carl E. Heltne*
  - *Other Business .....Carl E. Heltne*
  - *Adjournment.....Carl E. Heltne*
- 9:45 am-- Educational Program and Committee Reports- “Round Robin” and Coffee
  - Water Quality Committee
  - Lake Fisheries
  - LEEP
  - Town of Barnes EMS Committee Information
  - Aquatic Invasive Species-CBCW- Shore line Monitoring, BAISS Boat

Annual Meeting Minutes-Barbara  
Possin

# Treasurer's Report-Fred Haueter

## FOECLA TREASURER'S REPORT - ANNUAL MEETING JULY 16, 2016

### Financial Statements June 30, 2016 vs. June 30, 2015

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	Difference	Comments
<b>Member Numbers</b>	202	129	73	Membership numbers up significantly vs 2015
<b>Membership Contrib.</b>	8,890.00	4,460.00	4,430.00	Avg. contribution up from \$35 to \$44 in 2016
<b>Fund Contributions</b>	6,415.00	1,895.00	4,520.00	Total Fund contributions up significantly vs 2015
<b>Grants</b>	100.00	0.00	100.00	Schwab Charitable Grant
<b>Total Contributions</b>	15,405.00	6,355.00	9,050.00	Large increase in membership and avg. contribution
<b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>				
<b>Clean Boats/Clean Waters</b>	300.00	3,025.00	-2,725.00	CBCW \$3,030 distributed in June
<b>Invasive Species</b>	5,203.58	1,758.58	3,445.00	Contribution for DASH/BASS waiting on budget request
<b>Education</b>	702.01	-1,220.25	1,922.26	Negative balance made up by contributions in late 2015
<b>Expenditures</b>	5,834.60	2,664.70	3,169.90	Higher expenditures are distributions from CBCW & Ed Funds
<b>Bank Account Balance</b>	32,566.42	28,070.90	4,495.52	Balance reflects high contribution increases

# Board of Directors Report

# Mission

- Our purpose is to engage in activities that :

“ Protect, Preserve and Improve the Environmental and Esthetic Quality of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Watershed including the Lakes, Rivers, Shorelands, Forests and attendant Wildlife resources”

# CY16 Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Strategy Map

**Purpose: Protect, preserve & improve the environmental & esthetic quality of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Watershed including the lakes, rivers, shorelands, wetlands, forests, & attendant wildlife resources**

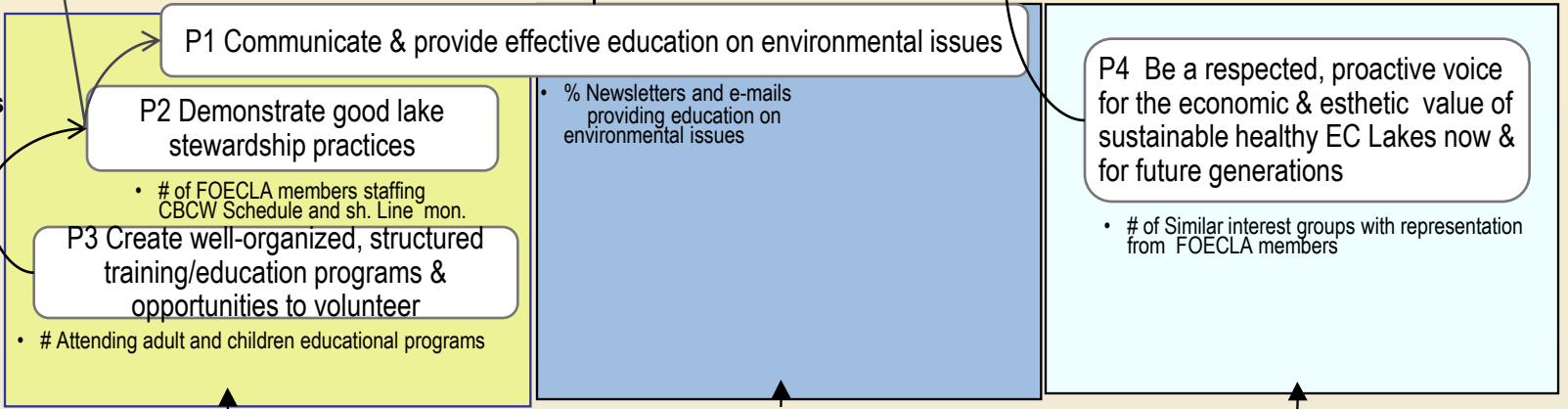
## STRATEGIC

To sustain our Purpose. How should we appear to our members/stakeholders?



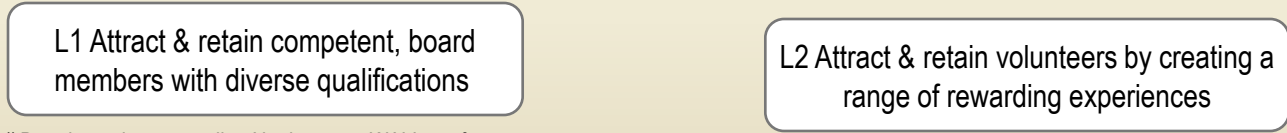
## INTERNAL PROCESSES

To satisfy our members/stakeholders at which operational processes must we excel ?



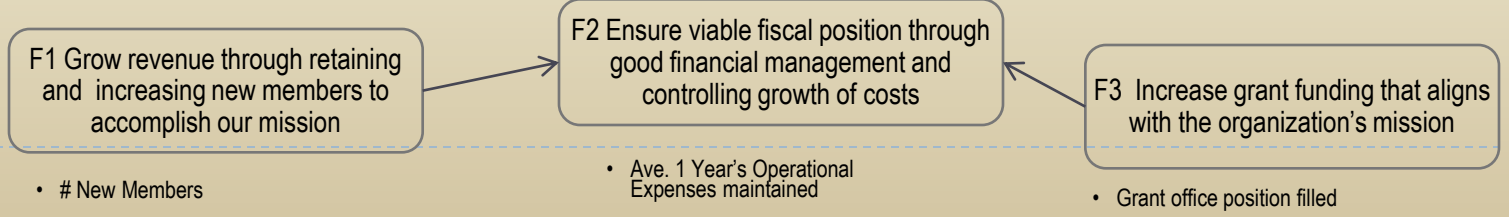
## LEARNING AND GROWTH

How will we sustain our ability to change and improve?



## FINANCIAL

To financially sustain our Mission, on what must we focus?





# Current Reality

- The activities of the organization has lead to a deeper understanding of what is necessary to keep our lakes clear and beautiful.
- Members are involved in monitoring the health of our lakes by participating in CBCW, Shoreline Monitoring, testing water clarity and quality, providing and sponsoring educational opportunities to assist all in good lake stewardship.
- Today our water quality is listed in the top 10% of all Wisconsin waters.

# Current Activity

- With our financial support and volunteers we continue to assist the Town of Barnes in the operation CBCW and Shoreline Monitoring.
- We have contributed financially to the development and operation of the BAISS boat which will significantly enhance our efforts with reference to A.I.S.
- Would note the CBCW activity for last year:
  - 3766 boats inspected and 8573 individuals educated
  - Highest number of Bayfield County
- Though the activity of many volunteers and with financial support we continue the LEEP(Lake Ecology Education Program) which works with the Drummond School to provide classroom and outdoor education. The goal is to foster an interest and understanding of environmental stewardship.

# Current Activity

- We are an active voice in public policy discussion such as the “Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operation” that is in the due diligence process in Bayfield County and the state wide discussions with reference to Zoning ordinances with special reference to NR 55.
- There has been discussion again this year concerning Town of Barnes Ordinance, Chapter 8, Section 4 which reads as follows:
  - “No person shall water ski, operate a motorboat or other power propelled device pulling and object and/ or a person or use a jet ski on the waters herein described after the hour of 5:00 pm and before the hour of 10:00 am”
  - Survey of our membership revealed support for the Town of Barnes Board to maintain this ordinance by 83% to 17%. This information was shared with the Town Board
  - There has been no action to change this by the Town Board
- This year we again held our Beer Social to thank current members and inform perspective members about the “Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area”
- We were proud sponsors of the “Vatten Paddler”. We provided financial support and were responsible for organization of the volunteers who marked the route and also were safety monitors.

# Current Activity

- We continue with our efforts to ensure we have effective communication between the board and the membership.
- This is vital as it provides needed information for the directors and assists in providing education and information for the membership.
- We will continue to use the Website, Surveys and E-mail blasts and ask for input to improve this function.

# Looking Forward

- Membership is vital to the success of the organization.
- Please invite other to join and become involved.
- Volunteers-- A lot of activity requires many heads and hands- we are a volunteer organizations- your help with one activity or function is most welcomed.
  - Examples:
    - Multiple opportunities to participate in LEEP activities
    - Multiple opportunities to participate in operation activities of our organization
    - CBCW
    - Shore line Monitoring

# Thanks

- Thanks to you the members for your financial support, your input and your time and effort and your volunteer activity.
- Thanks to our Zoning Liaison. Carol Lebreck for all of her time and effort in educating us and providing a voice for us

# August Education Seminar

- Wild Edibles

Date- August 20-Time 8:30- 11:00 am-Continental  
Breakfast served

Location- Barnes Town Hall

# Nominating Committee Report

- Denny Scharlemann

- Resides on Upper Eau Claire Lake
- Active “Birder”
- Enjoys Cross Country Skiing
- Volunteer for the Twin Cities Animal Humane Society
- Chair of FECLA Membership and Education Committees

- Fred Haueter

- Resides on Middle Eau Claire Lake
- Treasurer of the FECLA
- Volunteer LEEP, CBCW, Park Theater of Hayward
- Monitors Water Quality on Bony Lake
- Carnivore Tracking Program Volunteer



# Other Business

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# Round Robin

- Five Stations
  - Water Quality
  - EMS Town of Barnes
  - LEEP
  - Lake Fishery Update
  - Aquatic Invasive Species
- Rotate every 10 Minutes
- Enjoy and learn a bit