

Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area
Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2016

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Barnes Town Hall.

Members Present: Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Carl Heltne, Thom Storm, Fred Haueter, Ted Eastlund, Jim Krook, Anne Torrey, Barbara Possin

Excused Absence: Bob Hershey

Consent Agenda Item:

- Minutes of May 9, 2016

Motion by A. Torrey and seconded by J. Krook to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

F. Haueter distributed summary of May 31, 2016 financial status. Current checking balance is \$34,818.02 which is an increase of \$8,602.87 from last year. Of note is the increase in membership by 87 members and average contributions have almost doubled from last year increasing from \$25 to \$44. Motion by J. Krook and seconded by C. Neff to approve. Motion carried.

LEEP Update:

C. Neff reported that the May 18 Spring Field Trip was well-organized and went well with 32 students participating. The fall event will be in September and C. Neff will e-mail the exact dates.

Membership Beer Social, June 25, 2016 at the Cedar Lodge from 3-6 PM:

D. Scharlemann reported that event plans are in place except for some issues with signage and a monitor for the LEEP display. C. Neff will find someone to monitor the LEEP display and communicate with D. Scharlemann. T. Eastlund will put up external signage one week in advance. Flyers were distributed to place in local businesses. T. Eastlund will bring the membership and LEEP displays to C. Heltne who will bring them to the Cedar Lodge on June 25th in advance of the event. C. Heltne will do an e-mail reminder to members this week.

Additional discussion to have copies of *Taste of the Lake* recipe book and CAFO information available at event as well as for T. Eastlund to distribute as appropriate. Motion by T. Eastlund to print 10 copies of recipe book and 10 copies of CAFO. Motion seconded and amended by D. Scharlemann to 30 copies of recipe book and 10 of CAFO. Motion carried. These will be printed by Loffler and reimbursed at cost.

Annual Meeting:

Date is July 16, 2016 at Barnes Town Hall from 9:00-11:30 AM. Continental breakfast at 8:30 and board members to arrive at 7:30.

C. Heltne proposed that we pattern agenda as last year with a short business meeting that will include update on LEEP, NR55, survey results of waterski ordinance, CAFO. This will be followed by 5 Round Robin stations:

- LEEP

- Aquatic Invasive Species (includes Clean Boats Clean Water, DASH, Shoreline Monitoring)
- Lakes; Fisheries
- EMS
- Water Quality

Will have an information table on FOECLA but this will not be a Round Robin station. C. Neff to order same amount of food as last year. T. Eastlund will do the sandwich boards.

August Education Event

Date is August 20, 2016 with continental breakfast at 8:30 and the presentation from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Barnes Towne Hall. C. Heltne announced that two speakers have been confirmed. They are Joan Jacobowski and Yulia Welk who will speak on Wild Edibles. F. Haueter suggested there be copies of the *Taste of the Lake* cookbook available and C. Neff will order breakfast for 50.

Volunteer Spreadsheet:

Copies of current draft were distributed and revisions proposed. B. Possin to make revisions and send to D. Scharlemann who will use when she makes a personal contact with members who have indicated an interest in volunteering their services to FOECLA organization. Final version will also be placed on the website.

Vatten Paddler:

FOECLA is again a sponsor of the event to be held July 9, 2016. This year we are the team lead for safety and course monitoring. Safety boats will have the added duty to monitor racers for adherence to rules. E.g., staying within marker buoys, keeping PFDs on etc. C. Heltne will send e-mail blast to membership promoting the event and will include that volunteers are needed.

Meeting suspended by C. Heltne at 2:50 PM.

Nomination Committee:

Nomination Committee called to order by C. Heltne. Those present were: Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Carl Heltne, Thom Storm, Fred Haueter, Ted Eastlund, Jim Krook, Anne Torrey, Barbara Possin.

C.Heltne reviewed the current board member term limits as follows:

- C. Neff: June 2018
- B. Hershey: June 2017
- F. Haueter: June, 2016
- T. Eastlund: June 2017
- C. Heltne: June 2018
- D. Scharlemann: June 2016
- B. Possin: June 2018
- A. Torrey: June 2017
- J. Krook: June 2017
- Vacant: June 2016

F. Haueter and D. Scharlemann both agreed to have their names submitted to be re-elected. Committee voted and approved having C. Heltne contact John Strachota to ask his consent to have his name submitted for election to board.

Nomination Committee adjourned at 2:55.

Board Meeting re-called to order by C. Heltne at 3:00.

Communication Committee:

C. Heltne reported that the newsletter will be sent out both electronically and mailed at the end of next week. It will include minutes of last year's annual meeting, notice of next annual meeting, and the events calendar.

The committee also discussed the vacant newsletter editor position and proposed that in the future a one-page communication be mailed out twice a year in June and January. Components to include:

- LEEP update
- Public Policy update
- Current status of lakes and streams
- A "Musing"
- Information regarding volunteer opportunities

The committee will assume responsibility to seek out individuals to draft content for above topics and will use our vendor, Loffler, to produce. T. Eastlund made a motion, seconded by D. Scharlemann to accept the committee's recommendations regarding future newsletters. Motion carried.

Tax Deductible Receipt Mailing Process:

There were questions and discussion regarding the best process for sending tax deductible receipts to members for their donations. Currently done once a year in January and there was a question if it would be more responsive to do as each donation is received. Concern expressed that this would be more time consuming.

Topic tabled until July meeting.

Water/Jet Ski Hours Town Ordinance:

T. Eastlund distributed a shorter, more focused draft document of "Talking Points" supporting continuation of the 10am to 5 pm current water/ jet ski hours. The chair requested members send feedback to T. Eastlund. C.Heltne will send survey results to Ted and suggested the final version be distributed at the Annual Meeting. Members recommended deletion of the final three optional talking points because they seemed biased against motor boating in general.

Final version to be approved at next month's meeting.

Adopt a Highway:

Appreciation was given to D. Scharlemann for cleaning up 1 mile of our 2 mile assigned roadside. Motion by C. Neff and seconded by F. Haueter that we get the signage revised, purchase safety vests and seek volunteers. Motion carried. D. Scharlemann will complete the form in order to get signage revised and C. Heltne will purchase 20 safety vests.

Open Discussion:

A.Torrey communicated that Forrest Point Golf Course used to have cross country ski trails with an honor system for payment. This system was abused and due to cost they no longer do this but would be willing to reconsider. Anne suggested organization evaluate collaborating with others such as creating a co-op structure to provide advance financial support to Forrest Point. Discussion regarding how this activity aligns with our strategy, but those present agreed it was consistent with our overall mission.

Topic tabled until July meeting.

C. Neff reported that John Kudlas retirement party is August 19th at Fred Haueter's. Fred will grill brats and burgers and event will be a pot luck. T. Eastlund motioned and J. Krook seconded that Fred be reimbursed \$100 for the meat. Motion carried.

Cris reported need to update list of resources related to Good Stewardship of the lakes. C. Neff will send out and members can update and return to her.

T. Eastlund reminded the board that the WI Lake Conference is in Spooner June 24th. He will be displaying our exhibits on LEEP and FOECLA.

Motion by C. Neff and seconded by A. Torrey to have a table top display on CAFO at the WI Lake Conference. Motion carried. Ted will prepare it.

C. Neff motioned and J. Krook seconded that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Possin
Secretary