

FRIENDS OF THE EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2022
Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Kevin Shriver, Cris Neff, Jim Bakken, Denny Scharlemann, Marty Olson, Mike Milliken, Jeri McGinley, Anne Torrey, Katherine Stewart, Lee Wiesner, Wayne Kolberg, Marianne Paker

Call to Order: President Shriver called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Minutes: Bakken presented minutes of the October 11, 2021 Board for approval. Motion by Stewart, 2nd by Wiesner to approve the afore mentioned meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: McGinley presented the Treasurer's report and revised 2022 budget. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Scharlemann, 2nd by Torrey, motion carried.

BAHA MacQuarrie Sponsorship: McGinley reported that BAHA stated on their Gordon MacQuarrie Pilgrimage and Tour brochure that FOECLA was sponsoring the MacQuarrie BAHA event, however FOECLA had not voted to do so. Motion by Stewart to approve an "after the fact" sponsorship of the BAHA event, 2nd by Paker, motion carried.

Taste of Barnes: Shriver presented a letter from Melissa Scully (spouse of Town Board Supervisor Dave Scully) and Colleen Ruhman (Cedar Lodge), outlining the Taste of Barnes event planned for June 17-19. On Saturday, June 19, vendors are invited to showcase their business or activities. Motion by McGinley to participate in the Taste of Barnes by showcasing FOECLA, 2nd by Wiesner, motion carried. Kolberg will lead the effort, Wiesner, Neff, and Bakken offered to assist, all board members are welcome to participate.

Committee Structure: Shriver presented his proposed standing committee structure and membership assignments. The standing committees are expected to drive the agenda items in the future.

Treasurer Position: Discussion on need to identify a new treasurer to replace McGinley when she leaves the board.

New Board Members Needed: Looking for two board candidates to replace Scharlemann and McGinley. Forward candidate names to membership committee.

Membership Recognition: McGinley suggested the board consider recognition of large donors by offering a lifetime membership to FOECLA. The creation of a lifetime membership category and the consideration of a member for the President's Award were referred to the Membership and Outreach Committee for discussion and recommendations to the board.

LEEP: Neff reported that Parker Arntsen-Beaudin, LEEP Coordinator, will be leaving FOECLA the end of May. She will be attending UW Madison in the fall. The position was advertised with minimal response to date. Discussion on this position followed with no clear resolution at this time.

Boater Safety Event: Milliken reported on the Boating Safety event scheduled for June 25 at Tomahawk Park. Adam Stennett, DNR Recreational Warden, is scheduled to speak at the event. Neff has also volunteered to speak about AIS in Tomahawk Lake. No response from Brett Frierhood, Ambulance Director, to date. This event is supported by the Town of Barnes via the MOU; Bakken will contact the Town Chairman to facilitate participation in the Boating Safety event by the Ambulance Department. This event will be advertised at the Taste of Barnes and elsewhere (assistance on poster and advertisement by Scharlemann. Door prizes will be awarded at the event.

Scholarship: Olson reported that a Drummond student has been selected to receive the FOECLA scholarship. This student, identity to be released after the Drummond School District scholarship awards event, will be attending Stanford University. Northwoods School applications are not due yet so there are no scholarship awards to report at that school.

AIS Cleaning Station: McGinley reported the Douglas County boat cleaning station at Mooney Park boat launch will be installed this summer. There is interest in similar cleaning stations at Middle and Upper boat landings.

May Newsletter: McGinley requests that ideas for inclusion in the May Newsletter be forwarded to her.

Annual Meeting: Scharlemann requested ideas for speakers at the annual meeting. Bakken reported that a DNR Forester expressed willingness to speak on Oak Wilt disease. Bakken will follow up with to confirm his availability to speak on July 16.

Campground Proposals - Barnes and Mooney Park: Shriver reported that a new campground by the Town of Barnes, and a Campground expansion at Mooney Park (Douglas County) are being proposed. The campground proposals were referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion and recommendations to the board.

VRBO on Area Lakes: Wiesner reported that some VRBO rentals on area lakes are apparently advertising and allowing person capacities that exceed the installed septic system capacity. Concern is that septic systems are being overtaxed and may potentially harm lake water quality. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Healthy Lakes Grant: Bakken reported that the current Healthy Lakes Grant ends in December and asked if we want to apply for a new grant. McGinley offered to provide grant administration, even after her term on the board ends, should we go ahead with a grant. Bakken will provide background on the grant for consideration at the May meeting.

Next meeting: May 13, 2022, 1:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Neff, 2nd by Kolberg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.