

FRIENDS OF THE EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA
Board of Directors Meeting at the Barnes Town Hall
August 12, 2022

Members Present: Kevin Shriver, Jim Bakken, Steve Wilbers, Lee Wiesner, Marianne Paker, Mike Milliken, Marty Olson, Anne Torrey, Wayne Kolberg, Cris Neff
Excused Absent: Roger Martin, Katherine Stewart

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

Minutes: Shriver presented the minutes of the July 8 board, the July 16 annual and the July 16, 2022 board meetings for approval. Motion by Olson, 2nd by Wiesner to approve the aforementioned meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report, prepared by McGinley, for June, was accepted by consensus.

Standing committee reports:

Executive Committee:

Marianne Paker was presented by Shriver as the membership chair. Paker was accepted by the consensus to officially fill the membership chair position. Torrey and Wiesner volunteered to assist on the membership committee. Shriver will convene the executive committee to discuss organization of this committee.

Shriver moved to accept the proposed slate of board officers: Shriver (president), Neff (vice president), Stewart (treasurer), and Bakken (secretary.) Second by Wiesner. Motion carried.

Shriver led a discussion of board meeting dates for 2023. Consensus reached to schedule monthly board meetings for the second Friday of the month, 9:00 to 11:30 AM, April through October, 2023.

Board member Torrey left the meeting at 3:10 PM for other commitments.

Membership/Outreach

Paker stated that as a membership organization, outreach to FOECLA members requires support from all board members and committees. She requested the name of the committee be "Membership" and not "Membership/Outreach" in future minutes and agendas to be consistent with the by-laws. Paker stated she will be coordinating a meeting to discuss membership strategy and activities.

Kolberg presented a positive report on the Taste of Barnes stating that there was a lot of activity at the FOECLA booth, especially at the aquatic plant/invasive species table. Kolberg provided a report with suggestions to improve the FOECLA booth for next year.

Education

Neff reported that the fall LEEP program is currently being set up and Amy Wiebuch, the new coordinator, is on board and working on the fall program.

Water Quality:

Bakken reported that the current Healthy Lakes grant ends December 31, 2022; McGinley is considering requesting a one-year extension of the grant to allow completion of two Healthy Lakes practices. A new grant application is due in November and Bakken and Wiesner are currently meeting with potential shoreline owners to develop a list of practices to be included in the grant application.

Wiesner reported that he checked on the cost of water quality testing for Boney Lake and other lakes. The cost is about \$100 per month which includes volunteer field work collecting samples, postage and water testing by the state lab of hygiene. UWSP also has the capability to test the water samples; the lab costs are comparable to the state's costs.

Removal of the non-native arrow alum plant discovered in Hole in the Wall Bay on Middle Eau Claire is under consideration by DNR experts. Horseradish plants on the shore of Middle are also being considered for possible removal. Wiesner will stay in touch with the DNR and Bayfield County regarding removal of these plants.

Next meeting: September 9, at the Barnes Town Hall.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Bakken, Secretary