

## FRIENDS OF EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA (FOECLA)

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	
	<b>9:00-11:30 a.m., June 9, 2023, Barnes Town Hall</b>	
	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
	<b>Call to order</b>	9:06
<b>1)</b>	<b>Roll Call, Members:</b> Jim Bakken, Wayne Kolberg, Roger Martin, Mike Milliken, Cris Neff, Marty Olson, Marianne Paker, Katherine Stewart, Anne Torrey, Lee Wiesner, Stephen Wilbers	<b>Present:</b> Jim Bakken, Wayne Kolberg, Mike Milliken, Cris Neff, Marty Olson, Marianne Paker, Katherine Stewart, Lee Wiesner, Stephen Wilbers  <b>Absent:</b> Roger Martin, Anne Torrey
<b>2)</b>	<b>Agenda Acceptance or Revisions</b>	
<b>3)</b>	<b>Minutes 2023-05-12: Approval or Revisions</b>	Motion to approve: Wiesner/Stewart; passed
<b>4)</b>	<b>Executive</b>	
a)	Motion to redact Jan. 27 minutes	Motion to redact prospective board members' names from our <a href="#">January 27 minutes</a> . Neff/Wiesner; passed
b)	Suggestions for three new Board members	Stewart has talked with one prospective board member. Paker suggested using Constant Contact to get the word out that we need to identify a slate of three by our July 15 Annual Meeting.
c)	Request to sponsor July 8 Vatten Paddlar	Bakken noted how well organized the event is under Kelly Knaus's leadership. He pointed out she is unpaid, displayed a <a href="#">banner</a> she had given him, and reported that navigability is being checked and downed trees are being removed. In response to a <a href="#">request for sponsorship</a> , an Olson/Paker motion to allocate \$500 was passed.
d)	Table at Vatten Paddlar finish (Loons & Lead)	Paker and Kolberg have been gathering material for distribution at the FOECLA table, including samples of leadless tackle. The Board discussed the importance of switching from lead tackle that can harm aquatic life, loons, and other birds of prey. The Board expressed its appreciation to Bakken for his good work in constructing 25 buoys and anchors to replace the old ones.
e)	Board members to attend NW June 23 Wisconsin Lakes conference in Spooner	Board members are looking forward to attending.
f)	Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers representation: Membership units vs. actual member numbers	The Board discussed options for counting membership as it relates to FOECLA influence when writing letters, making proposals, and advocating positions. One option would be to change "Basic" to "Individual" membership and count all household members. Paker and Stewart will meet to discuss and will advise the Board regarding possible changes and wording on membership forms.
g)	Need for a volunteer coordinator	The Board discussed having a coordinator who would respond to people expressing interest in volunteering and make appropriate referrals. Stewart and Paker will continue collecting names and creating a list of prospective volunteers from the returned membership forms. Stewart pointed out the need for volunteer job descriptions. As Wilbers noted, the five documents in the

		<a href="#">Volunteer Opps</a> folder of our ARCHIVES drive would be helpful in compiling that list.
h)	July 15 Annual Meeting Planning	Stewart has been working on an agenda and will confer with Board helpers Jeri McGinley and Denny Scharlemann. Denny sent Paker a <a href="#">things-to-do planning message</a> and noted that our <a href="#">2022 Annual Meeting minutes</a> need to be sent to FOECLA members via Constant Contact beforehand. Bakken offered to help with the PowerPoint presentation. Neff will send her slides to him. Olson reminded the Board that Article V of the FOECLA Board Manual lays out the Annual Meeting Agenda.
<b>5)</b>	<b>Treasurer Report</b>	
	<a href="#">June Report</a>	Stewart reported that quite a few duplicate memberships have come in recently. Some members paid in December or January and again in May after the newsletter came out. Stewart is contacting the members who have paid twice; most have instructed her to use the duplicate membership as a donation. She noted that next year we will want to try to minimize duplicate payments to cut down on the time the Treasurer spends processing these receipts.
	<a href="#">Expenditures vs. Budget</a>	Our memberships and donations are well ahead of last year, although we will likely still be spending some reserves this year due to increasing FOECLA's funding for the Town's invasive species efforts. Some expenditures have increased – such as the cost of the newsletter – although others may decline. For instance, we awarded only \$1,000 of the \$2,000 earmarked for scholarships for high school seniors.
<b>6)</b>	<b>Membership Report</b>	
	<a href="#">June Report</a>	Paker reported we're doing a better job with our overall messaging to members. As of June 6, we have 274 memberships, resulting in \$18,470 in membership contributions and \$6,077 in other contributions, for total contributions of \$24,547.
	<a href="#">Postcard to nonrenewing 2022 members</a>	Her written report includes results of our December mailing and our spring newsletter (the latter resulting in 24 memberships, including 10 new memberships contributing \$1,360 and 25 current members donating \$2,170). It also includes plans for a <a href="#">postcard</a> to the 55 households who have not renewed, our July 15 Annual Meeting, and an August 1 reminder letter, as well as a list of 2023 new members (accounting for contributions of \$3,355).
<b>7)</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>	
a)	Water Quality Committee to meet	Wiesner will convene a meeting.
b)	Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) & Lake Ecology Education Program) LEEP updates	Neff expressed appreciation to the EC Lake Conservation Club for its generous donation of \$200.

c)	Mechanical issues on the (Barnes Area Invasive Species Suction) BAISS boat	Neff reported that with Gus Gustafson's retirement from the AIS Committee, we need to find a person or persons to make repairs on the aging BAISS boat, sometimes on short notice. Paker will send a notice to membership. Mark Ritter repaired the puncture in the pontoon, and a part is needed for the water pump. Bakken and Wiesner questioned whether future repairs are sustainable. Curly-leaf pondweed removal is planned on Upper's Lyndale Bay, and other areas have been surveyed for AIS removal next year, with permitting required. Shunenberg Lake has too much pondweed for hand removal. Bakken suggested that mechanical removal, which has been used with good results elsewhere, may be needed to keep up with our rapidly increasing AIS threat.
d)	Reduced hours for paid boat landing monitors due to salary raise; flexible schedule	With no increase in grant money for paid volunteers, we need volunteers more than ever. Persons interested in helping out should contact Julia Lyons at (715) 590-4218 or <a href="mailto:julia.vanloo@gmail.com">julia.vanloo@gmail.com</a> .
e)	Bony Lake Water Quality monitoring update	Training for monitors is under way. Carol LaBreck will handle billing for reimbursement.
f)	Secchi Disc on George Lake	<a href="#">Bruce Wilson</a> will do.
8)	<a href="#">Taste of Barnes (June 17) update</a>	Kolberg anticipates that goodwill and good exposure will be created for FOECLA. Happy birthday napkins commemorating FOECLA's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and compostable forks have been ordered. Membership forms are printed and ready to go.
9)	<b>New Business</b>	
10)	<b>Upcoming meetings</b>	
	Annual Meeting planning	9 a.m., Fri., <b>July 7</b> , Kathy Stewart, 49720 River Rd.
	Board Meeting	9:00-11:30 a.m., Fri., <b>July 14</b> , Barnes Town Hall
	Annual Meeting	9:00-11:15, Sat., <b>July 15</b> , Barnes Town Hall
11)	<b>Adjournment</b>	