

## FRIENDS OF EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA (FOECLA)

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|           | <b>Board of Directors</b>  |   |
|           | <b>9:00-11:30 a.m., July 14, 2023, Barnes Town Hall</b>  |   |
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|           | <b>Agenda</b>  | <b>Minutes</b>  |
|           | <b>Call to order</b>   | 9:04  |
| <b>1)</b> | <b>Roll Call, Members:</b><br>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, Roger Martin, Mike Milliken, Marty Olson, Marianne Paker, Katherine Stewart, Anne Torrey, Lee Wiesner, Stephen Wilbers<br><br><b>Absent:</b> Cris Neff   |
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| <b>2)</b> | <b>Agenda Acceptance or Revisions</b>  | Two items moved* and one item added* to New Business, as noted below.   |
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| <b>3)</b> | <b>Minutes 2023-06-09: Approval with Revisions</b>   | Motion to approve: Martin/Wiesner; passed.  |
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| <b>4)</b> | <b>Executive</b>   | The Board agreed with Bakken's suggestion that, rather than distribute paper copies of agenda documents, members print their own copies as desired and that documents would be projected during meetings.   |
| a)        | <a href="#">July 15 Annual Meeting Planning</a>  | Bakken has updated the 2022 PowerPoint slide deck. He encouraged members who are presenting to limit their presentations to three minutes or less, with Stewart concurring that we "need to keep it moving." Paker is organizing room setup, and Martin is handling the drawing for 10 items, with his wife Peggy Martin giving tickets to attendees on entry.  |
| b)        | Suggestions for new Board members  | Stewart indicated that Barb Cooper, who has been working with Paker on membership, is willing to serve.   |
| c)        | Plans for a <a href="#">volunteer</a> coordinator  | The Board agreed that a job description needs to be written. Meanwhile, Paker has referred a few people interested in volunteering to Wiesner.  |
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| <b>5)</b> | <b>Treasurer Report</b>  |   |
| a)        | <a href="#">Treasurer Report June 2023</a>   | Stewart is contacting members who have joined or renewed twice in 2023 to see if they want to donate their second payments or have them returned.   |
| b)        | <a href="#">Expenditures vs Budget</a>   | Stewart reported that our finances are doing well, with donations, membership dues, and interest of \$27,720.61 exceeding budget projections by nearly \$12,000, and total assets of \$64,417.08 exceeding last YTD total assets by nearly \$200.   |
| c)        | *Membership Dues increase  | Stewart reminded the Board that a motion to approve is needed at the Annual Meeting. With the average member donation being \$90, she noted that an increase from \$20 to \$25 would be insignificant to most new and renewing members. After some discussion, the Board consensus was not to change "basic" to "individual" membership. Stewart noted that Paker has added a line on membership solicitations for indicating the number of |

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|    |   | household members. Opinions differed on whether a goal of 500 members was attainable.   |
| 6) | <a href="#">Membership Report</a>       | Paker's July 2023 report details 296 memberships, totaling \$20,570 in membership dues, plus \$7,165 in donations, for total contributions of \$27,735, with 31 new memberships (up from 25) and 45 lapsed members (down from 55).  |
| a) | Membership Dues increase*               | Moved to <b>Treasurer Report*</b>   |
| b) | Share mailing list with BAHA?*          | Moved to <b>New Business*</b>   |
| 7) | <b>Taste of Barnes (June 17) report</b> | Kolberg reported a huge success in increasing awareness of FOECLA, with its 50th year anniversary cake as the most popular item (followed by any item featuring a picture of a loon). He also noted attendees' appreciation of Milliken's skilled identification of plants. This year's attendance increased significantly, with double the restaurant sales from last year. Planning has already begun for next year (with Wiesner recommending we offer cake and loon tattoos).   |
| 8) | <b>Water Quality</b>                    | Wiesner convened a meeting of the committee, noting that FOECLA has donated \$500 for water quality monitoring on Bony Lake after its \$500 allocation was cut from the DNR-administered Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. Bakken reported that in contrast to the high-water years of 2018 and 2020, Kelly Lake is now completely dry and water level gauges need to be pulled.   |
| a) | NW Wisconsin Lakes conference (June 23) | Stewart, who attended the Spooner conference along with Neff and Amy Davies, said the conference was worthwhile, though she regretted that FOECLA did not receive credit for its support on the LEEP exhibit board. She also noted that Christian Cold's keynote address, unlike his presentation scheduled for our Annual Meeting, was not specifically on raptors and so was unlikely to deter attendance at our event.   |
| b) | Wake Boat Strategy                      | Current estimates are 3 wake boats on Upper, 6 on Middle, and 2 on Lower. Weisner noted that the DNR has determined that wake boats do create hazardous wakes, which are prohibited. Wake boats cannot be outlawed but their modes of operation can be regulated, with probably the most enforceable requirement being that a rope must be attached between boat and surfer/skier. Another approach would be to limit ropeless operation of wake books to lakes greater than 1,500 acres. <a href="#">The Presque Isle Lake Association</a> has been proactive in regulating and mitigating their damage. Following discussion about the need for statewide leadership and education of wake boat operators, Wilbers offered to create a <a href="#">Wake Boat folder</a> on our IN PROGRESS drive for members to upload information on both local and national initiatives to prevent wake boat harm to waters and shorelines. |

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| c)         | AIS & LEEP updates; volunteer recruitment | The Board discussed a four-prong approach to controlling Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): hand removal using divers and the Barnes Aquatic Invasive Species Sucker (BAISS) boat, chemical treatment, mechanical removal, and assistance from shoreline property owners, as well as education.   |
| d)         | Boat landing monitor hours and schedule   | With each landing more than 90 hours short of paid staffing, volunteers are needed.  |
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| <b>9)</b>  | <b>New Business</b>                       |  |
|            | *Share mailing list with BAHA?            | Given FOECLA's assurance of privacy to its members, Bakken will convey its decision not to share its members' email addresses with the Barnes Area Historical Association. Paker noted that the FOECLA membership list is not the same as the Town of Barnes property owners' list. Milliken moved and Wiesner seconded a motion that FOECLA will review and formulate a policy regarding respecting the privacy of its members' contact information. Motion passed. |
|            | *Loon platforms                           | Nesting platforms on Chippewa Lake were discussed, with outgoing Board member Torrey offering to make presentations on this and related topics given her Master Naturalist training with Emily Stone of the Cable Natural History Museum.  |
|            | Glaring lights on Upper                   | The Board discussed possible approaches to mitigating glaring lights on Upper, including a new especially bright light that illuminates a significant portion of the lake. Wilbers volunteered to follow up with the FOECLA members who requested assistance in dealing with the issue.  |
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| <b>10)</b> | <b>Upcoming meetings</b>                  |  |
|            | Annual Meeting                            | 9:00-11:15, Sat., <b>July 15</b> , Barnes Town Hall  |
|            | Board Meeting                             | 9:00-11:30 a.m., Fri., <b>August 11</b> , Barnes Town Hall   |
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| <b>11)</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>                        | 11:25  |