

FRIENDS OF EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA (FOECLA)

	Board of Directors	
	9:00-11:30 a.m., August 2 2024, Barnes Town Hall	
	Agenda	Minutes
	Call to order	*9:00 a.m.
1)	Roll Call, Members:	Present: Jim Bakken, Barb Cooper, Wayne Kolberg, Roger Martin, Marty Olson, Marianne Paker, Katherine Stewart, Craig Tanner, Lee Wiesner, Stephen Wilbers Absent: Cris Neff
2)	Agenda Acceptance or Revisions	
3)	Minutes 2024-07-12 minutes: Approval or Revisions	Motion to approve: Stewart/Wiesner; passed.
	2024-07-20 minutes: Approval or Revisions	Motion to approve: Weisner/Stewart; passed.
	Ratify between meeting motions	It was noted that motions were approved between meetings via e-mail by 100% of the board. Motion to modify the July 22, 2024 motion to direct the \$250 donation to the Wisconsin DNR Northern Elk Gift: Martin/ Cooper; passed.
4)	Executive	
a)	Election of Officers	<u>Slate of Officers:</u> President: Roger Martin Vice President: Jim Bakken Treasurer: Kathy Stewart Secretary: Barb Cooper Motion to approve the slate of officers effective after the August meeting: Wilbers/Paker; passed.
5)	Treasurer Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total assets are \$9,000 over August, 2023. 2. Stewart reported that a \$20,000 CD will be maturing and suggested that the board renew. Motion to renew per Stewart's recommendation and to authorize Roger Martin and Kathy Stewart to sign necessary paperwork: Martin/Kolberg; passed. 3. 2025 Budget - Stewart requests that board members submit their budget needs prior to the September 6 meeting. She will e-mail current and past year budget information.
6)	Membership Report	There were eight membership renewals received at the Annual Meeting, bringing household memberships to 342. It was suggested that a communication be sent about the organization's growth. Another suggestion was that members would be interested in how funds are used.

7)	Communications Upcoming DYK & Musing articles, Constant Contact, Facebook, Newsletter	<p>Tanner shared that we have data for sending communications to specific lakes or other demographics. There continues to be a need for people to write Musings. A former board will be featured in the fall and another will be asked to write one. A comment was made that the AIS activities and results might be presented differently in a communication.</p> <p>The board discussed an email from Lea Culliton suggesting board profiles and posting minutes on the website. This could be time consuming but will be considered as changes are made to the website. The slides presented at the Annual Meeting will be posted to the website if possible.</p>
8)	Water Quality	
a)	AIS & BAISS boat	<p>The board discussed if investing in additional AIS tactics, such as harvesting or chemical treatments is feasible. However, the costs may be prohibitive. The AIS committee chair is resigning at the end of 2024 and it is critical that there is a replacement, in addition to several committee member vacancies. FOECLA has a history of supporting the AIS committee and will make efforts to communicate to our membership and Facebook viewers about this. The recruitment of volunteers for the FOECLA board and other key roles is a topic for future discussions.</p>
b)	Water Quality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wake Boats - Wiesner reported that Long Lake is conducting a survey of the type and number of boats on that lake and will develop a map of where wake boats can be operated. Although communication and education have been our strategy, it was asked if we should be advocating to the Town of Barnes board members about legislation. The town has been sympathetic, but believes it would be nearly impossible to enforce. There is a state law that could be better enforced regarding entering/leaving a lake with water in ballasts. Wake boaters on Middle and Upper may be changing their habits, as they seem to be limiting use to deep, middle areas. 2. Possible Stony Starwart - Wiesner had people from Upper Eau Claire bring him a bucket with an unknown species for his assistance in identifying. 3. He has not received results from the Perchlorate test/study taken on July 4.
9)	Other Business	
a)	Dark skies & starry nights - discuss how FOECLA will support the Dark skies work	<p>Wilbers shared that he continues to participate in the Wisconsin chapter meetings as they organize. He asked if FOECLA would support Dark Sky by making a donation, organizing an event and/or providing</p>

		information to members. He is compiling a list of Dark Sky approved lights with links that will be a helpful tool
10)	New Business	None
a)		
11)	Old Business	Kolberg asked about the status of a potential new board member, Dawn Martin, who has property on Middle Eau Claire Lake. Wilbers will follow-up with her.
11)	Upcoming meetings & events	
	Gordon MacQuarrie Pilgrimage	Fri.-Sun., Aug. 23-25
12)	Adjournment	Adjourned at 11:40. For the September 6 meeting, Martin asked board members to provide 3-5 key objectives for FOECLA in the next year and to have suggestions for ways to package and communicate volunteer opportunities. Members were asked to provide in advance for developing the agenda.