

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from September 12, 2015

Present: Sally Nelson-Bylander, Larry Bylander, Leo Chiml Jr., Kimberly Chmil, John Olson, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Uwe Heck, Sara Heck, Jim Kubitschek, Robbie Thum, Sue Olson, Scott Olson, Al Archenbrener, Ione Archenbrener, Joe Schwaab, Grace Schwaab, Richard Krieter, Bill Landis, Beth Tatur, Gary Tatur, Bill Weisz, Madelon Hofer, Michael Colucci, Shannon Huberty, Ron Huberty, Gary Barth, Bill Peterson, Ken Grosch, Marlene Wardell, Jake Mauer, Fern Vescio, Gene Walton, Eileen Walton, Alice Johnson, Jim Thill, Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, Laurie Knutson, Mark Knutson, David Pederson, Dennis Elmstrand, Kathy Elmstrand, Nancy Poppens, Christy Steman and Joyce Lindstrom (a non-voting member).

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Christy Steman.

Gambling Report:

\$3,156.53 in Checking (8/31/15)

After checks #2554 in the amount of \$87.20 and check #2655 in the amount of \$184.29 and an automatic withdrawal of \$83.00 for the MN Dept. of Revenue cleared.

One check for \$300.00 remains outstanding for Braham Bowl.

\$1,000.34 in Savings (8/31/15)

Jim Kubitschek made a motion to accept the gambling report and Leo Chmil 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Treasurer's Reports:

\$2,769.05 in Checking (8/31/15)

Includes one payment for \$11.95 for web hosting.

\$4,418.59 in Savings (8/31/15)

Kathy Elmstrand made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Laurie Knutson 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 44 yes votes and 0 opposed.

August minutes were reviewed. Darlene Merkel made a motion to approve August's minutes and Julie Thill 2nd the motion. The motion passes with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Guest Speakers: Information on Lake Improvement Districts

Jerry Spetzman, LID (Lake Improvement District)

Casey Thiel, Chisago Water Resource Specialist, Chisago Soil & Water Conservation Dist.

MN Statutes for Lake Improvement Districts and copies of the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District's 2014 Annual Report were distributed for review.

LIDs are created for three primary reasons: for the purpose of managing water quality, water level control and aquatic vegetation. By forming a LID, our association would be able to apply for more funding through grants than we are able to apply for without a LID.

A LID states a mission and then goals toward that mission.

Chisago Lakes LID was used as an example. Their mission was to "Protect, and restore the surface water resources of the Chisago Lakes watershed." Their goals were to preserve, protect and ensure water quality within the Chisago Lakes watershed, maintain their ditch and weir systems to control water levels during high water events, encourage environmentally sound land use practices for urban and agricultural areas to protect water quality with the Chisago Lakes watershed and establish matching funds, support safe and balanced recreational use of surface water, restore, improve and maintain navigation channels between the lakes, promote environmental education, awareness and stewardship within the Chisago Lakes watershed and promote the reduction of non-native invasive species.

The LID has an advisory group who makes recommendations to the Chisago County board. LIDs can include lake front properties or all properties within the watershed district. The properties included in the LID are taxed and that money goes to the LID. The budget is set annually in the fall for the following year. The money is to be used for lake improvements only specific to the goals of the LID. The landowners vote on county board members.

A TDML study is the last step by the EPA to apply for grants. The association already paid for our TDML study and now our association now qualifies for \$14,000.00 in grants.

After further discussion on LIDs, Bill Landis made a motion to start the process to become a LID. Uwe Heck 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Election of Officers:

Jim Thill was re-elected for vice president with a unanimous vote of 44 yes votes and 0 no votes. Kimberly Chmil was voted in as secretary with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes. With yes votes and 0 no votes, Sara Heck has officially take over the website and newsletters.

Old Business:

Fairs: Ticket sales were down this year, however weather was not ideal. Isanti County Fair would like a fishing pond next year.

The Local: has applied for the final inspection. There were no issues with the foundation.

Weed Spraying: Lake Improvement Consultants will send out letters in January and requests need to get in before weeds can be sprayed in the spring. There were delays for the last spraying and we want to avoid delays in future spraying. Donna Nieman will send out permits for new homeowners requesting the permit application for next year.

Future Goose Lake Association Meetings: Meetings can be held at the Fish Lake Township Hall. There is a conflict with the spring meeting date. Donna Nieman motioned to move the spring meeting to the first Saturday after Memorial Day. Ken Rush 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes. Dave Pederson made a motion to pay for Spring and Fall meetings to ensure the dates would be available and Doug Poppens 2nd the motion. The motion was passed with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Robbie Thum made a motion to adjourn and Scott Merkel second the motion. The motion passed with 44 yes votes and 0 no votes. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Poppens
Goose Lake Association