

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from June 12, 2014

Present: Nancy Poppens, Doug Poppens, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Donna Nieman, Jim Nieman, Julie Thill, Jim Thill, Sue Olson, John Olson, Larry Bylander, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Christy Steman, Robbie Thum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from May 2, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

A motion was made by Jim Thill and seconded by Doug Poppens to approve the Minutes as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. 12 yes/0 no (Robbie Thum arrived later in the meeting.)

A suggestion was made to send out a draft of the minutes to review before the meeting. No action was made on this recommendation.

Treasurer's Reports:

\$2,759.86 in Checking (05/31/14)
\$4,415.83 in Savings (05/31/14)

Gambling Reports:

\$3,668.37 in Checking (05/31/14)
\$1,000.32 in Savings (05/31/14)

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Darlene Merkel to approve Treasurer's report as submitted. 12 yes/0 no

New business:

- Host Spot

The June 12, 2014 meeting will be held Jay and Sue Olson home, if the Local Bar and Lounge is not operating for our meeting in June. The Olson's address is 46463 Cambridge Drive, Stanchfield, MN 55080.

- Phone ((763) 689-4453, if you need directions.

Old Business:

- Mike Robinson, Commissioner for District 5 attended our meeting to answer any questions and provide updates on the County Road 8 road repairs and bridge renovation.

Creek Update:

- Jim Kubitschek and Tony Herbert, who is a water hydrologist engineer, met with Joe Triplett. A water flow chart was not completed prior to starting work on the creek. Joe Triplett agreed that there were several things that were not done that should have been. Joe Triplett told Jim Kubitschek and Tony Herbert that once the water level subsides that we will see the rocks all there that we have said were moved. Jim Kubitschek and Tony Herbert will follow up with Commissioner Mike Robinson if it is determined that the process followed by the County Engineer Joe Triplett was incorrect.

- Larry Bylander took readings on the bridge. It is about six (6) inches higher than it should be.
- There are two beaver houses, one (1) is inactive. The other is huge with four (4) beavers visible. They are busy bringing trees in the creek for winter survival. Jim Thill reiterated that Charlie from the Fish Lake Bait shop will trap the beavers.
- Larry Bylander asked what the lowest level has been on Goose. The lowest measurement was 9' 14.5" (September 20, 2003) and the highest was 9' 18.2" (April 25, 2001). The height now is 9' 17" (June 10, 2014). The ideal height is around 9' 16.5".
- Gambling Report:
 - Jim Nieman provided an update about the approval by the Chisago County Agriculture Department allowing us to sell pull tabs at the fair. Since our association members will be in charge of selling the pull tabs, the Chisago County Fairs portion of the proceeds is ten (10) percent. We will set up in the Lions Bear Garden location. The pull tabs will be secured in the office overnight. We have no insurance in case of robbery.
 - Boxes should be closed if there is \$650 in the lock box at the end of the evening. \$300 of that \$650 is the bank money to use for payout.
 - Jim Nieman has investigated the cost of two wall banners to use for advertising. The cost is about \$75. These signs should be able to be used for more than one event.

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Robbie Thum to approve the purchase of two signs.
13 yes/0 no

- Jim Thill reported that Jolene from the Isanti County Fair still needs volunteers. Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm is the picnic for volunteers. It will be held in the Community Bldg. Jim Thill to e-mail schedules after verifying dates and times.
- 2014 Weed Treatment Update:
 - Donna Nieman reported that Lake Improvement, Inc. has completed the Spring spraying. Twenty-eight families participated this year.
- Grant Committee:
 - The grant for treating the 2.9 acres was approved for \$1,000. The 2.9 acres has been treated. The water level was about 1'6" deeper than last year.
 - The Grant Committee will attempt to apply for money earlier next year.
 - Alice Johnson indicated that to be eligible for the larger grants (\$80,000) that you need signed contracts documenting what the money is being used for.
 - Andrea Kampa works on grants at MN DOT and has indicated she would be willing to help out, if even only by e-mail.
 - Lake maps will be brought to the net meeting to study what areas of treatment should be considered for next year.
 - A suggestion was made that we could hire a person to write a grant for more extensive grant money. It was thought that they usually are paid a percentage of the grant as compensation rather than a specific billed amount.
- Hook Line & Sinker:
 - The tubes are up and hopefully more people will take advantage of their use this year.

- Rabour Boat Landing:
 - A large group of our association members went to the Fish Lake Township meeting to ask for help around the boat landing. Fish Lake Township was very receptive to our request for No Parking signs. They will put up signs for at least 1,000 feet and install an additional sign at the entrance to make sure that boaters are able to maneuver in and out of the landing. *(The signs are installed and more signs have been ordered in case more signs are necessary.)*
 - Homeowners asked whether it was possible to put up signs indicating "Residential Parking Only". This was not an option.
 - DNR will be at the landings this weekend and next weekend to check for aquatic invasive species.
 - Fish Lake Township was receptive to providing a "Rules" sign to be posted at the landing once we decide what should be on the sign. Dan Ackerman (Water Patrol Deputy) needs to be informed when the Rules for the landing are posted in order for the sign to be enforceable.
 - Chisago County has been providing a more active presence on our chain of lakes in the past couple of weeks.
- Newsletter:
 - We have new business members wanting to advertise on our website.
- Stark Stroll:
 - Lee Hanson wanted to donate to the Stark Stroll silent auction but has not responded. Jim Thill has delivered a donation from [REDACTED] for the silent auction.
 - It was suggested that next year we sell tickets for the Stark Stroll at the end of our May Sprint meeting. The possibility of donating \$200 to be a sponsor was also discussed, but no decision was made.
- Fishing Contest
 - Because of inclement weather, the fishing contest was rescheduled from June 7, 2014 to June 21, 2014.
 - The location, time and cost will be the same as in years past.
 - We need some gifts for kids yet. There will be a drawing for kids.
 - We have received donations from Fish Lake Bait Shop (\$130.00) and the Rush Point Realty (\$50.00). Donna Nieman will submit receipts of donation amounts to both these businesses. Their help is greatly appreciated.
- July 4th Parade:
 - As in years past, meet on Rabour Lake at 1 pm and proceed to Goose Lake where we will meet up with others in the parade at 1:30 pm.
 - Decorate your boats so we can get updated pictures for the website.

New Business:

- Karaoke Machine:
 - A special thank you to Trent Landis for donating a Karaoke machine that can be used at meetings and other outside events (like the fishing contest).
- Get Well and Sympathy Cards:
 - Darlene Merkel volunteered to take care of sending out cards to members. Donna Nieman will reimburse her for a box of sympathy and a box of get well cards.
- Secretary:
 - Nancy Poppens volunteered to try and fill the Secretary's position. She is taking notes today to see how it goes.

- Buoys:
 - Robbie Thum reported that we need to have buoys replaced. They cost about \$90 each.

Action Items for Later:

- Jim Thill reported that Charlie Anderson from the Bait Shop will trap the beavers.
- Jim Kubitschek and Tom Herbert will continue to monitor the creek.
- Fish Lake Township will install No Parking signs for at least 1,000 feet and install an additional sign at the entrance to make sure that boaters are able to maneuver in and out of the landing.
- Jim Nieman will order the wall banners to let people know who is selling the pull gabs at Chisago County Fair.
- Jim Nieman will hold a training session for those who volunteered to sell pull tabs at the Chisago County Fair.
- Jim Nieman to check on possible new location that was suggested. Creek Side in Rush City (Bar and Restaurant that used to be Eagle's Club).
- Jim Thill to e-mail schedules after verifying dates and times for the Isanti and Chisago County Fairs.
- Donna Nieman to send out receipts for donations received for the fishing contest.
- Darlene Merkel will purchase and be reimbursed for two boxes of cards.

A motion as made by Donna Nieman and seconded by Jim Thill to adjourn the meeting. A vote of the membership unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. 13 yes/0 no.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman