

Goose Lake Association Minutes
October 13, 2016

Present: Sue Olson, Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, John Olson, Scott Merkel, Jim Thill, Robbie Thum, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Uwe Heck, Sara Heck, Christy Steman, Laurie Knutson. Mark Knutson, John Olson, Sue Olson and Bob Steman

The meeting was called to order by Christy Steman at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

\$3,379.28 Checking Account (09/30/16)
\$966.00 Deposits
\$288.59 Expenses
\$5,476.81 Saving Account (Including \$.69 interest)

Jim Thill made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Robbie Thum seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

\$12,916.60 Checking Account (09/30/16)
Deposits \$6,206.00
Expenses \$9,012.72
\$1,001.57 Savings Account (Includes .13 interest)

Sue Olson made a motion to accept the Gambling Report. Robbie Thum seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed and it was noted that there were members who did not register their attendance on the sign in sheet. John and Sue Olson asked that their names be added to the attendance. Christy Steman requested that her father be added to the attendance. The Minutes will be amended to show the extra three attendees.

Robbie Thum made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Laurie Knutson seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Gambling News

Jim Nieman provided an updated that the Sports Page in North Branch, gave him notice over the phone that effective November 1, 2016, the North Branch Hockey Association would be selling pull tabs at their establishment. Due to this change, Jim Nieman reported that after contacting Christy Steman for approval, Bingo was stopped immediately. It was felt that the chance of giving the \$1,000 prize was much greater than the amount of money that Bingo would provide. The attendance had dwindled during September. There was only one time out of four that had enough attendees to proceed with the game.

The Meat Paddlewheel was held three Saturdays in September. The first time we purchased five \$15 packages of meat and ten \$15 gift certificates. The second time we purchased five \$15 packages of meat and played a total of 7 games, using two of the 10 gift certificates as prizes. The gift certificates were returned prior to the end of the month to Isanti Meats for a refund to be used for the October 4 meat raffle.

The October 4 game was very disappointing. We ordered 8 \$15 packages of meat. There was only enough participation to play one game. The remaining meat was paid for by one patron, the Klick's and the Nieman's. Because of the dismal outcome on October 4, the meat raffle was discontinued based on the decision of the Sports Page and lack of attendance.

Donating to Organizations / Non-Profits

Christy Steman received a request from the Chisago County Community/Senior Center for a donation to go towards the purchase of a commercial vacuum. A motion was made by Jim Thill to donate \$250 towards the cost of a commercial vacuum.

Jim Thill made a motion to accept this recommendation. Sara Heck seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Donna Nieman brought up our previous contribution to MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates. It had been discussed earlier in the year and decided to wait until closer to the November deadline request before bringing it up for a vote.

A motion was made by Jim Thill to match last year's \$150 again this year. Sara Heck seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Other agencies that were discussed as possible recipients of contributions were Lets Go Fishing, MN Cola and PICKM. This will be discussed again later before the end of the year when we realize what funds are available for contributions.

Aquatic Invaders Summit II Report

Robbie Thum attended this summit and was very impressed by all the people who attended. He said it was a very worthwhile experience. He attended six sessions: 1. AID Basics, 2. Success in Stopping the Spread or Instruction of AID, 3. Early Detection and Monitoring for Effective Rapid Response, 4. Ecological Impacts of AID, 5. New & Hybrid Aquatic Invaders and 6. Making a Difference with AIS Aid: Developing Metrics, Demonstrating Success and Collaborating Regionally for the Central Region. (See attachment for complete program) Robbie emphasized the importance of having a Rapid Response Team set up to be able to address issues that come up that need immediate attention. He also emphasized for the need to make a major educational investment to know what is good and bad weeds. Robbie is going to do some further checking into the good and bad types of weeds for clarification. There are eight lakes that have Starry Stonewort. A suggestion was made to have speakers attend the Spring and Fall meetings to help educate members.

Chisago County has a LID for entire water district. They are charging 1% of the value of the property. The county created the LID. Robbie Thum will check to see how to get the county involved. A

watershed or LID is the only way to get enough money to help out defeating AIS. The DNR spent the AIS money in two days this year.

Robbie reported that a person from Montana gave an update on Ft. Peck Lake that has 50+ boat landings. They have very hefty fines for not stopping at inspection sites in their attempt to not have AIS weeds entering Ft. Peck Lake.

Florida has four fresh water preserves. Our spawning bed could be very easily turned into such a preserve

Fish Lake Township – Water Trails (2 lots on West Goose Lake)

Jim Thill reported that Diane Larkin, Fish Lake Township, reported that the two lots on West Goose (Cambridge Estates) has been approved to be referred to as a waterway park by Chisago City Parks and Trails.

Fall Recycle Day – Fish Lake Township

October 15, 8 to Noon. Bring items to the Township Hall. Evergreen Recycling, from Rush City, will be collecting recycling items. There is a list of accepted items and pricing on their website, here is the link: <http://www.evergreenrecyclingllc.com/default.htm>.

New Business

Robbie Thum requested reimbursement for 252 miles and parking of \$10 for attending the Aquatic Invaders Summit. No vote was necessary because up to \$300 was approved at the last meeting for his attendance. These expenses should fall inside the \$300.

Boat inspectors were at Little Goose and Horseshoe Lakes two times this week.

No date has been set for clean-up at Walton's Creek yet. Jim Thill will send out an e-mail when a date has been set.

Donna Nieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robbie Thum seconded the motion. The motion passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes

Next Goose Lake Association Meeting will be held on November 10 at 7 p.m. – Fish Lake Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman