

Goose Lake Association Minutes
November 12, 2015

Present: Christy Steman, Richard Jefferson, Matthew Jefferson, Mike Colucci, Collette Colucci, Larry Bylander, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Leo Chmil, Kim Chmil, Jim Thill, Sue Olson, John Olson, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Sara Heck, Uwe Heck, Linda Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Nancy Poppens, Doug Poppens, Tony Herbert, Rick Klick, Gary Tatur, Beth Tatur, Mark Knutson, Laurie Knutson, Kermit Swanson, Spencer Richards, Colton Richards, Donna Nieman and Jim Nieman

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

Treasurer's Report

\$988.23 in Checking (10/31/15)

Deposits:

\$945.00 Isanti County Agricultural Society (Fair)

\$20.00 Membership

\$1,000.00 from the State of MN DRN

Expenses:

\$3,790.00 Lake Improvement (payment for DNR grant weed treatment)

\$11.95 for web hosting

Transfer:

\$3,845 from Checking to Savings

\$5,474.11 in Savings (10/31/15)

Gambling Report:

\$2,938.53 in Checking (10/31/15)

Deposits:

\$82.00 Braham Bowl

Expenses:

\$10.00 MN Department of Revenue

\$16.40 Rent to Braham Bowl. There was a shortage of \$12.00, so \$4.40 was payable.

\$1,001.07 in Savings (10/31/15)

Leo Chmil Jr. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sue Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

Limited activity with pull tabs this past month. Braham Bowl completed one game. The deposit of \$82.00 from Braham Bowl reflects the \$12.00 shortage. Braham Bowl received three new

games this month. The Local Bar and Lounge has applied for their liquor license and are hoping to open the first part of January.

Nancy Poppens made the motion to accept the gambling report. Sue Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

October Minutes:

October minutes were reviewed.

Donna Nieman made a motion to approve October's minutes. Jay Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

New Neighbors:

New members, Linda and Mike Gallagher and Spencer and Colton Richards introduced themselves. They were welcomed by the rest of the members.

Old Business:

Robbie Thum is getting information regarding, examples for LIDs. Since he was unable to attend the November meeting, we will get an update at the December meeting.

New Business:

Advertising:

A request was made by a non-member asking Jim Thill to send out an e-mail advertising a garage sale. Discussion followed. Only paid members should be able to advertise. Advertising is allowed on our website through the submission of a business card. This complies with the Goose Lake Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

How should we get more people involved in the Goose Lake Association?:

- Jim Thill sends out e-mails to a large group of people every time there is something that may be of interest to our members...and yet, the same people are the ones who volunteer on a regular basis.
- Discussion followed to come up with new ideas...Send out post cards? Phone calls? Talk to your neighbors? Go door-to-door? Try the internet using a Survey Monkey?
- There are five new residents in the area. If you get a chance to talk to them, let them know about the Lake Association and what we do for our community.

Reimbursements:

Jim Thill has requested reimbursement for printer ink and paper. He has supplied receipts amounting to \$40.95 in reimbursement for ink and half of PICKM meeting expense. Donna Nieman will replace two (2) reams of paper.

A motion was made by Jim Nieman and seconded by Richard Jefferson to approve reimbursement of these expenses. Motion passed with 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

A suggestion was made by Jim Olson that Goose Lake officers should be permitted to make limited purchases of up to \$100 without having to come to the membership each month. These purchases would be reported at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Hook, Line and Sinker: An update was given on the success of the program. Jim Thill will take care of disposing of the waste found in the tubes. This year's results were a greater success than last year. The tubes had less garbage and more fishing waste.

LIDs (Lake Improvement District):

Discussion continues to evolve around the location and process for setting Goose Lake Association as a LID.

- Where should it be located? (shoreline is a limited area)
- We need to talk to neighbors and knock on doors and let our neighbors know what needs to be done.
- Casey and Jerry are looking for money to help pay for the LID

Craig Wills:

Craig planned on being here this month but sent an e-mail stating he could not be here until December. E-mails were sent out that he will be here for the November meeting. Thank you for all who came to hear Craig speak tonight. Come here what he has to say in December.

Grants:

This year, 2016, grants are going to be limited to \$50.00 per acre. This represents a drastic drop in funds available for aquatic invasive treatment. What are we going to do with the money? Bring in your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting.

MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MSRPO):

MSRPO has requested a donation to help with year-round legislative work. After discussion, it was approved to make a \$100 donation on behalf of Goose Lake Association. By utilizing groups that do lobbying, we may get additional information and help in applying for grants to help improve the condition of our chain of lakes.

A motion was made by Leo Chmil and seconded by Darlene Merkel to approve the donation to MSRPO in the amount of \$100.00. Motion passed with 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

2015 Weed Treatment:

Donna Nieman reported that Lake Improvement has been paid for the weed treatment they did this year.

Unidentified Weeds:

Jim Thill and Scott Merkel reported on the weeds that they took to Rush City to be identified. Leslie George (DNR Representative for Goose Lake) reported that the specimen is actually a

'good weed' that helps with fish spawning. Jim Thill distributed a catch and release pamphlet that was available from the DNR to share with members.

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Fish Lake Township Hall

Nancy Poppens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Leo Chmil Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed with 30 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Chmil
Goose Lake Association