

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from May 30, 2014

Present: Al Archenbrener; Ione Archenbrener; Gary Barth; Larry Bylander; Sally Nelson-Bylander; Mike Colucci; Dennis Elmstrand, Kathy Elmstrand; Donald Frost; Tony Herbert; Jenny Herbert; Madelon Hofer; Ron Huberty; Mark Jedlinski; Richard Jefferson; Alice Johnson; Ray Jenkins; Kevin Kampa; Gerry Kasprzak; Scott Kline; Lois Kline; Mark Knutson; Laurie Knutson; Richard Krieter; Mark Kreiter; Jim Kubitschek; Vi Kubitschek; Suzie Kuhn; Leon Kuchenmeister; Bill Landis; Billy Landis; Trent Landis; Chris Lindstrom; Joyce Lindstrom; Chris Lindstrom; Paul Melquist; Nancy Melquist; Darlene Merkel; Scott Merkel; Jim Nieman; Donna Nieman; Jay Olson; Sue Olson; Scott Olson; Arlen Peterson; Karen Peterson; Abby Peterson; Doug Poppens; Thomas Ricci; Owen Rohr; Michael Sabaka; Margaret Sabaka; Ben Sayotovich; Jodi Sayotovich; Joseph Schwaab; Grace Schwaab; Don Seitz; Christy Steman; Delores (Babe) Sudeith; Kermit Swanson; Jim Thill; Robbie Thum; Karyn Zoyta; Jim Zoya

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes from April 10, 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. 63 yes/0 no

Treasurer's Reports:

\$1,574.66 in Checking (05/30/14)

\$4,415.83 in Savings (05/30/14)

A motion was made by Jim Kubitschek and seconded by Alice Johnson to approve Treasurer's report as submitted.

A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 63yes/0 no

Gambling Reports:

\$3668.37 in Checking (05/30/14)

\$1,000.32 in Savings (05/30/14)

A motion was made by Babe Sudeith and seconded by Donna Nieman to approve the Gambling Treasurer's Report as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the Gambling Treasurer's Report as submitted. 63 yes/0 no

New business:

- Host Spot
 - The June 12, 2014 meeting will be held at Larry and Sally Bylander's home, if the Local Bar and Lounge is not operating for our meeting in June. The Bylander's address is 47940 Blue Heron Trail, Rush City. Phone (651) 64-5463 if you need directions.

Visitor:

- 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.

- Per the County Engineer, nothing was disturbed to the east and the water level should be okay.
- Rush Lake is at an all-time high. Many are sand bagging on east side of the lake.
- Mike reported he is on the Ground Water Supply Committee that meets with the Metropolitan Council. White Bear Lake will be getting water from one of two sources as the water level keeps receding.
- A question was asked if there were plans to blacktop the rest of County Road 62. Mike indicated that at this point there was no plan to do so. The Commissioners are very concerned about not raising taxes and without raising taxes there is not enough money. It seems to be a South versus North problem.
- Mike indicated that they will be holding off on chloride spraying for dust this year as there have been complaints of it causing problems on the undercarriage of vehicles.
- Craig Wills and Greg Triplett were invited to our meeting but were unavailable.

Old Business:

Creek Update:

- Larry Bylander and Jim Thill took a boat trip up to the bridge. There are at least two families of beavers who are burying trees in the mud and making dams. Jim Thill reported that Charlie Anderson from the Bait Shop will trap the beavers.
- Jim Kubitaschek reported:
 - He and Tom Herbert will measure the top of the bridge to the top of the water in order to try and determine the proper height of the water.
 - Craig Wills the DNR Hydrologist from Cambridge indicated the water is too high to make an accurate new measurement at the bottom of the weir as to whether the bridge renovation is making any difference on the lake level. The maximum height of the weir is supposed to be 9' 16.5 ". Any wash out will make a difference.
 - The spawning beds are the best they have ever been and are in beautiful condition. He thanked the members who helped to remove sludge and rake last year. Although less than five (5) percent of the young survive, we should still have an increase in walleyes in the coming years because of the good spawning results this year.
 - Goose Lake will be the only lake stocked this year by the DNR.
 - Robert Hugill from the DNR Fisheries in Hinckley has re-inspected Little Goose and found that the freeze was not as bad as initially anticipated. It must have been a bad spot that was tested.
- Larry Bylander reiterated that he had checked on the bridge everyday except for the day the rocks disappeared.
- Gambling Report:
 - Jim Nieman provided an update about the Pull Tab gambling that has been set up and gone into operation since the Fall meeting. Two sites have been approved and one is up and running.
 - Braham Bowl is up and running. They do not sell pull tabs from April through the end of August each year. We have made enough money to pay all expenses and could almost pay back the initial \$5,000 investment made by the Association to the Gambling account.
 - The Local Bar and Grill is still having difficulties with their walk in cooler. It keeps blowing fuses. They are trying to pay cash for repairs. The monthly meeting will be held there once they are open. In the meantime, we go from home to home.

- Jim explained about how the proceeds can be used for the “good of the general public”. The Gambling Control Board said that if a permit is approved for the treatment of weeds is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that it is considered an allowable expense.
- We have the opportunity to sell pull tabs at the Chisago County Fair in Rush City. We would be housed in the Lions Beer Garden building. The dates are July 17 through July 20, 2014. We need volunteers to help sell pull tabs. Jim Nieman will investigate the cost of getting wall banners to let people know who is selling the pull tabs at Chisago County Fair.
- We also have an opportunity to volunteer at the Isanti County Fair in Cambridge. The dates are July 23 through the July 27, 2014. They do not allow anyone to sell pull tabs but they will pay the Goose Lake Association for volunteer time selling and collecting tickets or providing security. Volunteers get a free ticket for fair entrance.
- A signup sheet was distributed for both events.
- 2014 Weed Treatment Update:
 - Lake Improvement, Inc. will be mailing out permits to be attached to dock or shoreline. All permits, new and old have been received. It is not too late to fill out the paperwork in order to obtain a permit for the fall treatment. Contact Donna Nieman (651) 64-7165 if you want more information.
- 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.
 - PICKM is a good cooperative partner for applying for larger grants. We are too small to be considered for most of the larger grants that are available. Jim Thill is the contact person for anyone interested in attending. Jim can be contacted at (651)674-2338
- TDML:
 - Christy Steman reported that Casey Theil reported a solid draft should be done by the end of June. The draft will be submitted to the MPCA and the state for review. The goal is to have lower limits of contamination. There should be more information available at the Fall meeting about the TDML study that has been in process for better than two years. This study was already paid for. It has been almost a year since we received the last update on the TDML study meeting.
 - In the meantime, there are opportunities for all homeowners to volunteer by checking your own lakeshore for prosperous levels and submitting information. Christy Steman can provide contact information.
- Hook Line & Sinker:
 - So far, Rick Klick reported that there has been a lot of garbage in the tube he has checked.
 - Jay Olson thought the results were okay so far.
 - Jim Thill reported that Rabour Lake tubes have had fishing line and a couple of beer cans.
- Rabour Boat Landing:
 - Fish Lake Township is the legal owner of the landing. They have cleared out area for parking, spread class five fill and put up no parking signs to try and remedy some of the traffic congestion that has created a safety hazard.
 - The Chisago County Sheriff’s Department posted no wake signs because of the continued high water levels.
 - The Landis family were at the meeting asking for help from the rest of the association to address issues they are having since the parking area has been widened. The water is not draining as it should. People urinate in public. They were informed that the second Monday of each month is when the Fish

Lake Township meets. If they contact Andrea at the Fish Lake Township and request being put on the agenda to address these issues and notify Jim Thill of the date, he will put out an e-mail to the membership asking them to help support them at the meeting.

- Mike Colucci said that Mark Kissner should re-occupy his land on the landing as the clearing of his land has enabled fishermen to gain access to the lake.
- There is concern that weeds and such will migrate to our lake because of the ease of entering. Fisherman head directly for Goose Lake from the Rabour landing.
- It was also noted that since there are no DNR representation on our lake that fisherman are taking excessive amounts of fish home. The limit is five (5) crappies but they are catching and keeping much more. It was suggested that there is a "Poacher hotline" that can be utilized to report problems. If problems are reported again and again, then perhaps someone will be here more often to enforce the laws.
- The Chisago County Water Patrol has made several visits to the lake to issue citations and check for license.
- The Fish Lake Township owns two lots on Big Goose measuring approximately 45' x 90'. If they don't do anything with it within three (3) years, the land will be returned to the DNR to be sold. The residents of Goose do not want the lots to be turned into a landing.
- Newsletter:
 - Earlier this year, the members approved the following guidelines in order to advertise in our newsletter.
 - The person or business requesting the advertisement must have a paid membership.
 - A business card is the advertisement of choice as they can be sized to fit into the newsletter without redesigning it completely.
 - Christy Steman suggested that we limit the number of advertisements to six (6) and they have to be local members. Overflow advertisement can be put on the website.

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Ben Sayotoviuch to approve the limitations on advertising for the newsletter as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the advertising limitations on the newsletter as submitted. 63 yes/0 no

A motion was made by Donna Nieman and seconded by Darlene Merkel to approve the overflow advertising requests be included on the website as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approve the overflow advertising requests be included on the website as submitted. 63 yes/0 no

- Water Craft Laws:
 - Christy Steman read the following, which is also available on our website:
 - "Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft."

New Business:

- Stark Stroll:
 - There was a letter received asking for:
 - Volunteers to help
 - Sponsorship of \$200
 - Baskets for silent auction.
 - Lee Hanson has offered to put together a basket. Christy Steman will contact him to verify he is still interested.
 - Jim Thill will be the contact person.

- Fishing Contest:
 - The fishing contest is set for June 7.
 - Registration is from 8:30 am to 9 am.
 - Fishing from 9 am to 2 pm.
 - The cost is \$10 per person and those under 12 free.
 - There must be a paid member in each boat.
 - Prizes for each category will amount to 50% of the entrance fee. The other 50% goes to the association.
 - Christy Steman has a bowl on the front table for anyone who would like to donate towards the kids' gift baskets.

- 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 Members:
 - Christy Steman provided copies of New Member pamphlet that is available on the website.
 - New members stood up and introduced themselves.
 - It was voted on and approved earlier this year to let new people moving in get their first year's due free as a way of increasing our membership and trying to get more people involved.
 - The association has several different committees that we would encourage members to participate in.
 - Grant Committee – Purpose to obtain grant money for lake improvements. Contact Larry Bylander (651) 674-5463.
 - Gambling Committee – To help with pull tab sales, finding new locations, etc. Contact Jim Nieman (651) 674-7165.
 - Possible new location was suggested. Creek Side in Rush City (Bar and Restaurant that used to be Eagle's Club). Jim Nieman to check.
 - Weed Committee – Central point for having weeds treated. Contact Donna Nieman (651) 674-7165.

Action Items for Later:

- Jim Thill reported that Charlie Anderson from the Bait Shop will trap the beavers.
- Jim Kubitschek and Tom Herbert will measure the top of the bridge to the top of the water in order to try and determine the proper height of the water.
- Jim Nieman will investigate the cost of getting wall banners to let people know who is selling the pull gabs at Chisago County Fair.
- The Landis family to contact Fish Lake Township to be put on the monthly agenda and then notify Jim Thill of the date, he will put out an e-mail to the membership asking them to help support them at the meeting.
- 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).
- Christy Steman will contact Lee Hanson to verify he is still interested in donating a basket for Silent Auction for Stark Stroll.
- The other possible locations discussed for pull tabs, raffles or bingo--- Fish Lake Lutheran Church, the pottery place, the wine place, and the glass blowing business---have not been contacted yet.
- Closely monitor the creek to make sure the water level does not be lower than in past years

A motion as made by Ben Sayotovich and seconded by Robbie Thum to adjourn the meeting. A vote of the membership unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. 63 yes/0no.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman