

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from January 9, 2014

Present: Larry Bylander, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Jay Olson, Sue Olson, Robbie Thum, Donna Nieman, Jim Nieman, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Jim Thill, Julie Thill, Mike Colucci, Collett Colucci, Laurie Knutson, Mark Knutson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from December 12, 2013 were distributed and reviewed.

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Darlene Merkel to approve the Minutes as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. 14 yes/0 no

Treasurer's Reports:

\$1,686.36 in Checking (01/09/14)

\$4,415.29 in Savings (01/09/14)

Gambling Reports:

\$3,370.85 in Checking (01/09/14)

\$1,000.20 in Savings (01/09/14)

A motion was made by Mark Knutson and seconded by Sally Nelson-Bylander to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. 14 yes/0 no

New business:

- Host Spot
 - February 13, 2014 Goose Lake Association monthly meeting will be held 7 p.m. at Jim and Julie Thills' home located at 44860 Bending Circle, Harris, MN.

Old Business:

- Web Page:
 - Jim Thill shared printed pages of the website. He stated he was having trouble reading the minutes. Donna has PDF copies to exchange for the Word documents, which should take care of the problem he is having.
- Gambling Report:
 - The Chicago Fair Grounds meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 was attended by members: Sally Nelson-Bylander, Larry Bylander, Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, Jim Thill, Christy Steman, Robbie Thum, Jay Olson and Sue Olson attended the meeting that started at 7 p.m. It is their policy that no one should sell pull tabs as there are several organizations that have approached them for permission. They will send out an e-mail to the contacts for the separate organizations that rent the entire fair grounds (i.e. car Show, dog show, antique fair, etc.) to see if there is any interest on their part to have pull tabs and contact Christy Steman with any responses. The Board members stated they would welcome our donating time for selling tickets, etc. for which they would pay an hourly amount. The consensus was that would be a good thing for us to do.

- Jim Nieman talked to Kim at the Gambling Board to get a status report on the License application. She indicated there were a couple of things that needed to be changed.
 - Christy Steman needed to date and initial the Membership form submitted.
 - The LG25 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity needed to reflect the above changes and be initialed Christy Steman and by the owners of Local Bar and Lounge.
 - We were unable to apply for the Bar Bingo and Paddle Wheel or Paddlewheel with table as those required different classes that we had not attended yet.
 - Kim also stated that the mailing address for the Treasurer and Gambling Manager should not be the same since there might be occasions when they would send information to the CEO and not want the Gambling Manager to open the mail. It was suggested that perhaps the best solution would be to rent a PO Box so that the address could remain the same even when officers have completed their term.

A motion was made by Sue Olson and seconded by Julie Thill to rent a post office box. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to rent a post office box. 14 yes/0 no

- Donna Nieman will check with North Branch, Cambridge and Harris Post Offices to see if there all post offices have the same after hour access and cost.
- Kim reported that the rest of our application is being processed by different people who are checking out the Minutes, Constitution and Bylaws.
- The Local Bar and Lounge has not opened yet. Jim Thill and/or Jim Nieman will stop there before the next meeting to see what progress is being made.
- Robbie Thum and Jim Nieman have heard nothing from the owners of Big Daddy's since Robbie Thum submitted the counter offer. Big Daddy's is not open yet.
- Robbie Thum indicated he stopped by the Tim Out Bar, in Rock Creek, and they operate Bingo and Meat Raffles. The owner, Bob, sold tickets himself and gave gift cards for the meat store in Pine City as prizes. Robbie and others verified the Full Moon, in Stark, also has employees doing the work. That would be something to consider for when we are ready to do Bingo and Meat Raffles.
- Sally Nelson-Bylander received work from the owner of Braham Bowling Alley, Mike Davis that we had been approved by the City Council to sell pull tabs. There is one member that was not available to sign off on the form so Mike Davis will give the forms to Sally Nelson-Bylander the next time she goes to bowl. Sally Nelson-Bylander will drop off the paperwork at either Jim Nieman or Jim Thill's home so that the paperwork is not lost
- Creek Update:
 - Rick Klick had hoped to contact Roger Hugill from the DNR Fisheries in Hinckley during the past month. Rick was not at the meeting this evening but provided this update to Jim Thill
- Rabour Boat Landing:
 - Jim Thill is going to attend the Fish Lake Township meeting on January 13, 2014 and request that they install a privacy fence next to the Landis property.
- Grants:
 - According the Assistant Director of LCCMR (Legislative Citizen Commission on MN Resources) the LCCMR prefers to deal with larger associations such as Watershed Districts or PICKM. Jim Thill will contact the county people and PICKM. Lake Florence, on Hwy. 65, is getting \$40,000 from the grant application submitted last year to protect the shore line. Rush Lake wants to construct a \$140,000 sand dam to prevent prosperous run off.

- The grant members have not met yet. They are going to try and contact Marco Schisano to see if he would make some time available for them on a Sunday to help them in filling out the Aquatic Invasive Species grant that we applied for last year. They plan on submitting the application by the end of March but don't have a sample grant application to follow.
- Discussion about what we might use the money for this year ensued. Members were reminded that Craig Mell had said we could not use grant money for channel dredging when we attended the Rush Lake meeting last summer.
- Donna Nieman talked to Lakes Restoration about shoreline permits for those who attained permits last year and those who did not. Katie Kaari will be sending out a mailing to identify those interested in repeating the treatment this year. It was the consensus of those here tonight that many others may be interested since they have seen the results obtained last year. Speak with your neighbors to get contact information for those interested in having weed treatment done this year that didn't do so last year.

Action items from January 9, 2014 meeting:

- Donna Nieman will check with North Branch, Cambridge and Harris Post Offices to see if there all post offices have the same after hour access and cost.
- Rick Klick will try and contact Roger Hugill's office this month to make contact with him on our concerns.
- Katie Kaari suggested we all speak with your neighbors to get contact information for those interested in having weed treatment done this year that didn't do so last year.
- The Local Bar and Lounge has not opened yet. Jim Thill and/or Jim Nieman will stop there before the next meeting to see what progress is being made.
- Sally Nelson-Bylander to receive the paperwork from the Braham Bowling Alley and forward them to Jim Nieman or Jim Thill.
- Jim Nieman will have Christy Steman and the owners of the Local Bar and Lounge initial the documents requested by Kim of the Gambling Board.
- The grant members will contact Marco Schisano to see if he would make some time available for them on a Sunday to help them in filling out the Aquatic Invasive Species grant that we applied for last year.

Action Items for Later:

- 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. We will table any additional possibilities until we have the options on the table, the Braham Bowl and Chisago County Fair Grounds determined.
- Closely monitor the creek in the spring to make sure the water level does not be lower than in past years.

A motion was made by Scott Merkel and seconded by Larry Bylander to adjourn the meeting. A vote by the membership unanimously approved the motion to adjourn 14 yes/0 no

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman