

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from September 6, 2014

Present: Gary Barth, John Bilotta, Larry Bylander, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Lois Caliguire, Dennis Elmstrand, Kathy Elmstrand, Donald Frost, Ann Frost, Vive Heck, Sara Heck, Tony Herbert, Jennifer Herbert, Mark Jedlinski, Natalie Jedlinski, Ray Jenkins, Gerry Kasprzak, Bruce Konrad, Bridgett Konrad, Jim Kubitschek, Vi Kubitschek, Leon Kuchenmeister, , Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, Jay Olson, Sue Olson, Scott Olson, Willis Peterson, Owen Rohr, Joseph Schwab, Grace Schwab, Dan Steman, Christy Steman, Delores (Babe) Sudith, Robbie Thum, Eileen Walton, Bill Weise, Barb Weise, Mike Wolkerstorfer, Jessica Wolkerstorfer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Christy Steman.

Minutes from July 10, 23014 and August 14, 2014 meeting were distributed at the main desk and reviewed.

A motion was made by Jessica Wolkenstofer and seconded by Babe Sudith to approve the July 10, 2014 Minutes as written. 41 yes and 0 no's.

A motion was made by Sue Olson and seconded by Bruce Conrad to approve the August 14, 2014 Minutes as written. 41 yes and 0 no's.

Treasurer's Reports:

\$ 976.91 in Checking (08/29/14)

\$ 4,416.38 in Savings (08/29/14)

A motion was made by Bridgett Conrad and seconded by Robbie Thum to approve the Treasurer's Report. 41 yes and 0 no's.

Gambling Reports:

\$ 4,092.06 in Checking (08/29/14)

\$ 1,000.44 in Savings (08/29/14)

A motion was made by Jim Kubichek and seconded by Darlene Merkel to approve the Gambling Treasurer's Report. 41 yes and 0 no's.

New Business:

There was a report of some flyers being delivered in mailboxes. This is in violation of Federal law and SHOULD NOT BE DONE. There can be a fine and we could be charged the postage that was not paid.

Amendment of By-Laws and Constitution and Constitution Appendix:

There are several changes recommended to the By-Laws.

Delete references to Board of Directors. Since we meet monthly, this is not as important as it was when we met only twice a year. The President or Vice President or elected officers will assume the duties previously entertained by the Board of Directors.

Approval of associate members (members that have paid dues but live outside the perimeters listed in Article V Section 1.) Associate members may not vote.

A recommendation was made that a volunteer Webmaster and Gambling Manager shall be voted on and approved by the officers for an undetermined time limit.

A recommendation was made to include mailing Associate members the Spring and Fall Newsletters in order to provide additional information on upcoming events and promote more participation.

A motion was made by Jim Nieman and seconded by Larry Bylander to approve the recommended changes to the By-Laws, Constitution and Appendix to the Constitution for the elimination of the Board of Directors, open membership to Associate members, mail newsletters to Associate members and have officers vote on Webmaster and Gambling Manager who will hold their offices until they don't desire to serve in their volunteer position. 41 yes and 0 no's.

Robbie Thum suggested we should consider raising dues to \$35 year. After discussion, it was decided to table that suggestion until the Spring meeting and then, perhaps increase dues to \$25 year.

Weed Treatment:

There was a brief update on the 2.9 acre weed treatment in Goose Lake. We received less money for the same coverage of treatment in 2014 because there were more applications for grant monies that were approved. The Grant Committee is still looking into additional spots that might be treated next year. So far, they have identified two areas...one on North Goose and another on Rabour for next year. If you are interested in joining the Grant Committee, contact Larry Bylander, Sue Olson, Jay Olson or Robbie Thum to join.

Donna Nieman reported that she has paid Lake Improvement's bill of \$2,750 for this service. The DNR should be replacing the grant money (\$1,000.00) in the very near future.

Christy Steman reported that the results of the Spring and late summer spraying have been positive for those who participated in the lakeshore spraying. Lake Improvement will send out flyers in January of 2015 for spring treatment. They are trying to up the treatment time to get even better results. Anyone interested in participating should contact Donna Nieman (651) 674-7165 to get on the mailing list.

TDML Study:

Casey Theil sent a fact sheet, which was part of a 30-page document that compared Goose Lake to Rush Lake. It was noted she needs volunteers to help collect information. Should have additional information ready for distribution to Goose Lake Association in spring or summer of 2015.

PICKM Meeting:

Jim Thill said the next meeting is in Isanti on September 15, 2014 between 6 and 8:30 p.m. This is the organization that has the ability to obtain larger grants. September 9, 2014 is the deadline for signing up. Jim Thill would like to see four to six members attend. Invasive Species speakers will be at the meeting.

Invasive Species:

It was mentioned that we are the first line of defense to avoid infestation. Now is a good time to look over boats, docks, etc. for Zebra mussels and other invasive species that can infiltrate our lakes.

Mark Jedlinski talked to the DNR at the State Fair about setting up boat landing inspections. The DNR will send and train personnel to help out at the landings. Mark Jedlinski to contact the DNR and ask them to attend our Spring meeting.

A stiff colorful card hand-out was provided of what Milfoil looks like and that will fit in a tackle a box was available for each member to take and share. It was explained that Milfoil, even though it can grow 9-12 feet tall, should not be cut. It should be pulled or treated. It can grow up to a foot a week.

Water Clarity:

Robbie Thum reported that as of today, the water clarity of Mandell is 3.5 feet, Rabour is 2.5 feet and South Goose is 4 foot. Robbie reported he checks once a week and the info is reported and shows up on various websites.

Larry Bylander reported that water clarity on Upper Goose is 2 foot and Big Goose is 4 foot. It was reported that rotting weeds affect the clarity of our water.

Creek Update

Tony and Jim Kubichek had a meeting on the bridge. The County Engineer will not admit to changes. They will survey the lake now. It is up to us whether we want to continue

A suggestion of a petition was made and there were many that agreed. Tony Herbert will input information for the petition. Bridgett Konrad volunteered to put it together for members and non-members requesting that the bridge be put back to pre-creek improvement conditions.

Existing conditions were supposed to be the same at the beginning and the end of the bridge work but... Jennifer Herbert asked whether members understood the consequences of doing nothing. We can ask for specific documents under the Data Privacy Act.

A dam was built by the beavers and the water has come up. Now the dam is down and the water level has dropped. It was noted in 1989 pontoons were out the lake and in 1995 pontoons were beached because of the water levels.

Christy Steman warned the Association that since we get funding from the county and state that the Association should not have our name on a petition as it could make a difference on upcoming grants, etc.

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Jim Kubichek to not have the Association continue in negotiation about the creek and water level that it should be up to individual members and land owners. 41 yes 0 no's.

Gambling Update:

Jim Nieman had a special thank you for all that helped in making the Chisago County Fair a success. We made over \$2,000 profit after expenses. We owe \$210 in rent to the fair, all expenses for equipment and pull tab games have been paid in full. When the Local Bar and Lounge is ready to do, we should have to only buy games to be up-and-running.

Christy Steman reported on the Isanti County Fair and thanked all the volunteers that gave their time. We have not been paid yet but should be soon.

Jim Nieman reported that the Local Bar and Lounge is still having an issue with their water cooler and cannot open until it is resolved. The owners have a target date in mind but are not sharing it because every time they have done so something happens.

Jim Nieman reported that Braham Bowl started up last Wednesday, September 3, 2014. They are considering a "Mystery Box" for a second box.

Other options for selling pull tabs was discussed but as of yet there are not good options. Robbie Thum will check into different events.

Discussion moved to how to spending the funds. Jim Kubichek will check into the cost of netting carp again as there have been reports of increased catches throughout the chain.

Officer Elections:

Christy Steman was asked if she was willing to continue to be President for another two years and accepted. There were no other volunteers.

A motion was made by Larry Bylander and seconded by Gary Barth to have Christy Steman continue as President for the next two years. 41 yes 0 no's

Donna Nieman was asked if she was willing to continue to be Treasurer for another two years and accepted. There were no other volunteers.

A motion was made by Jessica Wolkerstofer and seconded by Darlene Merkel to have Donna Nieman continue as Treasurer for the next two years. 41 yes and 0 no's

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next monthly meeting will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at Doug and Nancy Poppens' home located at 5347 Pine Lane, North Branch. If you need directions call Doug at (651) 983-7663 or Nancy at (651) 983.6376.

Spring Meeting:

The question of when the Spring meeting will be held was made. After reviewing calendars, the Spring meeting will be held on the Saturday after Memorial Day, May 30, 2015.

To Do Items:

Mark Jedlinski to contact the DNR and ask them to attend our Spring meeting.

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A motion was made by Jessica Wolkerschofer and seconded by Jim Nieman to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. 41 yes 0 no's. The potluck followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Nieman