

Goose Lake Association Minutes
December 8, 2016

Present: Robbie Thum, Scott Olson, Sue Olson, John Olson, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Lynn Fox, Tim Fox, Leo Chmil, Jr., David Pederson, Rick Klick, Patti Klick, Julie Thill, Jim Thill, Jim Kubitschek, Ron Huberty, Shannon Huberty, Steve MacDonald, Uwe, Heck, Sara Heck, Mark Knutson, Laurie Knutson, Gary Tatur, Beth Tatur, Alice Johnson, Richard Jefferson, Donna Nieman, Jim Nieman and Judi Churchward

The meeting was called to order by Judi Churchward at 7:12 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

\$2,865.76 Checking Account (11/30/2016)
.00 Deposits
\$262.65 Expenses
 MLR – MN Lakes and Rivers \$150.00
 Ink \$112.265 (09/09/2016)

\$5,476.81 Savings Account (09/30/2016)

Richard Jefferson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Robbie Thum seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

\$16,447.07 Checking Account (11/30/2016)
\$2,250.00 Deposits
 \$586.00 Local Bar and Lounge
 \$600.00 Local Bar and Lounge
 \$742.00 Local Bar and Lounge
 \$322.00 Braham Bowl
\$3,211.73 Cleared Expenses
 \$434.00 Local Bar and Lounge Rent
 \$60.60 Braham Bowl Rent
 \$618.00 Sports Page Rent
 \$1,000.00 Cash bank for Local Bar and Lounge \$3.00 box
 \$95.05 Three Diamond Games Local Bar and Lounge
 \$130.08 Three Diamond Games Braham Bowl
 \$874.00 MN Department of Revenue
\$2,571.91 Uncleared Expenses
 \$464.91 GMA LLC Tax Program
 \$107.00 Supplies (11/3/2016)
 \$1,000 Jim Nieman Wages
 \$1,000 Donna Nieman Wages

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\$1,001.57 Savings (09/30/2016)

A motion was made by Sue Olson to accept the Gambling Patti Klick seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Thill to accept the Minutes as presented. Beth Tatur seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Adjustment of Wages:

Discussion regarding a reduction in pay for the Gambling Manager. Suggestions offered were: go back to volunteer position or pay by closed box. It was suggested by members to cut the salary in half for each and review the salary again. Jim was asked what he might suggest. He stated that was generous and explained it is not their desire to have the association lose money but emphasized that being responsible for tax returns and the liability of being a Gambling Manager does need to be compensated. Big Daddy's is for sale again and Jim Nieman has been investigating the possible interest in the building and the request by the prospective interested party based on attempting to obtain concessions from the City of Harris.

After discussion, Sue Olson made a motion to decrease the monthly compensation from \$1,000 to \$500 a month each month. Gary Tatur seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Gambling Equipment:

Discussion was held about disposing of unused gambling equipment. It was asked if the equipment we were holding onto should be sold back to the distributor. Jim Nieman stated that it would be a poor idea to dispose of the equipment to only have to repurchase it again. (if Bingo or a meat raffle would be offered by Goose Lake at a later date at another location).

Gambling Loan:

The \$5,000 loan was brought up again this month. Jim Nieman suggested instead of repaying the \$5,000 in full, it might be better to transfer \$4,000 to savings to be applied towards the loan after we have determined the total amount due for Lawful Purpose Donations. The reason for his suggesting it not be paid in full at this time was the same as last month. We are unsure exactly how much will have to be paid out in Lawful Purpose Donations. Once the loan is paid, then it cannot be borrowed again. After discussion, Jim Kubitschek made a motion to transfer \$4,000 into savings. Patti Klick seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Lawful Purpose Donations:

Donna Nieman shared with the association an article in the paper where Alina Health donated the former Braham clinic building to a child resource center for use by children who have been
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abused or subject to other traumatic situations. Donna said this might be another option for donating part of the 30% mandated by the Gambling Control Board.

Jay Olson reported he had followed up with the three school districts regarding providing scholarships. It was suggested by the school districts that donations be made to the school instead of individuals.

Jim Kubitschek and Jim Thill visited the Li'l Farm Children's Home and found out that all work is done by volunteers. This organization provides emergency crisis foster care and stability to children in need. Li'l Farm Children's Home provided non-profit information and documentation to share with everyone.

BMX Youth Organization:

Robbie Thum suggested a way to build the bank account and donate lawful purpose funds at the same time. . His grandson is active in BMX racing. Since we can have 12 off-site events a year, he suggested we should consider holding 50/50 raffles for the kids participating in BMX Youth competition. Jim Nieman suggested that a Shared Raffle would probably be a better idea. The BMX organization would be responsible for selling the raffle tickets and we could share a percentage of the proceeds. Jim Nieman will check with the Gambling Control Board to obtain additional information on this possibility.

Walleye Spawning Area:

Jim Kubitschek provided confirmation that our request for a new spawning area is on hold for a three year study.

North Goose:

It is possible to treat North Goose for the Eurasian milfoil since the DNR would have to issue a permit for the work. The DNR would provide this permit at no cost since it is an evasive species. This permit can be obtained from the DNR after January 1, 2017. Jim Kubitschek provided the following additional information about the cost of having Lake Management treat the area with two sprayings on a one acre (100' x 400') plot.

- Two sprayings would be done 12 hours apart at a cost of \$595.
- A new survey would cost about \$823.

Sonar Treatment on Big Goose/North Goose:

Jim Kubitschek reported that Mr. Reiderman has retired from netting and sonar treatment for the identification of carp totals. Jim reported that using nets can spread milfoil. As a result, weeds have to be down if we are to avoid spreading invasive species.

Liability Insurance for Fishing Contest:

Gary Tatur provided an update on liability Insurance for the fishing contest and treating the lake shore with our own equipment.. The representative from Herman Insurance was willing to come to the next meeting, January 12, 2017, to give further information to the membership.

Membership Dues:

Goose Lake Association's membership has been dropping over the past few years. We need to increase membership to keep growing. It was suggested that we might want to consider a Welcoming Committee to go meet new people moving into the area.

Emergency Fund for Invasive Species:

The problem with invasive species was discussed once again. A suggestion was made to set up an emergency fund that can be dedicated to invasive species eradication. After discussion, it was agreed that this is a good idea.

Steve McDonough made a motion to set up a separate fund for invasive species treatment. Julie Thill seconded the motion. The motion passed 27 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Donations were made by Lynn Fox, Alice Jefferson and Julie Thill towards the fund.

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2017 at the Fish Lake Township Hall.

Sue Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Beth Tatur seconded the motion. Motion passed 27 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman