

Goose Lake Association Minutes

Fall Meeting

September 10, 2016

Present: Christy Steman, Jim Thill, Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, Judi Churchward, Steve MacDonald, Bill Landis, Rick Klick, Don Mace, Nancy Mace, Owen Rohr, Tim Fox, Mark Knutson, Babe Sudeith, Gary Tatur, Beth Tatur, Vi Kubitschek, Jim Kubitschek, Robbie Thum, Don Frost, Ann Frost, Madelon Hofer, Leon Kuchenmeister, Tina Carpenter, Julie Thill, Leo Chmil, Jr., Kim Chmil, Trent Landis, Alice Johnson, Karen Wickham, Trevor Rolfes, Jay Olson, Sue Olson, Bob Steman and Joyce Lindstrom

The meeting was called to order by Christy Steman at 10:05 a.m.

Fish Lake Township – Water Trails (2 lots on West Goose Lake)

Diane Larkin, Fish Lake Township, presented information on incorporating the two lots on West Goose (Cambridge Estates) into a proposal presented by Chisago City Parks and Trails. They would like to establish a water trail, which could possibly include Ravour, Mandell and Goose Lakes.

Fish Lake Township has until January 2017 to utilize the two lots, otherwise the lots will revert back to the DNR. This would give the DNR access to 4 lots, with additional lots that could become available due to tax delinquency.

To ensure these lots remain with the township, introducing them as part of the plan for the water trail would demonstrate the townships plan to utilize the lots. At this time, the thought would be to provide a rest stop (picnic table) and a sign designating the area as part of the water trail. As part of that preparation, 9-1-1 address signs have been erected on the site. The township will need to get the land surveyed.

A suggestion was made that the township put a proposal together for funding of this project, and present to the Lake Association.

Rick Klick made a motion to support the water trail project. Jim Kubitschek seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Fall Recycle Day – Fish Lake Township

October 15, 8 to Noon. Bring items to the Township Hall. Evergreen Recycling, from Rush City, will be collecting recycling items. There is a list of accepted items and pricing on their website, here is the link: <http://www.evergreenrecyclingllc.com/default.htm>.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2,698.87 Checking Account
- Expenses - \$145.00 (to gambling account – shortage – Sports Page)
- \$125.00 Deposits
- \$5,476.12 Saving Account

Alice Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Robbie Thum seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

- \$15,723.32 Checking Account
- \$1,001.44 Savings Account
- Expenses
 - \$5,213.00 Payroll (part of July and all of August – 1-1/2 months)
 - \$1,387.80 Rent
 - \$1,119.00 MN Dept. of Revenue
 - \$ 165.59 Supplies
 - \$ 200.00 Cash Bank at Sports Page
 - \$1,259.53 Three Diamonds (Games and equipment/meat raffle)
 - \$ 578.00 Rent – 6 months – Storage Unit (4% discount)

Rick Klick made a motion to accept the Gambling Report. Jim Kubitschek seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Storage Facility

4-5 games fill about 25 boxes. The games need to be kept for three years. A 10% discount would be given for an annual payment (versus 4% for 6 months). It was presented that at the end of the 6 months, a payment be made for annual rental (due March 1, 2017).

Jim Thill made a motion to allow for payment of the rental unit for one year. Donna Nieman seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Gambling News

Braham Lanes has started again. The Local closed out one game already this month. The Sports Page has slowed down a bit. A proof for an ad has been approved for the Sports Page – Bingo (Tuesdays at 6 p.m.) and Meat Raffle (beginning Saturday, September 17 at 1 p.m.). Looking for volunteers for the meat raffle (approximately 2 hours). The ad will run in the entertainment section of the Scotsman for four weeks.

Jim Nieman has asked that Robbie Thum, who works at the Sports Page every Wednesday, and Laurie Knutson, who runs Bingo every Tuesday, receive payment for their hours. Currently, Sally/Cindy are paid at \$8/hr., and it has been asked that both Robbie and Laurie be paid the same for their hours.

Tina Carpenter made a motion to pay both Robbie Thum and Laurie Knutson for their hours at the Sports Page. Judi Churchward seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Donna and Jim Nieman reported their hours – 175.25 hours. This total does not include travel time to and from destinations.

There was a discussion to payback the \$5,000 to the Lake Association for the Gambling start-up. This topic has been tabled until October's meeting. A review of what needs to be given away (other non-profits) should be done before repayment is made to ensure there is enough funds available to cover the repayment.

Meat Raffle – discussion as to how many packages to start with. Isanti Meats will deliver the packages on Fridays. A suggestion was made to start with 4-5 packages, and maybe have gift cards/certificates or drink coupons available for alternative prizes.

New Business

The Goose Lake Association received a check of \$726.00 for volunteering at the Isanti County Fair.

Northern Watermilfoil

It's here! The watermilfoil plants have been discovered on North Goose. Jim Thill has spent many hours discussing with various groups as to whether we should do anything with these plants at this time (spray or pull). They are currently dying – so spraying would not be beneficial. The plants could be pulled, but if any part of the plant is left behind, it will return. The DNR has offered to issue a permit (no fee). If it is determined that it is best to wait, the weeds will be sprayed early in the Spring of 2017.

There is an Aquatic Invaders Summit II being held in St. Cloud, October 5-6. Jim Thill asked that a member(s) attend the conference to obtain information that would help us understand what can be done to manage the weed problem on our lakes. He asked that the Goose Lake Association pay for the registration, overnight stay and meals for one or two members to attend the conference. Robbie Thum has offered to attend.

Babe Sudeith made a motion to have the Lake Association pay for the conference attendees' registration and expenses. Alice Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Donating to Organizations / Non-Profits

Looking for suggestions of organizations or non-profits to give monetary gifts to. Currently, dollars have been given to the Youth Bowling League in Braham, Kids Day at the Fair, and Braham Fire Department. Would like to support local organizations and/or groups. A couple of suggestions are: Senior Center in North Branch, Let's Go Fishing – North Branch). If you have a suggestion, please contact Jim Nieman or Donna Nieman.

Gambling funds can also be used for weed control, but not for shoreline. It can pay for weed control on the channels and lake body.

Jim Nieman asked that an emergency fund be created to take care of items such as weed management/control, to avoid a delay in treatment. At this time, to use any of the gambling funds for weed treatment would mean a vote at an upcoming Lake Association meeting. To be able to act more quickly, the use of the emergency funds can be approved by the Gambling Manager, and another board member (ex: Vice President). The amount of \$2,000 was suggested.

Rick Klick made a motion to create an emergency fund, with authorization of use going to the Gambling Manager and Board Member. Babe Sudeith seconded the motion. Motion passed 34 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed.

Jim Kubitschek made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Tim Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed 34 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Fall Elections - Treasurer / President

Donna Nieman offered to be nominated and accept the Treasurer position for another two year term.

Jim Thill made a motion to nominate and elect Donna Nieman as Treasurer for another two year term. Beth Tatur seconded the motion. The motion passed 34 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Judi Churchward offered to be nominated and accept the President position.

Tina Carpenter made a motion to nominate and elect Judi Churchward as President. Jim Thill seconded the motion. The motion passed 34 yes votes and 0 no votes.

With Judi Churchward moving into the President position, there is now a vacancy for Secretary. We are looking for an association member that would be willing to fill this position.

Lake Association's Website

Tina Carpenter will be taking over the Lake Association's website. If you have suggestions for the website, send them her way. Tina is also the Lead of the Goose Lake NextDoor social media site. It is a great way to connect to your neighbors. Learn who lives near you, post items you have for sale, inform others of a service/work you can provide or maybe you are in need of some help, or invite your neighbors to upcoming events.

Purchase of Gambling Report Application

Donna Nieman is currently using a program for gambling reporting, which not only creates but also files tax statements. Donna is currently using a free trial subscription, but that is running out. The fee to purchase the application is \$595.00. It would cost approximately \$450.00 to hire someone to handle this monthly.

Tina Carpenter made a motion to purchase the application. Gary Tatur seconded the motion. The motion passed with 34 yes votes and 0 no votes

Old Business

There continues to be discussion as to whether the Lake Association should take on weed control (spraying). A small committee has been put together to continue to look at what other Lake Associations have done and how successful they have been. (Jay Olson, Jim Kubitscek and Gary Tatur). Before putting any additional funds into the pontoon, more information is needed about insurance and personal and/or association liabilities, etc.

Tim Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Owen Rohr seconded the motion. The motion passed with 34 yes votes and 0 no votes

Next Goose Lake Association Meeting will be held on October 13 at 7 p.m. – Fish Lake Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Churchward