

Goose Lake Association Minutes
March 10, 2012

Present: Tim Fox, Jim Thill, Alice Johnson, Richard Jefferson, Mike Gallagher, Gary Tatur, Sara Heck, Uwe Heck, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Leo Chmil, Jr., Matthew Jefferson, Christy Steman, Laurie Knutson, Richard Klick, Nancy Poppens, Julie Thill, Donna Nieman, James Nieman
Guest: Leslie George, MN DNR Fisheries

The meeting was called to order by Christy Steman at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

\$832.32 in Checking Account (02/29/16)
Deposits: \$265 in membership dues

Donna Nieman reported she contacted Go Daddy she found out we were being overcharged for our monthly fee. The monthly was reduced to the original \$9 a month. By paying for a year up front, she was able to save an additional 25%.

\$5,474.76 in savings (12/31/15)

A motion was made by Alice Johnson and Seconded by Darlene Merkel to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed 18 yes votes 0 no votes.

Gambling Treasurer's Report:

\$2,552.97 in Checking Account (02/29/16)
Deposits: \$305.00 (Braham Lanes)
Expenses:
\$750 Gambling state license
\$134.32 Gambling Games

\$1,001.20 in savings (12/31/15)

A motion was made by Leo Chmil and seconded by Nancy Poppens to approve the Gambling Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed 18 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed. James Nieman said that the mileage of \$140.41 and \$39.15 for the Post Office Box and postage should be removed as they were from the previous month.

A motion was made by Julie Thill and seconded by Sara Heck to approve the minutes with the two changes. The motion passed with 18 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Guest:

Leslie George provided an in depth update of what will be done for our chain during 2016. This year, Goose and Little Goose are up for a survey that will provide a sample of pan fish and bass. This will be done on Goose and Little Goose Lakes with trap nets, gill nets, and electro fishing. This is scheduled to happen on July 11, 2016. If possible, trap netting and electro fishing will be completed on Mandell and Rabour Lakes on July 18, 2016. She explained that electro fishing will include large, bright lights. Jim Thill asked that Leslie George e-mail him so he can e-mail members so that the Sheriff's Department and DNR don't receive massive telephone calls.

The Legislature is proposing a regulation change for Northern Pike. The state would be divided into three (3) zones. Linder Production put together a short seven-minute presentation which was shared with us all. Through the legislation, Hammer Handle Northern Pike would be changed to a ten (10) limit. State wide, lengths would be changed to <22" (small); 23-30" (medium); 31-40" (large) and >40" to trophy catch. These numbers would depend upon the number of fish in any particular area. Goose Lake would be in the North Central Zone. 22'-26" would be protected and there would be a limit of two (2) 26" catches. (For further information search www.mndnr.gov/pike.) If the legislation is passed, the new legislation would be effective March, 2017.

Overall, there has been a low angler count of fish caught this year throughout the state. Not just on our lakes.

The plans for stocking are the same as in the past for Goose Lake. 350 pounds of walleye fingerlings. None of the other lakes on our chain have ever been stocked. Through the electro testing, they will be able to determine how natural reproduction is occurring on Rabour and Mandell Lakes.

A question had been proposed about tagging and marking fish. Leslie George said the only way that can be done is for scientific research. It is not something that we would probably be eligible for.

Evan Freeman is in charge of training for boat inspection. Leslie George will forward an e-mail to him indicating there are numerous people interested in being trained.

Leslie George left business cards and Fishing Regulation pamphlets for 2016 for anyone who wished to pick them up.

Gambling Update:

Sports Page Bar, in North Branch has signed up for us to sell pull tabs as a booth operation. They also are requesting Bingo and meat Raffles. The paperwork is at North Branch City Hall and should be approved at the March 22, 2016 meeting. Jim Nieman said he would be taking the paperwork down to the Gambling Control Board on the 23rd and hopefully, it will be approved for an April 1 start date for pull tab operation. The Meat Raffle will be on Saturday at Noon. We need to purchase a scale. A new scale is \$1100 and used one is \$700. The boxes will have to be weighed at the end of each shift. Whoever works the booth will get the tips but if there are any shortages, the shortage will come out of the tips.

The Meat Raffle will cost approximately \$500 for the wheel. Although it seems like a lot of money at startup, the difference in operating cost between using a wheel and tip board is substantial. It will not take long to recoup the \$500 startup cost.

Bingo would be Tuesday night at 6 p.m. It will cost approximately \$200 to be set up for Bingo.

Jessica and Mike Wolkerstorfer, Rick Klick, Christy and Dan Steman, Darlene Merkel and Matthew Jefferson volunteered to get us started.

Old Business:

Isanti Fair:

Jim Thill should receive the Isanti County Fair sign-up sheet by the end of April. Keep some time open to volunteer your time at the Isanti Fair.

Chisago County Fair:

We will have the Pull Tab Booth at the Chisago County Fair again this year. It is possible that we might be able to find a place to do Bingo at the Fair as well. Jim Nieman will check.

Dockside Aquadics:

Christy Steman will check with Matt Riehm to see what kind of precautions are taken to make sure weeds from one lake to the next doesn't cross contaminate. Leslie George said that there are strict requirements to ensure that weeds are not taken from one lake to the next, but we should definitely check with Matt Riehm to see what his process is. Leslie George also said that harvesting weeds is like mowing a lawn...weeds grow back. The minimum charge for the harvesting was \$2,000. A charge for a 50' by 50' area was \$200.

Weed Roller:

Someone in our group brought up the possibility of using a weed roller. Leslie George added input into this discussion stating that sludge is limited 5o 3". Many of us have more than that.

New Business:

Next meeting April 14th at Fish Lake Township.

Fishing Contest:

The Fishing Contest will be held on June 11, 2016. In case of rain, an alternate date of June 18, 2016 was picked. We need to determine a registration and weigh-in site.

Stark Stroll:

The Stark Stroll is schedule for June 25, 2016. They are looking for volunteers to help. Jim Thill brought up the condition of the parade route and how many of the buildings are in very disrepair and/or blighted with garbage. He requested we call Steve Putnam, Chisago County Zoning enforcement at (651) 213-8375 asking him to assist in getting the parade route cleaned up.

LID Brochure:

There was no update on the LID Brochure tonight. Kim Chmil is ill and not present.

A motion was made by Nancy Poppens and seconded by Darlene Merkel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 18 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman
Goose Lake Association