

Goose Lake Association Minutes

August 11, 2016

Present: Jim Wheeler; Laurie Wheeler, Jim Thill, Jim Kubitschek, Tim Fox, Tina Carpenter, Babe Sudeith, Laurie Knutson, John Olson, Scott Olson, Sally Nelson-Bylander, Fern Vescio, Uwe Heck, David Pederson, Christy Steman, Jim Nieman and Donna Nieman

The meeting was called to order by Christy Steman at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed.

Jim Thill made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Donna Nieman seconded the motion. The motion passed 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Treasurer's Report:

\$2,718.87 Checking Account
\$5,476.12 Savings Account

Expenses: \$0.00

Deposits: \$ 25.00 Membership
\$145.00 Sports Page for Shortage
\$ 2.00 Refund for Bank Charge
\$167.00

Jim Kubitschek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Babe Sudeith seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

\$11,478.52 Checking Account
\$ 1,001.44 Savings Account

Expenses:

\$456.28	Mileage (829.6 Miles)
\$1,286.83	Pull Tabs/Games
\$2,706.84	Wage Compensation
\$839.60	Rent Braham and Sports Page (June Rent)
<u>\$1,027.83</u>	Equipment
\$6,317.38	

Deposits: \$11,281.00

Liquid Assets: Bank Accounts \$12,479.96
Site Banks \$ 4,200.00
\$16,679.96

Jim Kubitschek made a motion to accept the Gambling Report. Laurie Knutson seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Gambling Update (Provided by Jim Nieman):

The Sports Page – Bingo was going to be discontinued until after Labor Day; but, due to an increase in attendance, we are holding it on Tuesday evening only. The meat raffle will start up on September 17, 2016 at 1 p.m. We need volunteers to help with the meat raffle. Jim Nieman will reconnect with Isanti Meat to make arrangements for them to deliver the meat to the Sports Page on Fridays. An ad will be placed in the Scotsman a couple of weeks before starting again.

Jim Nieman reported there was enough in the bank account to pay off the \$5,000 loan that originally came from the association. Because the direction of the meeting took a different direction, there was never a first or second motion to pay this amount so it will be addressed and voted on at the Fall meeting when there are more in attendance.

Wage Compensation:

As reported in a previous month's minutes, there was a discussion at the Spring meeting to pay Jim and Donna Nieman for their management of the Gambling activity. Hours were tracked as requested and it was voted on to compensate both Jim and Donna Nieman \$1,000 per month for their work on behalf of the Gambling portion of our association. Jim Nieman noted, if there is a decline in gambling, the monthly compensation would be reviewed. (The combined hours devoted to managing gambling during the month of June was 301 hours.)

Christy Steman received a couple of phone calls questioning this. It was in depth discussion about this approved expenditure again at this meeting. Jim and Donna Nieman were again asked to keep track of their hours. Jim Nieman indicated that 301 hours amounted to \$6.64 an hour—which is less than that paid for those who work Thursday through Sunday (\$8.00 hour plus tips). Jim Nieman emphasized that this is a salaried position and that hours could fluctuate between one month and the next. Jim Nieman commented if there is a request to keep track of hours again, that someone else could take over the gambling endeavor as they are limited in the amount of free time they can do things because of the hours absorbed in managing the program. As we all know, the number volunteers contributing to the gambling endeavor or anything else that needs volunteers is limited.

Storage Problem for Pull Tabs:

Per Minnesota's statute, we are required to maintain pull tab records for three years. At present all pull tabs are secured at Christy Steman and Jim Nieman's homes. Jim Nieman investigated the storage dilemma and found that there is storage available at the Bulls Eye Storage for \$90 a month. This facility has 24/7 access and photos are taken upon entry so there is very good security provided as required by state statute. The American Legion keeps their pull tabs at this facility. The cost of \$90 month is reasonable for what they provide.

Dave Pederson made a motion to use and pay Bulls Eye Storage for maintaining our statute required storage. Tim Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed 16 yes votes to 0 no votes.

Braham Bowl:

Will be starting up in September. They are the only site that sells \$100 games. The other sites are selling \$2.00 games. The bank of \$300 will be replenished before they start up again. It was noted that although they do not sell a lot of games, they were the ones that kept us doing until we added other

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sites that have done more business. If it was not for their sales, we would not have had an active license.

The Local Bar and Lounge:

They are selling pull tabs. The Local Bar and Lounge is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are closing a couple of boxes each month for the three days a week they are open.

Chisago County Fair:

We could have used more volunteers this year at the Chisago County Fair. Donna and Jim Nieman filled in where there were not enough people signed up. All in all, it was a successful year. We had to purchase all the equipment again but it is now in stock for next year, unless we open another location between now and then. The money received from the Chisago County Fair, for selling pull tabs, goes into the Goose Lake Association Gambling Fund.

Isanti County Fair:

Volunteers donated approximately 100 hours at \$8 to \$8.50 an hour. The money paid out for the volunteer hours at the Isanti County Fair goes into the Goose Lake Association General Fund.

Old Business:

TDML:

There is still reimbursement through the DNR for TDML. You can receive reimbursement for building a rain garden, installing a culvert, plant garden, and ditches. TDML are developed to reduce pollutants and clean up water body. A number of our lake association members have received assistance and others have created/submitted plans. If interested contact Casey Theil for information.

New Business:

Donna Nieman shared the thank you note received from Chisago County Fair for our donation towards Kids Day.

Weed Eradication:

Dave Pederson investigated the cost and types of eradication available weeds, specifically curly leaf. The product recommended was Aquacide K liquid. The mapping that needs to be done would be about \$660. There are various businesses that can treat the infected area.

Milfoil has been detected in the NW corner of Goose by the DNR. Donna Nieman will contact Paul Kaari, of Lake Improvement Consulting, who has been treating our lakes shores for the past three years and done some acreage treatment for further information on what he can suggest. The treatment can be done now or early in the spring before seeds start to germinate. It only takes a small fragment of milfoil, a 2-inch piece of weed, to migrate from one area to another infecting our entire chain of lakes.

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The second weed treatment has been done. Many people were disappointed with their first treatment (many still had overabundance of lily pads). Lake Improvement Consulting altered the treatment in an attempt to eliminate more of the lily pads.

Upcoming Events:

The positions of President and Treasurer are up for election at the Fall meeting. Christy Steman has requested that someone else take over the President position as he needs more family time now that her children are getting older. Donna Nieman indicated she would be willing to continue as Treasurer.

The Fall meeting will be held on September, 10, 2016, at the Fish Lake Township Hall at 10 a.m. A potluck follows directly after the meeting at 12 noon.

Babe Sudith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tina Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Nieman