

Goose Lake Association  
Minutes from August 14, 2014

Present: Jim Nieman, Donna Nieman, Robbie Thum, Jim Thill, Julie Thill, Jay Olson, Sue Olson, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Christy Steman, Jessica Wolkerstorfer, Mark Knutson, Linnea Steman, Bob Steman, Laurie Knutson, Ron Huberty, Rick Klick, Patti Klick, Larry Bylander, Sally Nelson Bylander, Nancy Poppens, Alice Johnson, Richard Jefferson with visitors, Karen and Kermit Swanson.

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

Minutes from June 12, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Some revisions were recommended and the approval of the minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Reports:

\$2893.61 in Checking (07/31/14)		
\$4416.38 in Savings (07/31/14)		
Pending deposit	+\$60.00	Membership
Pending withdrawal	-3.17	Cards, rubber bands, numbers

Gambling Reports:

\$4460.31 in Checking (07/31/14)		
\$1044.00 in Savings (07/31/14)		
Pending checks	-\$213.00	Rent
	-199.00	Taxes

A motion was made by Sue Olson and seconded by Linnea Steman to approve the Treasurer's and gambling reports. 22 yes and 0 no's.

Discussion about Chisago County Fair and the pull tab sales. Most participants agreed it was fun and went well. We learned from the experience. One ticket was paid after the box was closed. In the end, Larry Bylander paid the \$29.00 that was short after the fair. We also have to remember to never intermingle funds from one box to the next. Three other organizations want our spot, however, the fair board has already agreed to give us the first opportunity. Through the discussion, the need for more signs was brought up. We have three sandwich boards and banners could be made up for them for next year.

Isanti County Fair had 16 volunteers. Our organization will be compensated for the volunteer hours. The fair thanked us for coming and are always looking for volunteers.

Pull tab sales will begin in Braham on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

New Business:

Gambling software should be looked into per Donna Nieman's training. The software is called Sure Thing and costs \$695.00 for the software and training. Updates would be \$500.00. This software was created by gambling managers.

Gambling takes time and training. We need to look into compensating the gambling and treasurer's time in the future. We also need people to sign up for counting on the Sunday after the fair.

Lori Knutson volunteered to help with accounting and tax forms. She stated she was good with numbers.

Old business:

Weed Treatment:

One lady called and vented to Katie Kaari for an hour and a half that the weed treatment didn't work, then complained to Christy Steman for another half hour. Robbie Thum stated that it takes 3 years for weed treatments to be effective.

Roger Hugill provided cards to Jim Thill to share with association members showing pictures of milfoil. Milfoil needs to be sprayed, not cut. If it is cut, it goes wild.

Andrea Kampa suggested it should be a professional grant writer for larger grants for weed control. Professional grant writers usually charge a percentage of the grant received. Andrea is willing to help with smaller grants. We will look for someone with experience to help on the grant committee.

Gambling money can help pay for weed control. This year's cost for the invasive species grant was \$2700.00 and we will receive \$1000.00 back from the DNR.

Hook, Line & Sinker Program:

Jim Thill and Scotty Merkel cleaned out the containers and reported one pop bottle and some line.

Buoys:

An email was received from Mike Wolkerstorfer regarding replacing buoys. Buoys are expensive. About \$200.00 each. We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Creek Update: Jim Kubichek had a meeting with Roger Hugill and Tony Herbert. Jim Thill and Tony Herbert want to meet with the DNR. The DNR responded by email and are willing to meet after the survey. Jim Thill is now the point of contact with the DNR and he is authorized for exchange of information only. All decisions need to go through the association and Christy.

Lake levels will stabilize because the beavers have built a dam. Charlie has agreed to trap them, but can't do anything until trapping season.

Discussion item:

There was a discussion to change the Lake Associations Bylaws so that people and organizations not on the lakes could become members. It would be possible to allow others as non-voting members.

Next Meeting:

Fall meeting will be the annual pot-luck at Fish Lake Township Hall on September 6, 2014. We will be voting for treasurers and a new president. Casey will be invited from Chisago County. We will discuss eliminating the board of directors and change the parameters of membership.

Donna Nieman motioned to adjourn and Julie Thill seconded the motion. There were 22 ayes and 0 opposed.

Items to be completed:

Donna Nieman will look into re-writing bylaws.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Poppens