

Goose Lake Association Minutes
Spring Meeting, June 4, 2016

Present: Sara Heck, Uwe Heck, Bill Landis, Joyce Lindstrom, Mary Ann Bilotta, John Bilotta, Laurie Knutson, Donna Nieman, Jim Nieman, Jim Thill, Ron Huberty, Gretchen Seitz, Lee Hanson, Dave Pederson, Lois Caliguire, Babe Sudeith, Bob Steman, Sue Olson, Larry Bylander, Karen Peterson, Nancy Melquist, Al Aschenbrener, Ken Grosch, Denise Holter, Fern Vescio, Mark Knutson, Richard Krieter, Marie Krieter, Julie Thill, Robbie Thum, Darlene Merkel, Scott Merkel, Marlene Wardell, Jake Mauer, Arlen Peterson, Owen Rohr, Scott Olsdon, Linnea Steman, Leon Kukchenmeister, Dennis Elmstrand, Kathy Elmstrand, Jay Olson, Tim Fox, Trent Landis, Tony Herbert, Don Seitz, Alice Johnson, Ione Aschenbrener, Don Mace, Paul Melquist, Babe Sudeith, Bill Weise, Jim Kubitschek, Vi Kubitschek, Judi Churchward, Todd Churchward, Trevor Rolfs, Richard Jefferson, Christy Steman, Mike Colucci, and Joe Valento (non-member), Jeff Forester (non-member).

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

Treasurer's Report:

\$1,200.26 Checking Account

Expenses – None

\$345.00 collected and deposited – Membership

\$5,475.44 Saving Account

GoDaddy has been reaching out – need to be contacted.

Julie Thill made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Alice Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion passed 60 yes votes 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

\$2,202.17 Checking Account

\$1,001.21 Savings Account

Expenses - \$557.95

 \$389.95 Mileage (709 Miles)

 \$75.15 Speaker

 \$32.03 Totes

 \$17.98 Cash box

 \$42.84 Wireless Connection for TV

Pull Tabs - \$66,182.00

Prizes - \$55,644

Deposits - \$10,064 (\$2,149 deposited in first 4 days of June)

Bingo Supplies paid for - \$230.00

Darlene Merkel made a motion to accept the Gambling Report. Jim Kubitschek seconded the motion. Motion passed 60 yes votes to 0 no votes.

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The minutes were reviewed.

Robbie Thum made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Jim Nieman seconded the motion. The motion passed 60 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Gambling Update:

The Sports Page – Bingo start on Tuesday, May 31. Nine players participated during the first evening of Bingo.

Jim Nieman spoke to The Local Bar and Lounge – they are close to opening, they stated that their goal was to be open by the Stark Stroll. They are working on vendors. The Local Bar and Lounge will notify Jim approximately two weeks before opening. They will open with a short menu. They will have 2-3 boxes – bar operated. A purchase of two scanners will be needed to supply the Local Bar and Lounge and the Chisago County Fair. Bingo supplies can be used by both places.

Braham Bowl will continue in the Fall.

Needed – Volunteers:

There are volunteer opportunities at the Sports Page, Chisago County Fair (selling pull tabs) – July 21-24 (4 hour blocks), Isanti County Fair – July 20-24. Please contact Jim Thill for Fair available time slots at either Fair, contact Jim or Donna Nieman for volunteer opportunities at the Sports Page.

A request was made to make a \$100 donation to the Chisago County Fair Kid's Day Program.

Alice Jefferson made a motion to make the donation to the Chisago County Fair Kid's Day Program. Sarah Heck seconded the motion. Motion passed 60 yes votes 0 no votes.

A discussion continued regarding the need for volunteers. Currently, at The Sports Page, there are two paid positions, but there is still a need for volunteers to fill time slots and cover for when the paid staff need time off.

A motion was being made by Jim Kubitschek to offer compensation to Jim and Donna Nieman for their time and effort in managing the Gambling. More information is needed and the motion to rescind the topic of compensation was made by Jim Kubitschek. Jim Thill seconded the motion. The motion passed 60 yes votes and 0 no votes. However, this will be added as an agenda item to an upcoming monthly meeting.

Mike Colucci brought up a concern of possibly becoming too big too fast – spreading resources too thin. Concerns about shortages, weighing of pull tabs, and check and balances were discussed. Overall, the dollars and number of tickets are checked twice – an area of possible error, or shortage, was identified. It would be in selling pull tabs at a different value (example \$2 pull tabs sold for \$1).

Guest Speaker:

Jeff Forester, Executive Director, MN Lakes and River Advocates. Jeff is a writer by trade – who became passionate about ensuring the heritage of our lakes and rivers remain healthy and viable for future generations to enjoy. He has learned that conservation of our lakes and rivers is impacted by legislature groups. Smaller groups (Lakes Associations) pooling resources together can make a difference. This Advocacy group has worked on bills to increase the fines for ignoring to inspect a boat and draining water – which could easily transfer zebra mussels to other lakes. They were able to increase the DNR budget, and contribute funds to the Aquatic Species Research Center. Due to the vast number of lakes, and the boats on our waters – the DNR cannot manage all on their own. Jeff spoke about the \$10 million standing appropriation for the DNR that was gained in 2014, was almost lost in 2015. To ensure we continue to have a voice, they rely on gaining members, such as Lake Associations. However, that isn't enough – they can use the assistance from individuals, as well. They are looking for any amount of contributions – whether it be \$5 - \$500. These contributions will assist with their continued effort to preserve the health of our lakes and waterways by creating bills, working with the DNR, and funding important research. Jim Thill will provide the emails of the members of the Goose Lake Association to Jeff. If you do not want to receive the emails from this group, you can unsubscribe.

There was a question regarding run-off and shoreline improvement. Jeff brought up the Shoreline Incentive Act. Christy also mentioned 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.

Diane Larkin, from Fish Lake Township, was unable to attend the Spring Meeting. She was going to discuss the two lots on Goose Lake and how they planned to create a pit stop for people that canoe and kayak, along with having an area with a picnic table and a parking spot (for one vehicle). If these lots are not developed before 2017, they will go back to the DNR. The DNR could, in turn, create a public access. If there is a tax delinquency – the DNR could gain 6 lots. A question was asked regarding parking on roads by the lakes – residents wanting No Parking signs. It was suggested that residents that live on the any of these particular roads attend a township meeting and ask for the installation of No Parking signs.

Old Business

Five buoys were installed at the channels. These buoys were donated by the Chisago County Sheriff's Department.

Spraying of shorelines weeds was completed on May 26 by Lake Improvement Consulting.

Upcoming Events

Stark Stroll – June 25. Still in need of volunteers for the kid's program, along with donations.

Fishing Contest – June 11. Check in 8 a.m., Fishing event 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Donations needed for prizes and treat bags. Cash donations were collected at the meeting. Accepting donations for raffle items.

June 18 would be make-up date. – Held west side of Goose Lake.

July 4 is boat parade – 1 p.m. – Starting at Rabour Lake

Chisago County Fair – July 21-24

Isanti County Fair – July 20-24

Fish Lake Township Meetings are held 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m. Road Report, 7 p.m. Meeting
Goose Lake Association Monthly meetings are held 2nd Thursday of each month 7 p.m.

New Business

Weed Control – Dave Pederson discussed the issue of curly-leaf pondweed. This invasive weed has covered a large percentage of the lakes this year. It is the worst it has been. Dave spoke to a DNR person in the Sauk Rapids office. They discussed ways on reducing the amount of weeds that are now on our waters. The only way to reduce the amount of weeds is by spraying. It is approximately \$5-\$6,000 per acre for a commercial sprayer to provide treatment. Currently, Green Lake, does their own spraying, which reduces the cost greatly. It is approximately \$2,800 for the equipment, then there is the need for a pontoon boat and motor. Due to this being an invasive weed, the lake area that can be sprayed is 50% (versus 15% of a non-invasive species). A permit is needed, and initially, the DNR would need to be present during the time of spraying. Dave asked for individuals to form a committee, with a preference of at least two people from each lake. He will also be visiting Green Lake to learn more about how they manage the spaying and how the spraying is paid for. His findings will be brought to the July meeting.

Robbie Thum brought up the possibility of having paid inspectors at the boat launches. Something to think about when funding becomes available. Long Lake currently pays to have inspectors from 5 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week. It has made an impact on preventing the transfer of milfoil and zebra mussels to the lake and surrounding lakes.

Goose Lake Association Positions:

The positions of President and Treasurer are up for election at the Fall meeting.

John Bilotta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Churchward seconded the motion. The motion passed with 57 yes votes and 0 no votes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Churchward