

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2025**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Nielsen at 9:01 am.

Directors Present: Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Jill Jakusz, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Jim Nielsen

Directors Absent: Todd Griecar, Jim Hollihan

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Gene Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2025 membership meeting as presented. Pauline Royce seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

Account	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Acct	\$17,464.66	\$5,176.77	\$6,022.63	\$16,618.80
General Gambling	\$7,219.41	\$9,462.54	\$2,384.93	\$14,297.02
Nanobubbles	\$38,060.12	\$25,000.00	\$2,734.70	\$60,325.42

Pauline Royce made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Marge Olson seconded. The motion passed.

Gambling Manager's Report. Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report. The PLA processed 150 pull tab boxes in June. Net profits for the month were \$16,613. The current star rating is 40%. There was an expense overage of \$689.12 in June. Marge Olson made a motion to approve the Gambling Report and the overage of \$689.12. Gene Olson seconded. The motion passed.

Stacey Bolton made a motion to approve \$50,000 for August 2025 gambling expenses. Dave Stone seconded. The motion passed.

Water Quality Committee Report. The Nanobubbles trailer has been running since June 4th. The project is showing early positive results in water clarity. Residents of the North Bay have reported that they have never seen the water so clean, and are very impressed with the results. Media Day is Thursday, July 25th. Speakers for the event will be Kathy Nielsen (PLA), Josh Mohr (Pine County Commissioner), Chris Stephan (Moleaer) and Steve McComas (Blue Water Science). Invitees included all major media outlets in the Twin Cities, Duluth and Brainerd, state and local elected officials, lake associations, regulators, and environmental advocacy groups.

Weed Cutting Committee Report. Both weed cutters are working. Yesterday the trailer lost a wheel on the road. It has not yet been found. We cannot run the cutters without the use of a trailer to haul weeds. Volunteers are needed to locate the missing wheel. Jim Nielsen praised Jim Hollihan for the outstanding job he has done in communicating with volunteers and the membership regarding weed cutting operations.

Gambling Audit Committee. The committee will be meeting next week with the Gambling Manager to review monthly reports.

Donations Committee. Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$500 to Nancy Hayden for a hardship due to the loss of her home to a house fire. Gene Olson seconded. Tom Rice remarked that some time ago the membership set a policy that hardship donations would be limited to \$250. Even so, the motion passed.

Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Pine City Pickelball Club for construction of pickleball courts. Gene Olson seconded. The motion failed on a hand count. Pauline Royce made a motion to donate \$500 to Pine City Pickelball Club. Connie Stone seconded. Motion passed.

Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$9,897.13 to Kanabec County SWCD. With the end of PLA gambling operations at Northwoods Steakhouse on June 30th, this donation will fulfill the PLA's final obligation to make donations in Kanabec County. Gene Olson seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Committee. Nothing new to report.

Membership Engagement Committee. The PLA Facebook page now has 2,100 followers. There are currently 166 membership-households. Welcome to new member, Steve Stroebe!

Freedom Fest was a slow day for the walking taco booth, but all volunteers had fun.

Old Business. The corn booth has installed a new awning. Scott Jeanson thanked Mike Frasier and Jim DeLalley for their help with installation. Corn prices from the farmer remain unchanged from last year.

New Business. Jim Nielsen reminded members that Board elections will be held next month. An outline of Board Duties and Expectations has been made available at the sign-in table.

Announcements. The PLA received a donation of \$140 from the family of Jean Marjorie Chapman. The donation was given as a memorial gift in honor of their mother who had been coming to Pokegama Lake for the past 89 years.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Mike Fraser made a motion to adjourn. John Hoyny seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen
Secretary