

**Pokegama Lake Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2025**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Nielsen at 9:04 am.

**Directors Present:** Bobbi Eich, Todd Griecar, Jim Hollihan, Jill Jakusz, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Jim Nielsen

**Directors Absent:** Stacey Bolton

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** Dave DeWitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2025 membership meeting as presented. Jim Hollihan seconded. Motion passed.

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

<b>Account</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
General Acct	\$22,734.95	\$3,683.74	\$4,489.93	\$21,928.76
General Gambling	\$14,657.02	\$2,000.00	\$1,612.02	\$15,045.00
Nanobubbles	\$40,864.78	\$800.00	\$3,512.50	\$38,152.28

Luranne McLean made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Jim Hollihan seconded. The motion was approved.

**Gambling Manager's Report.** Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report. The PLA processed 158 pull tab boxes in April. Current star rating is 37%. There will be bingo at the Brass Rail on Father's Day. Marge's has horse races every Friday night. The races have been very successful. Todd Griecar made a motion to approve the Gambling Report. Bobbi Eich seconded. The motion passed.

Kim Erickson made a motion to approve \$50,000 for June 2025 gambling expenses. Luranne McLean seconded. The motion passed.

**Water Quality Committee Report.** This year the DNR approved treatment of 17.1 acres of curlyleaf pondweed. Treatment will be done next week, weather permitting.

Jill Jakusz reported that the Nanobubbles trailer will be shipped next week. Installation is scheduled for the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The DNR has drafted its aeration permit and is expected to issue the permit in the coming days. The DNR is requiring additional monitoring sites in the North Bay as a condition of the permit. Those sites have been identified and an updated monitoring plan is being drafted. Monitoring of lake conditions has begun. Biobased mapping of the north bay and northern half of the lake has been completed.

Kathy Nielsen noted that the nanobubbles project has drawn the attention of state and local agencies, regulators, legislators and other lake associations. The importance of this project has become greater than simply the North Bay of Pokegama Lake. It is being viewed as a lighthouse project for the state and beyond.

Jim Nielsen reported that the PLA has received a letter from Pokegama Township stating the Township recently learned it does not have the statutory authority to make donations to charitable organizations. Therefore, the PLA will not be receiving the previously approved \$5,000 donation.

**Weed Cutting Committee Report.** A volunteer sign-up sheet was handed out. Due to the nanobubbles installation, there can be no weed cutting in the North Bay at this time. In order to keep track of where and when the weed cutter is being used the key will be kept with Jim Hollihan. Jim is still seeking a volunteer to handle scheduling of weed cutting activities.

**Gambling Audit Committee.** No update.

**Donations Committee.** Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Braham Pie Days for the Pie Day shuttle bus. Pauline Royce seconded. The motion passed.

Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$100 to Pine City Area Pickleball Club to sponsor a hole for their June 21<sup>st</sup> fundraising scramble golf tournament. Mike Frazer seconded. The motion passed.

Dave DeWitt made a motion to donate \$5,300 to the PLA for the following: \$3,000 for curlyleaf pondweed treatment; \$2,000 for updated building security. Jim Hollihan seconded. The motion passed.

**Communications Committee.** Please continue to send photos and updates for the website.

**Membership Engagement.** Membership is way up from last year! If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so.

Freedom Fest will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Please see Susan Kubitschek if you are able to help.

**Old Business.** Nothing to report.

**New Business.** Jim Nielsen presented a letter to the membership outlining his understanding of the core mandates of his position and the important objectives he is working towards in the coming months. Nielsen is implementing a monthly “Coffee with the President” to provide members with an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns regarding PLA activities and direction. The first Coffee will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the PLA building. Members were encouraged to attend.

**Announcements.** Scott Jeanson asked for volunteers to help clean the corn booth prior to Freedom Fest.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, Jim Hollihan made a motion to adjourn. Mike Frazer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen  
Secretary