

**Pokegama Lake Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2024**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Scott Waste at 9:05 am.

**Board of Directors present:** Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Todd Griecar, Jill Jakusz, Jim Hollihan, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Tom Rice, Scott Waste

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** Pauline Royce made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023 membership meeting as presented. Jim Hollihan seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report, attached. Mike Fraser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Rick Watson seconded. The motion was approved.

**Gambling Manager's Report.** Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report, attached. The PLA processed 96 pull tab boxes in January. Side Tracked has added bingo every other Friday. Marge's has added bingo on Thursdays. Bear Creek will have a new owner on March 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no decision yet on whether they will continue their gambling with the PLA. Todd Griecar made a motion to approve the Gambling Report. J. Hollihan seconded. The motion passed.

Luranne McLean made a motion to approve \$40,000 for March, 2024 gambling expenses. Bobbi Eich seconded. The motion passed.

**Water Quality Committee Report.** The PLA submitted a grant application to Pine County for \$19,520 for treatment of curlyleaf pondweed and \$2,000 for weed cutting expenses. The funds should be approved by the Pine County Board on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The committee has requested a quote from Lake Restoration for the PLA's 2024 curlyleaf pondweed treatment. We are also planning on having Lake Restoration attend a future membership meeting to discuss their individual weed control program. Nielsen warned members to expect a large crop of curlyleaf pondweed this year due to a lack of snow cover and warm temperatures.

**Gambling Audit Committee.** Nothing to report this month.

**Donations Committee** P. Royce presented a donation request from Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$2,000 for a wide range of water quality related activities. P. Royce made a motion to approve the donation of \$2,000 to Kanabec SWCD. Stacey Bolton seconded. The motion passed.

P. Royce presented a donation request from the Braham Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 for their scholarship endowment fund. P. Royce made a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Braham Educational Endowment. R. Watson seconded. The motion passed.

**Communications Committee.** There are numerous candidates running for Township Supervisor in the March 12<sup>th</sup> election. The PLA will request statements from each candidate as to how they will support

the interests of the PLA. These statements will be posted the PLA Facebook page. In support of our gambling partners, the PLA will begin posting a schedule of their special gambling events.

**Social Committee.** Lake Appeal is hosting a modified “Golf on Ice” event today. The Welcome Back Picnic will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Lake Appeal is airing the North Dakota Fighting Sioux vs Duluth Bulldogs game on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

**Old Business.** Nothing to report.

**New Business.** T. Rice informed members of the Pine SWCD tree/shrub sale program.

**A word from the President.** Waste noted that the PLA will again host a booth at Freedom Fest on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Jim Hollihan was appointed to the Board this morning. He will be helping with the weed cutting program. Waste offered condolences to Tom Rice on the recent passing of his sister. Waste thought the PLA should have a practice of sending cards to members dealing with a similar loss. Waste reminded Pokegama Township residents to vote in the March 12<sup>th</sup> township elections.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, T. Griecar made a motion to adjourn. J. Hollihan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen, Secretary