

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
November 19, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by president Scott Waste.

Board of Directors present: Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Dwight Evers, Todd Greicar, Jim Grisim, DeeAnn Houck, John Hoyny, Susan Kubitschek, Kathy Nielsen, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: Luranne McLean

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 2022 meeting was seconded by Pauline Royce and passed, with the following change to the Lake Improvement report: 'One Watershed One Plan' replaced by 'Coalition of lake Assoc.'

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the October treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$27,159.76. There were credits of \$968.11 from membership dues, and expenses totaling \$839.79, mostly for utilities and usual items, leaving an ending balance of \$27,288.08.

On the gambling side, beginning balance was \$38,652.10 with no credits and \$121.04 expense for weed-cutting, leaving an ending balance of \$38,531.06.

Todd Greicar seconded the report, passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim is at a meeting in Duluth, so Tom Rice reported. Discussion of possible changes for next year - taxes may go down, possibility of increased revenue - changes in Congress. Our profit is at 6%, which is better than the state average. Jim Nielsen seconded the report; passed.

John Hoyny seconded the \$40,000 request for December expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement - Jim Grisim met with the DNR trying to manage expectations. Knowing that the lake will never be perfect, what CAN we do? Discussion of dredging, buffer zones, fish survey every 4 years and stocking the lake with walleye every 2 years. Bluegill restriction of 10, not 20, on both Pokegama and Cross lakes. Trying to expand weed-cutting to be able to cut all summer and adding Eurasian Milfoil to request.

Kathy Nielsen will be submitting application for a DNR grant for lake treatment - \$400K available. The grant is due December 22nd, and then will be planning for 2023.

Discussion included the disconnect between DNR permits and what companies will do, as well as the biology of the lake. As individuals, contact Zack with Pine County - they can come to properties and propose projects - there are some grants as well as from the PLA for this. (Grant request \$10,000). Kathy will be working to connect the county with what companies are doing.

Discussion of climate change and what is water quality generally.

Gambling Audit Committee - Tom Rice reported for the 9 members

By-laws - committee met and is looking at timing and establishing visits to all of our sites.

Donations -

1 - \$3000 request by the Braham Event Center for chairs - discussion of whether to support the request ended with a motion by Kathy N and seconded by Susan K to table until January meeting, motion passed.

2 - \$500 request for Salvation Army - second by Kathy N, passed.

3 - \$24,000 request from Kanabec County Soil and Conservation - DeAnn Pomeny presented (John Sandford also present). \$2,000 would be for newsletter; \$22,000 for no-till drill rental to help with native

plantings and for lake treatment of Ann Lake, which will reduce 4000 pounds of phosphorous coming into Pokegama Lake. Request seconded by Kathy N., passed.
General discussion of donation scope.

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) - Stacey Bolton

The website is ready to go live. Cost to run is \$600 for two years which has been approved by the Board. Working on getting a Visa card for payments, and will need some editing as we go, but ready to launch.

Education - no report

Social -

\$500 has been budgeted for the Christmas Party at the American Legion, and \$100 down payment has been made to the Legion. RSVP's needed by 11/26, only 35 so far and the average is 50 - 70 people. The event has been reposted on Facebook. Susan K. volunteered to help with decorating. Currently, we have no official chair for the Social committee.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Melody and Stacey.

There is still a position on the BOD for a two-year term - if interested, contact Scott Waste.

Status of insulation project: Scott will be starting in a few weeks. A heater has been donated but needs a volunteer to install it.

NEW BUSINESS -

1 - Looking for plowing service. We used Wings North last year for \$240/month. Scott is checking.

2 - Loon nest - we have one to set up on the water - Scott volunteered to help.

3 - Stolen truck - received \$10,000 from insurance. Discussion of new security process for truck access. Expected to need \$35K for a new truck (\$25K plus insurance money) - Todd G. moved to authorize, Susan K. seconded, motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings

The next Board of Directors and the next General Membership meetings will be Saturday December 17th at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Grisim seconded Scott's motion to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary - with the much-appreciated notes of Stacey Bolton