

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
December 17, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by president Scott Waste.

Board of Directors present: Bobbi Eich, Dwight Evers, Jim Grisim, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: Stacey Bolton, Todd Greicar, DeeAnn Houck, John Hoyny

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 2022 meeting was seconded by Pauline Royce and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the November treasurer's report.

Beginning balance was \$27,288.08. There were credits of \$1,613.11 from membership dues and Christmas party payments. Expenses totaling \$592.58, were mostly for utilities and usual items as well as \$100.00 deposit to the American Legion for the Holiday Party. The ending balance was \$28,308.61.

On the gambling side, beginning balance was \$38,531.06 with no credits and \$3,000.00 expense for pumps - Hydraulic Plus, leaving an ending balance of \$35,531.06.

Pauline Royce seconded the report, passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim reported. She felt her attendance at the gambling convention taught her a lot, especially how to more effectively use the CG Made Easy software. Sport betting is becoming legal in MN and Kim is excited to be trained for that. There was a special guest from the legislature who said there is work happening to fight to lower gambling taxes. Kim also took some classes on MN revenue audits and feels more prepared for such an audit when it might occur. There were a few minor things that our inspection found needed fixing - Kim has taken care of the items and shared with the site owners. Kim feels we are doing well - month-ends are getting done, taxes are being paid on time and our bars/business are running well. The annual audit by 2 PLA non-gambling members is scheduled to take place on January 2nd.

Chuck Royce seconded the report; passed.

Marlys Kufner seconded the \$50,000 request for January expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement -

Kathy Nilsen reported. Application for a DNR grant for lake treatment - \$400K available. The grant has been submitted for 2023 asking for treatment for Eurasian Milfoil and curly pond leaf control.

Discussion of several grant issues, etc. will be at the January 14th Water Quality committee meeting. Submitting to Pine County for a grant next month.

Board of Soil and Water Resources has a Lawns to Legumes project that includes a part of our lake that will also be discussed.

Jim Grisim has submitted our weed-cutting application but has not heard back yet.

Gambling Audit Committee - Tom Rice reported - attended 4 classes at the Convention - somewhat disappointing but worth the time nevertheless. Site audits will be conducted by Dwight Evers and Tom Rice on January 3rd.

Donations - Our Star rating does not require any donation from us at this time.

1 - \$3000 request by Bobbi for PLA expenses (insurance for Corn Booth and weed-cutting, etc.) second by Jim Nielsen, passed.

2 - \$3,000 request from Braham (Isanti Co.) for chairs. Jim Nielsen second. Motion did not pass.

Kathy Nielsen moved to give \$3800 to Brook Park, Susan Kubitschek seconded, passed.
General discussion of donation scope.

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) - Website is up and running - will be paid soon and notice to all members will follow - many thanks to Stacey Bolton. 550 followers on Facebook!
New Debit card will be used to pay for website.
Mary Holmgren will be asked to send confirmation of receipt of Membership Dues.

Education - no report

Social -

Christmas Part was a hit.
Currently, we have no official chair for the Social committee.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Melody and Stacey. Lee's Pro Shop has our order ready - a bit surprising, but.....
There is still a position on the BOD for a two-year term - Tom Rice nominated Nick Hugo to the BOD.
He accepted and introduced himself. Scott seconded; membership voted to approve. Welcome Nick!

NEW BUSINESS -

Discussion of snow-plowing - Scott will call Chad and review requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings

The next Board of Directors will be January 14th at 11a.m., and the next General Membership meetings will be Saturday January 21st at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Nielsen moved to adjourn, seconded by Pauline Royce, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary