

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
February 18, 2023**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by president Scott Waste.

Board of Directors present: Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Todd Greicar, Jim Grisim, DeeAnn Houck, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: Dwight Evers, Nick Hugo, John Hoyny

Welcome to new members and everybody! Room is rearranged due to getting set up for zoom meetings.

Presentation by Lake Restoration, INC, Rogers, MN - Paul Kretsch (possible solution to water quality for individual home owners)

LR will contract with individual home owners to control weeds twice a year - DNR permit to treat weeds 50% of shoreline out 100 feet. Can also treat for swimmers itch; and do a bacteria treatment for muck. Members asked many, many questions, to which Paul responded. They are able to treat areas with slow water flowage, and do plan treatments on calm days. Treatments are solid as well as liquid. Owners will have input as to what area will be treated. Treatments are generally in June and late July - results vary, but 3 - 17 days to see results. Best results if treat on a yearly basis. Chemicals all will break down and do not bio-accumulate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Secretary's report of the January 2023 meeting was seconded by Tom Rice, Todd Greicar and passed

2/13/23 Board of Directors meeting re-cap:

PokegamaLakeAssociation.com is our website which is now up and running - please check it out. Building is being fitted for zoom.

Donations - Becky Turnquist requesting funds to re-coup expenditures - would like to purchase new chairs for the Braham Event Center Asking us because we do Bingo there.

Edie Kaunonen, Braham Area Education Foundation requesting \$1,000 to meet staff needs to enhance student needs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the January treasurer's report. On the General checking side, beginning balance was \$26,472.51. Income was \$1,650.46, largely from dues plus \$124 for clothing sales. Expenses were \$5,924.93 which included nearly \$4,000 in insurance costs, leaving a balance of \$22,198.04. On the Gambling checking side, the beginning balance was \$38,531.06. Credit of \$10,955.64 was from insurance for the stolen truck. Expenses were \$1,505.47, leaving an ending balance of \$47,981.23. Pauline Royce seconded the report, passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim reported that things are picking up - we did 86 boxes this month. January allowable expense was \$28,378. Upcoming events include: Marges horse racing Feb. 25th; Purse Bingo is scheduled for Mothers' Day at Bear Creek and May 21st at Northwoods; yearly audit will begin next month. Please remember to visit our sites.

Rick Watson seconded the report; passed.

Pauline Royce seconded the \$40,000 request for March expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement/Water Quality Committee -

Kathy Nilsen reported. Will try to have report in writing each month.

Did not get a permit application in by the 2/15 deadline so will be working to get a grant for effective projects for next year. Working on dealing with phosphorous control.

Pine County grant to treat curly leaf pondweed in the same place it was treated last year - yearly treatment needed to kill the plant seeds (turions).

Will also be treating up to 50 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Trying to send a representative to Pokegama Township meetings to keep communications and keep getting their \$1,000 yearly donations. Discussion that we need to have a PLA member on their Board.

Gambling Audit Committee - Tom Rice reported - will start visiting gambling sites on a regular basis. Thank you to Kim, and to Dwight Evers and Tom Rice for all their hard work.

Donations - Pauline Royce presented the committee's recommendation to give \$2000 to the Braham Event Center for chairs; Stacey Bolton seconded; approved.

Recommend \$1,000 to Braham Area Education Foundation, Kathy Nielsen second, passed.

(This is a total of \$3,000 for Isanti County for 2023).

Request from Bear Creek for \$250 for Dragon Wrestling Boosters fees. Tom Rice second, passed with the note that they will be given a copy of our mission statement delineating the types of donations we accept.

Request \$1,000 for Pine City Parents of graduates for street banners, car magnets and lawn signs for the homes of graduates. Chuck seconded; after discussion, the motion did not pass.

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) - Stacey reported - work on website will continue. Check Facebook site. Discussion of communication options to help get more people involved.

Education - no report

Social -

Tom Rice will chair the May picnic - see him if you can help. Tom would like to get-together for cards and conversations Tuesday mornings

OLD BUSINESS -

Thanks to Tom and crew for taking care of the broken awning.

Possible lead for a new truck from Rush City Auto - under our budget, so will likely have it by next month.

Clothing for sale - Melody is working with Lee's Pro Shop.

NEW BUSINESS - Jill Jakusz thanked everybody for their work to raise the level of excellence of our meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings

The next Board of Directors will be March 13th, 6-7:15 p.m. via zoom, and the next General Membership meetings will be Saturday March 18th at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Nik Snyder moved, Mike Fraser second, to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary