

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
July 16, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Tom Rice.

Board of Directors present: Scott Waste, Stacey Bolton, Tom Rice, Connie Stone, John Hoyny, Bobbie Eich, Laurie Simonson, Steve Simonson, Kathy Nielson

Board of Directors absent: Susan Kubitschek

(BOD report from last night's meeting, if there is a report.) I have notes and will type up.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2022 meeting was seconded by John Hoyny and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the June treasurer's report.

****Stacey - just stick a copy of her report in the folder - don't have to record anything else.

Brian Bird seconded the June Treasurer's report; passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Stacey - please just put the two financial pages and Kim's narrative sheet in the folder. You only need to record any major discussion and any new motions.

Gene Olson seconded approval of the June Gambling Manager's report; passed.

Request for \$40,000 for August expenses seconded by Scott Waste; passed. There was \$350 renewal for site permits (total \$1600) seconded by Jim Nielsen and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement – Kathy Nielsen

1 Watershed, 1 Plan process completed, the final report is out for comment, Kathy can send the link to Stacey to put on facebook, Kathy will provide a summary of the plan for next meeting. Pokegama Lake is considered a tier 1 lake. Discussion about lake treatment for curly leaf pondweed and whether it was effective. DNR allows 15% of lake to be treated every year, but would not allow a permit for the total amount to allow individual homeowners to pull permits. The problem is individual homeowners are not able to get a company to treat a small area. This is a disconnect with the DNR. Now the milfoil is growing. Al Johnson has the information on the process, could he provide a report so that we can consider other areas for next year.

Gambling Audit Committee

Nothing

Donations -

****record the request(s), including amount, name of the second and if it passed****

Kick Cancer to the Curb – Kanabec County – motion for \$3,000, seconded by Alan Moss and passed.

Membership Engagement Committee (Communications/Website/Membership) - Stacey Bolton

Regarding the website, we have not been able to reach Nik Snyder who started the new website. There are concerns that the website is very outdated and we are not getting any information out to the membership. Several attendees voiced concerns about the lack of communication and why can't we

email out the minutes to all members every month? Not everyone uses facebook so we need other avenues of communication. It was agreed that Stacey would obtain Nik's telephone number and try to reach her and also contact Cross Lake to see who they use for their website. Perhaps we can share some information. Regarding the membership forms, a lot of households do not fill them out with interests in volunteering and that information is not getting relayed to the committees. I

It was requested that we send out the minutes for each meeting to all current PLA members.

Education

Nothing

Social

8/20/22 is the picnic and silent auction. The potluck starts at noon. We asked for volunteers to organize games, but no one volunteered. Connie Stone and Kathy Nielsen are seeking donations for the silent auction. Stacey Bolton will also assist in contacting businesses in town. Connie's number is 612-799-2955 and Kathy's is 952-261-3097. Volunteers include Deanne Houck and Marge Olson to help with set up and Tom Rice and Jim Nielsen to help with clean up at the event.

Corn Booth - Scott Jensen

The price of corn has doubled from \$18 a bag to \$31 a bag. The farmer is going to try to keep to cost in the low twenties a bag for us. We plan on keeping what we charge the same. We are looking good on volunteers and received multiple sign ups from the facebook page posting.

Freedom Fest – Tom Rice

Event raised \$369.96 - they would have sold more, but ran out of meat. They were using too much meat early on.

OLD BUSINESS

Clothing for sale – Melody and Stacey

We have been researching a new clothing vendor, but everyone wants minimum orders of 50 to keep costs down. We could do an open order period if we would like.

NEW BUSINESS -

Audit -

We were cleared by the audit, but there were some recommendations for changes of operating procedures – there will be 12 bound copies that can be reviewed in the building only. We should have by August meeting. We hope to have a presentation of the audit in the September/October time frame.

Board of Director's meeting – the board will be meeting monthly at 8 a.m. until further notice.

The Board met last night for several hours, there are currently 10 board members, but Tom, Connie, and the Simonsons will be off the board so we will be down to 6. August is nominations and there was some confusion about the process and time frame for elections.

Weed cutters -

The board approved a \$14,000 investment in equipment, but much of the equipment is back ordered for many weeks. The board also approved \$16,000 to insulate the building and keep it heated in the winter, but we will need a heating person to hook up the gas. This investment will greatly help maintaining the equipment so that hopefully we have a better weed cutting season next yet. Next year, we also need to have a training and scheduling plan. We will need volunteers to help clear out the storage shed so the upgrades can be made.

LID -

More questions/studies/ but once know projects, PLA will have a role in funding the projects. This will be a mechanism to raise money to clean up the lake.

Reimbursement Program -

If you have a DNR approved plan, there is a \$500 reimbursement opportunity and copies were placed on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings.

The next Board of Directors and General Membership meeting will be Saturday August 20th at 9am, with 8:30 social time. The Board will meet at 8 a.m. The picnic and silent auction will start at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Waste moved to adjourn, Jim Nielsen seconded, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.