

**Pokegama Lake Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2023**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Scott Waste at 9:00 am.

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

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** Jim Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2023 membership meeting as presented. Todd Griecar seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report, attached. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Gambling Manager's Report.** Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report, attached. The PLA processed 99 pull tab boxes in September. New owners of the Brass Rail are expanding their gambling and bar operations.

There was a surprise State audit of several gambling sites in September. The results were very favorable, with only minor issues to be addressed. The gambling fund paid \$8,165 this past month for its external audit. A motion passed to approve the gambling report.

A motion passed to approve \$40,000 for November 2023 gambling expenses.

**Water Quality Committee Report.** Jill Jakusz has sent out feedback requests to all the households who participated in individual aquatic vegetation treatment program and/or were adjacent to the larger curlyleaf pondweed treatment area completed by Lakeshore Restoration. This feedback will be used to make any needed improvements to the program in the future.

Tom Rice noted that the Minnesota Zoo is heading up a research project on native mollusks. He has learned that Pokegama Lake has a good population of large clams. He is continuing to look at the feasibility of increasing native mollusk populations to help improve water quality.

**Gambling Audit Committee.** Rice complimented the Gambling Manager on the results of the recent State audit.

**Donations Committee.** Deanna Pompje from Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District updated the membership on how previous contribution dollars were spent within their District. She presented a request for \$13,000, including \$2,000 for their annual newsletter, \$2,000 for outreach to landowners, and \$9,000 for an erosion control project. The request was approved, with \$6,500 to be paid in October and \$6,500 to be paid in November.

Susan Kubitschek presented a request from the Kanabec County Board for donations totaling \$18,000 for various programs. This request was tabled for further review and recommendation from the Donations Committee.

Pauline Royce presented a request from Kanabec County Veteran Service for \$4,000 for their annual Green Light program. This request was approved.

**Communications Committee.** Nothing to report.

**Social Committee.** We had great attendance at Three-Twenty Brewery social! The November social event will be the meat raffle at Froggy's, 5pm on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A calendar of monthly social events is on the PLA website and Facebook page. Fliers are also available at each PLA meeting. The PLA will donate \$500

The Holiday Party is set for Dec 9th at the Pine City Legion. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. Please contact Susan Kubitschek with your interest in helping. Sign-up information will be available in the next couple weeks both on Facebook and on the website.

#### **Old Business**

Heat in the Storage Area – Bids have been received. Work should begin soon.

#### **New Business**

**A word from the President.** Waste informed members that the Board has removed Nick Hugo from the Board due to his absence from Board meetings. Tom Rice was appointed to fill the remainder of Hugo's term, effective with the November Board meeting.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen, Secretary