

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

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

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Secretary's report of the February 2023 meeting was made by Scott Waste and seconded by Pauline Royce; passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the February treasurer's report. On the General checking side, starting balance was \$22,198.04, income was \$1,911.10, with expenses of \$573.73, leaving a balance of \$23,535.41. On the Gambling side, beginning balance was \$47,981.23, with no credits, and expenses of \$17,000.13 (largely for new truck), leaving an ending balance of \$30,981.10.

Scott moved to approve. Pauline Royce seconded the report, passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim reported - we did 88 boxes with expenses at \$30,436.11. We had a good turn-out for horse racing at Marges and will be doing this monthly for them. Purse Bingo is scheduled for Mothers' Day at Bear Creek. Box shredding will begin next week.

Scott Waste moved and Bobbi Eich seconded the report; passed.

Kim moved and Kathy seconded the \$40,000 request for April expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement/Water Quality Committee - See report.

Kathy Nielsen reported. Looking at projects for 2024. Working with Pine County.

A few years ago Zach (Snake River Watershed Conservation District) did a presentation on buffers for lake owners to use native plants for buffering their individual shorelines. Projects with SWCD funds up to 75% of the cost. The PLA offers \$500 incentives to members to help with costs.

Gambling Audit Committee - No report

Donations - Pauline Royce moved, Kathy second, request by Bobbi to transfer \$5200 for new truck and \$4000 for truck equipment, to PLA General fund, passed

Pauline moved \$3000 request to Kick Cancer to the Curb (Kanabek County), Jim Grisim seconded; passed

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) -

Website - Nik putting resources together. Website is up and running - still waiting on domain name transfer. Bobbi Eich has PayPal access. Welcome and thank you to new members and those directing their dues to Mary Holmgren. Susan volunteered to write welcome messages and be in contact with Mary Holmgren. Do we need membership to join group to treat lake? Help recruit for membership.

Education - no report

Social -

Tom Rice will chair the May picnic - see him if you can help.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Melody is working with Lee's Pro Shop. Would like to pursue ordering t-shirts for member workers at our fundraising events at a cost of \$10 - will present something at May meeting.

Truck update by Scott Waste (picture available if interested) Picking up Tuesday and arranging to fit with the necessary equipment. Question of how to keep this new truck secure from theft - after discussion, security device for tracking being looked into for tracking and possible purchase. Will need to get volunteers signed up soon, and should consider forming a harvesting committee to coordinate weed cutting efforts.

Jim Grisim reported that, after last week's election, we still have no lake representation on the Township Board. Need to try to find a strong candidate from the PLA to run for one of the two up-coming openings on the Board.

We have been approved for \$1,500 for our weed treatment efforts by the Pokegama township.

NEW BUSINESS -

Working on getting a membership drive going.

Floppy Crappie Boat Club - Dwight has been investigating and he presented. Boat rental opportunities. Little is known about their full intentions for the project. The township has notified them of the dock regulations for the Pokegama Lake. They will need to apply for a permit which they have not yet done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings

The next Board of Directors will be April 12, 5 p.m., and the next General Membership meeting will be Saturday April 15th at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Nik Snyder moved, Mike Fraser second, to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary