

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
January 21, 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, Kathy Nielsen, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: Dwight Evers, John Hoyny, Luranne McLean

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Secretary's report of the December 2022 meeting was seconded by Pauline Royce, Todd Greicar and Stacey Bolton; passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the December treasurer's report. On the General checking side, income was \$1,270, with expenses of \$3,106.10, leaving a balance of \$26,472.51. On the Gambling checking side, the ending balance was \$38,531.06.

Pauline Royce and Jim Grisim seconded the report, passed.

The Board-approved 2023 budget was presented.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim reported that December was a slower month - we did 82 boxes, down from the 100 - 120 that we normally do. Bingo, unfortunately had to be cancelled a few times due to weather. Kim feels we are doing well - w-2's have been sent out, the cash audit and inventory are complete thanks to Tom Rice and Dwight Evers. Purse Bingo is scheduled for Mothers' Day at Bear Creek.

Scott Waste and Bobbi Eich seconded the report; passed.

Scott Waste and Tom Rice seconded the \$40,000 request for February expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement/Water Quality Committee -

Kathy Nilsen reported. Lake Restoration is being looked at to provide chemical treatment for curly leaf pondweed and eurasian water milfoil. There is also a program for individual property owners to treat 50% of their shoreline out 100 feet with a separate program for bacteria to eat muck. At least 15 property owners at a cost of \$600 each are needed for the program. Communicate to lake shore owners, the deadline to sign up is 2/28/23.

Curly leaf pondweed begins growing in November and leaves its turions (seeds) on the lake bottom. It takes several years of re-treating to kill them all. The DNR will determine where the curly leaf pondweed will be bad this year and allow us to treat 30 acres. We will submit a grant application to help cover costs - the county usually will fund 3/4 of the cost.

Met with Caleb and Zac (One Watershed One Plan). They would like us to do a project on filtering water before it enters our lake (i.e. Pokegama Creek). They have a feasibility study on costs, meeting with an engineering firm and trying to determine what options are best for us. The application for this is due 2/15/23.

Not really working on any projects with Cross Lake. Question about whether treatment is good for the lake; only 15% treatment of lake can be approved. The Water Quality committee is doing a literature review of studies.

A few years ago Zac (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 - Tom Rice reported - \$40,000 audit was only off by \$10 and everything looked good!

Thank you to Kim, and to Dwight Evers and Tom Rice on for all their hard work.

Donations - Pauline Royce presented the committee's recommendation to give \$300 to the Pine City Sheriff's Department for their educational program geared to students. Todd Greicar seconded; approved.

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) - 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 -

Need someone to start planning May picnic.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Lee's Pro Shop is willing to do orders. Still looking for a truck. Still working on weed-cutter parts.

NEW BUSINESS -

Need to hold used gambling boxes for 3.5 years - will begin shredding in next few weeks. An awning was ripped off the building by heavy snow - will need to hire someone to fix it. Need zoom equipment for monthly meetings.

Introduced and welcomed new members.

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

Pauline Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Bobbi Eich, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary (with the much-appreciated notes from Stacey Bolton!)