

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
August 20, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by president Tom Rice.

Board of Directors present: Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Susan Kubitschek
Kathy Nielsen, Tom Rice, Laurie Simonsen, Steve Simonsen, Connie Stone, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: John Hoyny

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 2022 meeting was seconded by Marge Olson and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the July treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$11,685.17. Credits of \$965.22 were from membership, clothing sales and \$540.00 from Freedom Fest. Expenses totaled \$1,015.20, including Corn Booth, mulch, and \$223.07 for Freedom Fest. Final balance was \$11,635.19. On the gambling side, beginning balance was \$12,466.23, with no credits. Debits of \$122.59, left an ending balance of \$12,343.64. Jim Nielsen seconded the July Treasurer's report; passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

We are pulling out of Maverick's as it has been a monthly loss.

August has been pretty busy.

Star rating is 32%.

Gene seconded the report; vote to table 'til amended; passed.

Marietta seconded the \$52,000 request for September expenses; passed

Recognition of new BOD members(3) and new general members (3).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement - Kathy Nielsen

One Watershed, One Plan process completed, the final report is out for comment, link is on Facebook page. Kathy provided a summary. 49 waterbodies in the area are impaired, including Pokegama Lake for phosphorous and for fish. Pokegama is considered a priority and considered to be valuable habitat environment lake to have action within the next 10 years. Need to address the phosphorous coming into the lake from outside sources. Looking at a variety of projects, but many are not happening due to low funds allocations. Pine County will have \$300,000 now instead of the traditional \$40,000.

Our PLA Water Quality Committee will be working on this. Important for as many people as possible to get involved in anyway they can. One need is to get better representation on the Pokegama Town Hall Board.

Weed cutting - debatable if it is effective, but the BOD decided to maintain our equipment for now. The BOD voted to insulate the storage area to help protect our equipment. Scott Waste's company will do the job for cost (about \$16,000). Our bylaws do not limit the financial amount the BOD can spend. This can be changed (limit put on spending) only by making a change in our bylaws. Scott will be donating a propane heater but will need some experienced person to hook it up.

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 - no report

Donations -

Request of \$3,000 from Pine Co Master Gardeners to do a memorial educational garden in Pine City. Stacey seconded. Passed.

Donation basket circulated for private donations to the flyover

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 phone 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.*

*(from Luranne: I can do this - if you do not receive minutes, please contact me at

lmclean111@gmail.com so I can make sure you are on my list)*

Nik Snyder has stepped down from the communications committee.

Currently, we have 471 members on Facebook. Concentrating will be on getting the website up and going.

Thank you notes received from the two students we sent to the Conservation Camp.

Education - no report

Social -

8/20/22 is the picnic and silent auction.

Nancy Ackley and Gee Delaney have volunteered to make the Christmas party happen - YAY! December 10th (second Saturday) - looking at catering at the building with BYOB; entertainment is set.

Corn Booth - Scott Jeanson

Thank you to all the volunteers. Net profit was \$12,838.05. Root Beer machine needs fixing. Sold out 10 tubs of ice cream. Needed to get more corn, and ran out of everything. All that was left was 12 ears of corn. Corn will go up to \$4 next year.

*The price of corn has jumped from \$18 to \$31 a bag. The farmer is going to try to keep 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 posting.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Melody and Stacey.

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NEW BUSINESS -

Discussion of BOD terms

John Hoyny approved for a second 3-year term.

Stacey Bolton - 3 yr approved for her first 3-year term

Susan Kubitschek - 2 yr term approved

Kathy Nielsen - 1 yr term approved

Luranne - approved for her first 3-year term
DeeAnn Houck - 2yr term approved
Dwight Evers - 1yr term approved
Jim Grisim - approved for his first 3-year term
Todd Greicar - 1 yr term approved
Nominations closed.

Audit - We were cleared by the audit, but there were some recommendations for changes of opening 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 Sept/Oct time frame.

Board of Directors meeting - the BOD will be meeting at 8 a.m. monthly until further notice. The BOD met last night for several hours, there are currently 10 BOD members, but Tom, Connie and Steve Simonsen (possibly Laurie Simonsen - see BOD terms) will be off the board so we will be down to 6 (or 7). August is nominations and there was some confusion about the process and time frame for elections. *note from Secretary: our bylaws state that "Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by any member of the Association before or at the annual meeting of the membership, in August of each year" "Election of the Board of Directors shall be by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting" The bylaws also state that "To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a person must be a member of the Association for the previous year."*

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. The investment will greatly help maintaining the equipment so that hopefully we have a better weed cutting season next year. 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 we 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 meeting will be Friday September 16, at 7 pm or Saturday September 17th at 8 a.m. and the next General Membership meeting will be Saturday September 17th at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Jeansson moved to adjourn, Gene Olson seconded, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary