

**Pokegama Lake Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2024**

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

**Directors Present:** Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Todd Griecar, Jim Hollihan, Jill Jakusz, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Jim Nielsen, Kathy Nielsen

**Directors Absent:** None

**Announcement of New Officers.** President Nielsen announced that the Board has appointed the following officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

President	Jim Nielsen
Vice President	Jill Jakusz
Treasurer	Bobbi Eich
Secretary	Kathy Nielsen

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** Marge Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2024 membership meeting as presented. Jim Hollihan seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report. The corn booth earned \$21,030 during the Pine County Fair. John Hoyny made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Leo Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

**Gambling Manager's Report.** Secretary Nielsen presented the Gambling Report as Kim Erickson is on maternity leave. The PLA processed 113 pull tab boxes in August. Net revenue was \$14,159. Susan Kubitschek made a motion to approve the Gambling Report. Jim Hollihan seconded. The motion passed.

Jill Jakusz made a motion to approve \$50,000 for October 2024 gambling expenses. Pauline Royce seconded. The motion passed.

**Water Quality Committee Report.** In conformance with the PLA's Conservation Practices Reimbursement Program, the Board approved \$500 grants each to Jeffrey & Tammy Weinzetl, Kyle and Stacy Nylene, and Henry Fischer for buffer strip projects at 16171, 16195, and 16143 Sunset Trail, respectively. Members were reminded of this grant program. Jeffrey Weinzetl was present and explained the project and the process the neighbors went through working with the Pine SWCD in designing and installing a lakeshore buffer. He welcomes PLA members to visit his home to see the results.

The Sub Watershed Assessment map is available. A final report is forthcoming.

The Nanobubbles information meeting went very well. A pilot project in the north bay is estimated to cost \$100,000. A full lake project is project to cost \$2,000,000. The following comments were shared by those who attended the meeting:

- Luranne McLean – This was so hopeful for the lake.
- Susan Kubitschek – I was blown away. Seeing so many people wanting to invest in the lake was very encouraging.

- Leo Johnson – I was impressed with how quickly you can see a turn around.
- Marge Olson – I like the whole idea of doing the pilot project.

The Board has approved an allocation of \$50,000 towards the nanobubbles pilot project in the form of a dollar-for-dollar match for contributions received from lake owners for this project. The Water Quality Committee needs volunteers to help with communication and fundraising. Please contact Jill Jakusz or Kathy Nielsen to help in this effort.

**Weed Cutting Committee Report.** One weed cutter and the barge are out of the water. One weed cutter remains in the north bay and will be taken out of the water soon. The cutters are in rough shape. A list of new parts will be created for Board review. In response to concerns raised last month, Jim Hollihan reported that the PLA trailer is in compliance with road rules for farming equipment.

**Gambling Audit Committee.** Jim Nielsen informed the membership that last night Tom Rice tendered his resignation from the Gambling Audit Committee and his Freedom Fest activities. J. Nielsen expressed the importance of having a strong Gambling Audit Committee. He encouraged interested volunteers to contact him.

**Donations Committee.** Pauline Royce made a motion to make a donation of \$5,000 to the PLA General Fund for various expenses. Susan Kubitschek seconded. The motion passed.

**Communications Committee.** Stacey Bolton reported that 42 people attended the nanobubbles information meeting via Zoom!

**Social Committee.** The PLA Christmas Party is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, decorations, etc. A women's bunko group will meet on the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the PLA building.

**Old Business.** No old business for discussion.

**New Business.** Mike Fraser wants to clean up the back storage area next week. He asked for volunteers to help with this effort.

**Announcements.** Luranne McLean has an older refrigerator in good working order – free to an interested member.

George Kufner will be featured at Ribfest today in North Branch. Members were encouraged to attend.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, Pauline Royce made a motion to adjourn. Marge Olson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen  
Secretary