

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2024**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Nielsen at 9:02 am.

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

Directors Absent: None

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Gene Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2024 membership meeting as presented. Marge Olson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report. Marietta Jacobson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Steve Simonsen seconded. The motion was approved.

Gambling Manager's Report. Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report. The PLA processed 135 pull tab boxes in September. Net profits for the month were \$18,735. Susan Kubitschek made a motion to approve the Gambling Report. Bobbi Eich seconded. The motion passed.

Kim reported that she will need a new computer in the near future. She was directed to provide the Board with a specific request for approval.

Kim Erickson made a motion to approve \$50,000 for October 2024 gambling expenses. Marietta Jacobson seconded. The motion passed.

Water Quality Committee Report. Fund raising for the Nanobubbles pilot project is moving forward. A flyer is being sent to all lakeshore owners. Posters will put up in bars and other local businesses. The website is being updated to provide a link for on-line contributions. A neighborhood meeting is being hosted by Nichole Heim on east side of the lake on Oct. 30th. Two Nanobubbles Q & A sessions are scheduled – November 6th at JT's on the Lake and Nov. 12th at Lake Appeal. Both session will begin at 6:00 pm. The Water Quality Committee met with Jacob Kruse at Pokegama Shores RV Resort. He is supportive of the project. He will also make a referral to the property manager of Pokegama Lake Resort.

Weed Cutting Committee Report. All weed cutters are out of the water. On Thursday George will be working on the barge's motor. Four motors are at Wyoming Hydraulic for repairs.

Gambling Audit Committee. Jim Nielsen announced that a new Gambling Audit Committee was approved by the Board. The members are Jodi Johnson, Susan Kubitschek, Stacey Bolton, Steve Simonsen, Marietta Jacobson and Luranne McLean. Jodi Johnson has been appointed as committee chair.

Donations Committee. Chuck Royce made a motion to make a donation of \$2,500 to Braham Area Food Shelf. Gene Olson seconded. The motion passed.

Pauline Royce made a motion to make a donation of \$5,000 to the Grandy Lion's Club for a handicap ramp and other improvements at the Grandy Community Center with the condition that a sign be placed at the community center and The Brass Rail that these improvements were donated by the PLA. Jake Jacobson seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Committee. Website updates are ongoing, especially with Nanobubbles information. The membership form has been revised so that it no longer needs to be updated annually. Stacey Bolton recommended sending out a mass mailing each year for membership renewal.

Social Committee. Ladies Bunco Night will be this Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm. The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 14th at the American Legion. Volunteers are needed for set-up, decorations, etc.

Old Business. Linda Bryan provided an update on her work to have a tornado siren installed on Pokegama Lake. There are federal funds for this, but the request must be authorized by the township and Pine County.

New Business. Scott Jeanson reported that the awning which was donated for the corn booth was the wrong size and cannot be used. He is looking at other solutions. Jeanson noted that addressing drainage issues at the fairgrounds is the top priority of the Fairgrounds Board for 2025.

Announcements. Members were asked to help load pulltab boxes into the shredding truck after the meeting.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Mike Fraser made a motion to adjourn. Celeste Glidden seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen
Secretary