

MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Ross at 6:05 p.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance and Introductions. Members introduced themselves and welcomed new members Kathy Prondzinski, Terri and Orris Erlandson, Joanne Sellner and Lori Fredericksen. There were 21 members in attendance.

Marlys Dunne	Anne Nelson (Guest)
Chris Dubose	Jerri Watters
Bruce Meehan	Terri Erlandson
Lori Meehan	Orris Erlandson
Craig Anderson	Pat Ongstad
Patti Anderson	Shelley Lindau
Christa Lerfald	Scott Ross
Dana Helm	Robin West
Freddy	Trena Morrison
Lori Fredricksen	Natasha Zarich
Lorraine Swenson	

Five Minute Ice Breaker Exercise

Dana asked members to connect with someone they do not know and identify two things they have in common and one Club event they will be participating in this year.

Write Down Acts of Kindness for Drawing at End of Meeting

Christa passed out cards for members to write down an act of kindness they did or witnessed.

Approve Minutes for the April 10, 2025, Club Meeting

Natasha made motion, Marlys seconded, to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2025, Club meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Update

- **GNC Account.** Marlys reported there was currently \$7,129 in the checkbook. Recent expenditures equaled \$2,800, which included \$645 spent on food from the food drives, \$200 for apparel, \$200 for Harmony in the Park sponsorship, \$100 for the coffee pot steam initiative that will go to Lindstrom Ambassadors for scholarships, \$1,000 was spent to purchase more coffee pots to sell at the steam event, \$200 for website renewal fee, and \$121 for Adopt a Highway cleanup event. The Chamber will be giving the Club \$3,500 it earned from Celebration of the Lakes raffle sales.
- **AaS Account** Marlys reported there was \$4,513 in the Adopt a Senior checkbook. There had been no recent changes to the account. There was a need to spend money on more flyers.

Membership Committee Update The committee is in transition with Rochell being out due to medical issues. Help is needed to welcome new members and provide them with information on the Club and Club events. Encourage people to join the club. Trying to get motivation and support. Membership has hit 100 since the last meeting.

Activities Committee & Communications Update

- **Coffee Pot Steam Event June 21, 2025.** Members have signed up to help in the booth, but there may be a need for one more person. There was also a need for support at the dunk tank. Two to three people are needed for the 3-6 p.m. shift. The business group is looking for volunteers to be dunked.
- **Zion Community Meal June 23, 2025.** There are 18 members who signed up for the community meal. Natasha will be sending out a reminder email.
- **Karl Oskar Parade July 12, 2025.** There was a discussion on what to hand out at the parade. It was decided to hand out candy and to spend \$750 for both the Karl Oskar Parade and the Ki Chi Parade. There needed to be a starting place for the float, and it was decided to ask Maggie if we could use her place for staging, as in the past. Marlys will be signing up the Club for both parades.
- **Harmony in the Park Non-Profit Night July 16, 2025.** The GNC name is on the banner and flyer. Craig and Patty offered to set up the canopy. Only a few members are needed to tend the booth, and volunteer(s) are needed to go on stage and promote the Club.
- **Chisago Lakes Triathlon July 26-27, 2025.** The GNC is the host for the Water Route. Two more volunteers are still needed for the Kid's Swim, which is a half-hour event with three age categories. Eight more Kayakers are needed for the Water Route and three more pontoons are needed. Scott has two extra kayaks and Trena has four. Volunteer signup is done online and your shirt order taken. There was discussion on a beer tent fundraiser. Chris and Marlys had met with the Uncommon Loon and Triathlon organizers, who do not want to run it. There was discussion on volunteers being needed and whether it would be worth it. This item was tabled.

Dana talked about the “play books” she was putting together that would have all the information for someone to take charge of a specific event. She will be creating one for all the annual GNC events and she encouraged people to volunteer for the Event Committee and bring new ideas.

Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation Big Idea Grant Update

Chris D. reported that the Chisago Lakes Community Foundation has another big idea grant. Grant submissions are being accepted from August 1 through September 14. The top award is up to \$12,000. They are looking for events that are local and community based. They are also giving away smaller grants. Marlys talked about work that was done in collaboration with the Chisago Lakes Achievement Center for a state grant for senior programing, but the time line for submission could not be met.

Recap of Past Events

- **Annual Meeting April 10, 2025.** Was a good meeting. A lot of members attended and lots of networking was done during the pizza break.
- **Adopt a Highway Cleanup May 4, 2025.** The weather was good. It took about three hours with time to eat. This will be done every spring and fall. eats.
- **Scholarship Award May 5, 2025.** Marlys read a “thank you” note the Club received from the scholarship winner.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Tony's Bar and Grill** is looking for volunteers for the street dance on June 28. Due to it being a for-profit event, it will not be a GNC sponsored event.
- **Compost Site** is looking for paid volunteers. More info to come.

Random Acts of Kindness

- Lori M.'s name was drawn. She had visited an older gentleman and brought him treat.
- Lorraine gave Christa lottery tickets for her birthday. When she won 18 dollars she bought a bunch of cookies for a mechanic that used to help her mom.
- Marlys reported that the woman (Janet) who we have weeded her garden for has passed away.
- Christ shared that Scott Wallberg had helped her put the head on the manikin (that Christa brought to the meeting to model the Club's shirt.
- Christa found two grabbers at a thrift store to use during road cleanup.
- Pat shared that a senior in Lindstrom was looking for someone to help move a piece of furniture on Saturday morning. Freddy volunteered.

Upcoming Meeting

- Board Meeting July 10, 2025
- Club Meeting August 14, 2025
- Agenda Items: Shafer bank robbery 75th year. Merchandise lady will be at the next meeting looking for feedback.

Adjourn

Marlys made motion, Natasha seconded, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Shelley Lindau



"Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors club, through its resources and diverse membership, contributes to the needs and wellbeing of our communities through acts of kindness."