

GOOSE LAKE CHAIN OF LAKES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2022



GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION: AT A GLANCE

Mission: "Protecting and Improving the Water Quality, Recreational Quality, Sport Fishing Quality and Wildlife Habitat of the Goose Lake Chain of Lakes, through on going education and specific membership driven initiatives"

- ❖ In 2021, there 338 land plots eligible to be part of the Association (not all landowners have direct lake access).
- ❖ Approximately 25% of landowners belong to the Association.
- ❖ There are two regular Association meetings per year: June and September.
- ❖ An average of 25-30 households attend each Association Meeting.
- ❖ Annual dues was \$25 per year for over a decade. In 2022, dues will increase to \$35 per year, payable at the Spring Meeting, or mailed in.
**Online payment coming soon! See Membership Form Insert.
- ❖ Dues must be paid in order for a Household to have voting rights at Association meetings.

Bylaws: 2022 Updates

For a number of years, the Association had gambling operations as a way to bring in funds. However, due to a number of factors, the Association dissolved gambling operations in 2016. Minnesota gambling laws required that Association to have a Constitution and certain Bylaws. Since much of the language in these documentations was now no longer needed, an attorney was consulted and it was determined the Association could operate under a revised set of updated Bylaws.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed updated draft Bylaws, as the updated version will take comments and be voted on at the Spring Meeting.

Lake Association Board Members

President

Robbie Thum
612.770.7473

Vice President

Spencer Richards*
*Interim
763.257.5758

Secretary

Miranda Dyrdahl
320.420.4791

Treasurer

John Cook
320.358.3897

Area Representatives

Northern Pines

Brian Bjorklund
651.442.7713

Hilding Beach

Spencer Richards
763.257.5758

Mandall and Holiday Shores

Jim Thill
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Sterling Hills

Wendy Bigelbach
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Cambridge Lake Estates and Oxbow Lake

Jay Olson
763.689.4453

Rolling Shores

Tim Fox
612-221-8016

Duford Shores and Goose Lake Narrows

Andy Achman*
763.291.3214

Tschida's Goose Lake Shores

Marco Schisano*
320.358.3323

Visit our updated website at
www.gooselakemn.org



Thank you to Jim & Julie Thill for their years of service to the Goose Lake Association. They have worked tirelessly for more than a decade to advance the efforts of the Association. Join us at the June to celebrate!



WALLEYE STOCKING

In September and October 2021, the Hinckley DNR Fisheries made three deliveries of walleye to Goose Lake. Approximately 350 pounds of 1-2 year old walleye were stocked in 2021.



We are sad to announce the loss of long time Association Member, and former Association President, Joe Schwaab (12/30/1934-9/20/21).

Read full obituary at www.funeralandcremationservice.com/obituary/joseph-schwaab

Zebra Mussel Watch

Chisago County uses volunteers to place plates off their dock to help monitor for Zebra mussels. Lake owners with plates send a once-a-month email report as to whether or not they have suspected zebra mussels.

Interested in a plate for next year?

Contact **Camden Droppo**

AIS Specialist – Chisago County

camden.droppo@chisagocountymn.gov

HELP OUR LAKES WHILE YOU DRINK!

Aluminum can recycling trailer parked in Stark just west of the Local Bar and across from the Full Moon.



GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

Goose Lake Boat Parade

Monday-4th of July @ 1pm

Convene at the south end of South Goose Lake (you can't miss us!)





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GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

2022 Revisions

ARTICLE I. NAME, LOCATION, and PURPOSE

- SECTION 1. The name of this Association shall be: GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION. Hereinafter shall be referred to as ‘the Association’.
- SECTION 2. This Association includes North and South Goose Lakes, Oxbow, Mandall, and Robour.
- SECTION 3. The principal office shall be located at: PO Box 221, Harris, MN 55032
- SECTION 4. The Association’s Mission is: Protecting and Improving the Water Quality, Recreational Quality, Sport Fishing Quality and Wildlife Habitat of the Goose Lake Chain of Lakes, through on going education and specific membership driven initiatives.
Association activities may include:
To promote and improve boating and swimming conditions in Goose Lake and the Chain of Lakes, situation in Chisago County, State of Minnesota by continued monitoring of said lakes and reporting to DNR.
To promote contests and other special functions for the purpose of raising money, said money to be used for improvements of Goose Lake.
To do all things necessary or desirable to protect or enhance directly or indirectly the value of any interest in the Association, or in which it may have beneficial interest or right.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS MEETING

- SECTION 1. There will be two member meetings per year: “Spring” and “Fall”. The Spring meeting will be held the first Saturday after Memorial Day. The Spring meeting will be designated as the “Annual Membership Meeting”, by which annual dues for the year are to be paid. The Fall meeting will be held the first Saturday after Labor Day.
- SECTION 2. Any *special meetings* of the members will be held at the same place as the member meetings. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President and, in their absence, by the Vice President; or by the members. The purpose of a *special meeting* shall be: to take on a project where membership dues will be used to pay for the project over \$4000.
- SECTION 3. Notice of the time and place of all member meetings and special meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary (or designee in Secretary’s absence) to each land address. Member name(s) will appear on mailings based on last record with the Association.
- SECTION 4. The President or Vice President (or in their absence, an elected officer) shall preside at all such meetings.
- SECTION 5. At every such meeting, each household in attendance who is in good standing and has paid membership shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.
- SECTION 6. A quorum for the transaction of business at such meetings shall consist of a simple majority.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1. The officers of this election association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the term of two (2) years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The President and Treasurer will be elected on years ending in an even number; Vice President and Secretary will be elected on years ending in an odd number.

A volunteer Web Administrator will be will be voted on and approved by the Officers for an undetermined time limit. Any Officer may duly serve the role of Web Administrator if the membership votes so.

The business and property of the Association shall be managed by the President or other designated officer.

SECTION 2. The President shall preside at the members' meetings. The President shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association and over other officers. The President and Vice President shall review records of the Treasurer annually. The President shall execute instruments on behalf of the Association, and shall perform such duties as are incident to their office. In their absence, the Vice President shall perform the duties.

SECTION 3. The Vice President shall understand all duties of the President, in case of absence or inability of President to fulfill role. President and Vice President shall divide responsibilities as mutually agreed. The President and Vice President shall review records of the Treasurer annually. The Vice President shall assist in coordination of Area Representatives.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall issue notices of Association meetings and shall attend and keep the minutes of the same; shall have charge of all association records and papers, excluding financial records. The Secretary (unless appointed to Web Administrator or other volunteer member) shall complete and mail the bi-annual newsletter to each member to the last known address of said member as the name appears on the books of the Association at least ten (10) days before the date of all annual meetings. The Secretary shall keep possession of current and previous 'essential documentation'. The Secretary shall perform all such duties as are incident to their office.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies of the association's general account and sign all checks. The treasurer shall keep regular books of account; shall have charge of all corporate book records and papers; and shall submit them with all vouchers, receipts, records and other papers to the Officers and as often as they may require. A Treasurer's report of debits, credits, and balances shall be given at each Association meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible and execute instruments on behalf of the Association related to the filing of all tax returns necessary to keep the Association in compliance with federal and state tax filing requirements; and shall perform all such duties as are incident to their office.

SECTION 6. Vacancies to Officers for the unexpired term can be filled by any paid member in good standing for interim service until membership can vote at the next Association meeting.

SECTION 7. The Web Administrator shall maintain the Goose Lake website (www.gooselakemn.org). The Web Administrator may assist in maintaining membership records. If appointed by Secretary, Web Administrator may complete and mail the bi-annual newsletter to each member to the last

known address of said member as the name appears on the books of the Association at least ten (10) days before the date of all annual meetings

SECTION 8. Eleven (11) Area Representatives shall be appointed: Northern Pines, Cambridge Lake Estates, Hilding Beach, Rolling Shores, Duford Shores, Tschida's Shores, The Narrows, Oxbow, Mandall, Sterling Hills, and Holiday Shores. Each Area Representative shall reside or have land ownership in the area they represent. Area Representatives shall welcome new community members; communicate actions of the Goose Lake Association; encourage membership and help support receiving of dues of area landowners; and be good stewards of the Association.

SECTION 9. Officers and Area Representatives shall make every effort to attend Association meetings.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership in this Association shall be limited to the owners of property and residents surrounding the Goose Lake Chain of Lakes (North Goose, South Goose, Oxbow, Mandall, and Roubar) shall be bounded by, the South Side of County Road 7, to County Road 8, West of County Road 8 to County Road 63, North of County Road 63 to County Road 62, East of County Road 62, to County Road 7, which is located in Fish Lake Township, Chisago County, Minnesota.

SECTION 2. The Association is to be supported by dues of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per year per household address to be paid at the annual Spring meeting. Members may also mail a check and Membership Application form to the Association address. If the dues are not paid during each meeting year, the member will forfeit membership.

SECTION 3. The funds of the Association shall be deposited in such bank as the Officers shall designate and shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the Treasurer or President. Whereby approval of Members will be sought for all expenses, prior approval of the paid membership is only required for use of funds if amount exceeds \$4000.00.

SECTION 4. All services and time of the officers and area representatives shall be donated.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Amendments of these bylaws may be made by a vote of the members representing a majority of members at any annual meeting when the proposed amendment has been sent out in the notice of such meeting.

September 11th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Andy and Sheryl Achman, Cassie Adams, Al Aschenbrener, Tim Bertz, John Cook, Miranda Dyrdaahl, Uwe and Sarah Heck, Marvin and Lois Kjos, Rob Kloer, Mark Knutson, Jim Kubitschek, Kris Lindstrom, Don and Nancy Mace, Dave Meissner, Darlene and Scott Merkel, Jay and Sue Olson, Scott Olson, Spencer Richards, Owen Rohr, Mike Sabaka, Tom and Keri Sahlmen, Joe Schwabb, Jim Thill, Robbie Thum, Doug Walton

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Robbie Thum.

II. Guest Speaker: Chisago County Sheriff Brandon Theyen-Water Patrol.

Sheriff Theyen has been with the Sherriff's Department for 22 years, but started 24 years ago at Rush City. Sheriff Theyen was appointed Sheriff in 2018 and will seek re-election in summer 2022. Deputy Ron is a full time recreation deputy. There is another half-time recreation deputy (Deputy Carroll). There are about 50 deputies in Chisago County—all of whom are trained in water patrol. Chief Deputy lives in Fish Lake Township. The Sherriff's office is responsible for anything that happens on the water, per state statute.

What is the relationship with the DNR? The Sherriff's office and DNR work closely as a team. The Sherriff's office typically covers the safety of the lakes and security of the launches; boating laws. The DNR typically does more enforcement.

What is happening with rules around Wake Boats? The U of M is publishing a study on wake boats later this year. It has been reported that the findings show the damage they are doing to the bottom of the lakes and the shoreline. Once the study is published, the State might publish statutes around wake boats. The Sherriff's office has been told to wait until the findings come out before more decisions are made.

Are bouys available? The Sheriff's office received a federal grant for buoys. Goose Lake has gotten 3 for the channel. If more are needed, contact the Sherriff's office. The Sherriff's office also have an initiative to put out permanent signs across lakes.

Call if you see anything suspicious. The Sherriff's office has seen an increase in day time burglaries on the southwest side of the county. Common stolen items include power tools, tools, chain saws, ect. Keep track of your serial numbers on these items as they find lots of stolen property but don't know who to return to without serial numbers.

Follow the Sheriff and Sheriff's office on social media: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

III. Election of Officers-appointments are always at the Fall meeting.

- a. **Vice President.** No volunteers. We are still seeking a volunteer for this position.
- b. **Secretary.** Miranda Dyrdaahl has been serving as interim secretary. She volunteered to continue role in official capacity. Motion made by Sue Olson, 2nd by Kris Lindstrom. Approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 6/5/2021: Motion made by Sue Olson; 2nd by Andy Achman. Approved.

V. Treasurer's Report

- John Cook provided the Treasurer report
 - o Income:
 - Balance Forward: \$2219.22 (as of April 30, 2021) :
 - Dues: \$1245.00
 - Recycling: \$975.60
 - **Total: \$4440.04**
 - o Payouts:
 - Refreshments: \$32.10
 - Breakfast: \$50.00
 - Watershed \$50.00
 - Weeds: \$975.00
 - Newsletter \$641.01
 - Service fee: \$6.00
 - **Total: \$1754.11**
 - o Ending balances
 - **Checking: \$2685.93**
 - **Savings: \$12,809.91**
- John asked that if anyone has background in investments to contact him to explore possible better options for rate of return on Goose Lake Association's savings account.
- Treasurer's report approval. Motion made by Jim Kubitschek. 2nd by Mike Sabaka. Approved

VI. Old Business

a. Weed Spraying

Homeowners shared varying results for weed spraying by Midwest Aqua Care (952-403-6879). Tom to explore additional weed spraying options for larger portions of lake (particularly North Goose) and channel for next year, including AIS Grants, DNR permitting, and grants available. See Tom if you would like to be part of weed spraying committee: **Tom Sahlmen, 612-221-4827, tsahl3@hotmail.com**. A special session may be called around December 2021/January 2022 for the Officers to discuss if further action is needed on weed spraying and grant applications.

b. 4th of July Boat Parade

Boat parade was again a great success with over 30 boats! See summer newsletter for pictures.

c. Isanti County Fair

Goose Lake Association brings in additional money by having people volunteer to take tickets at the Isanti County fair. This year 18 slots were filled, but by only 3 families. Special thanks to Jay, Sue, and Scotty Olson, Jim and Julie Thill, and Rob and Karen Kloer. Projected revenues from the fair are \$822.00. For more information for 2022, contact Isanti County Fair Volunteer Coordinator: **Jim Thill, 651-674-2338, jimbo177@msn.com**

VII. New Business

a. Updated Logo

Updated Goose Lake Association logo



b. Website

Check out the Goose Lake Association website at **www.gooselakemn.org**. Thanks to Cassie Adams for all her hard work. Website questions or updates? Contact **Cassie Adams, 224-402-9397, 3adams98@gmail.com**

c. Dues Increase

Dues rate of \$25/year has not increased in many years. Officers proposed dues increase. Motion made by Tom Sahlmen to increase 2022 due to \$35. 2nd by Keri Sahlmen. Approved.

Clarification made that any money for dues send in that year is for annual dues of that same year. In order to vote at meetings, dues must be paid in full and up-to-date.

If a member sends in money exceeding annual dues amount, a note must be included for what the money is for, or it will be applied to the general fund as a donation.

Currently, less than 13% of the landowners have paid 2021 dues. Officers will create 2022 goal for membership.

Members discussed possible 2022 fundraiser. If you have ideas or would like to be part of fundraiser committee, contact any one of the Officers.

d. Other Member Topics

Stocking of the lake--no one has heard anything. Normally if there is a hot summer, there is not stocking.

Some members were going to be attending the Fish Lake Township meeting to gain clarification from the DNR regarding the daily limits and expanding the definition of "in possession".

Member asked if bow fisherman have ever been noticed/caught taking out walleye. No one had noticed/further information.

Member shared his brother-in-law provides boat shrink wrapping.

Motion was made by Sue Olson to give Jim Thill a gift for his years of service to the Association. 2nd by Cassie Adams. Approved. Officers will present at next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Jay Olson. 2nd by Spencer Richards. Meeting Adjourned at 11:35am

2022 Meetings:

Saturday, June 4th, 2022 at 10:00am at Fish Lake Township Hall

Saturday, September 9th, 2022 at 10:00am at Fish Lake Township Hall



Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

June 4th, 2022
Spring Annual Meeting

September 9th, 2022
Fall Annual Meeting

10:00am
Fish Lake Townhall
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032

Have a knack for fundraising?
We are looking for a fundraising chair as well as committee members!



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For edits or submissions to the newsletter and/or If your contact info has changed, please email gooselakemn@gmail.com