

June 4th, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Andy and Sheryl Achman, Cassie Adams, Mark Banasik, Nick and Becky Barnett, Mike Barrera, Tim and Andrea Bertz, Nick Bitzan, Brian and Julie Bjorklund, Mike Delich, Eric Fields, Tim Fox, Uwe and Sarah Heck, Mark and Natalie Jedlenski, Jim Kelly, Marvin Kjos, Rob Kloer, Mark Knutson, Jim Kubitschek, Jason Lee, Steve and Nancy McDonald, Don and Nancy Mace, Jamie and Marc Martel, Mark and Donna Meyer, Jay and Sue Olson, Scott Olson, Doug and Nancy Poppens, Miles Prasnicki, Spencer Richards, Lawrence and Bev Rose, Mike Sabaka, Tom and Keri Sahlmen, Chris and Ashley Simat, Bob and Linnea Steman, Scott and Mary Teschendorf, Jim and Julie Thill, Robbie Thum, Steve Tschida, Doug Walton

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

II. Guest Speakers: *Susanna Wilson and Camden Droppo Chisago County: Water Quality Monitoring, AIS Programming, and other water activities*

- Chisago comprehensive AIS program responsible for watercraft inspection, decontaminating, signage at launches, AIS education/outreach, enforcing state AIS laws, early detection programs with rapid response plans for treating if found
- County receives funding from state DNR and partner with comfort lake/forest lake watershed district
- 13 inspectors last year – completed over 18k inspections (19k in 2020)
- Inspectors complete a survey about boaters (lake visited prior, next lake) and educate boaters to prevent AIS
- Decontamination Unit – high pressure, portable, hot water wash unit to kill invasive species on exterior of boat to remove plants, animals, mussels, etc from outside of boat
- 93 decontaminations completed last year
- Inspectors look for drain plugs in boat or not (boaters cannot transfer water lake to lake), most boaters in county are complying
- Zebra mussels – if boats are found with these at inspection, they cannot launch until decontamination
- Enforcement – inspectors cannot issue citations; sheriff will inspect and issue citations/warnings when applicable
- Decontamination Unit – yearly decontamination blitz is outreach effort

with state DNR in WI and MN and The Wild Rivers Conservancy (St Croix River Association) on St Croix River; Unit is available for all and can be scheduled for use

- Bait disposal bins on East and West Rush; experimental program
- Zebra Mussel and waterflea program on Goose done to catch free floating with butterfly net
- Zebra Mussel watch program – 56 volunteers last year within the county; This year will be over 70; Need volunteer for N Goose & Mandell (DONE at meeting)
- 1/month water access monitoring system at all launches with double sided rake to look for new invasive species; Coordinate with DNR if something new found
- Starry Stonewort Trek event – statewide 3rd Sat in August, to search lakes, coordinated thru DNR
- Invasive fragmites – focus on southern part of county; semi aquatic plant growing along lakeshores and in ditches (can be spread thru mowing); identify, map and treat countywide with roadside surveys. Working with UofM – Fishlake Township survey done 2 years ago
- Childrens Water Festival avail for all 5th graders in county – in person in September;
- Volunteer opportunities available
- All reports and AIS information available online

III. Election of Officers-appointment of Vice President

- Spencer Richards nominated by Julie Thill; 2nd Jim Thill
- Unanimous approval vote

IV. Approval of Minutes from 9/11/2021: Corrections made:

- Water Patrol.- Ron Astonovich
- Correction: Grace Schwaab attendee, not Joe
- Section 7 – dues increase

Motion approved and 2nd by Tom Evans

V. Treasurer's Report

- John Cook provided the Treasurer report
 - o Income:
 - Balance Forward: \$2233.25 (as of Dec 31, 2021) :
 - Dues: \$2020.00

- Trans: \$1034.00
 - **Total: \$5287.25**
 - o Payouts:
 - MN Lakes Dues: \$150.00
 - Tires Mount: \$53.75
 - Tires: \$115.80
 - Newsletter \$711.64
 - Caps: \$1373.26
 - Survey: \$1580.00
 - Signs: \$88.58
 - Mailbox \$54.00
 - Service fee: \$6.00
 - **Total: \$4368.54**
 - o Ending balances
 - **Checking: \$918.71**
 - **Savings: \$15970.00**
 - VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **Dues for 2022**
Dues for 2022 increased to \$35. Due today (Spring Meeting). Dues must be paid to be a voting member of the Association.
 - VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Bylaw Review and Approval**
 - Clarify if 1 vote per paid household membership or should each household member pay to each have a vote?
 - Correction needed: Article 2, section 1 – fall meeting - By Laws need to be changed
 - *By Laws approval delayed until October meeting for changes to be made*
 - b. **Logos and Hats**
Julie Bjorklund has connection for apparel
Suggestion to add area to apparel
 - c. **Area Reps Introductions and Welcome Packets** given for new members
 - d. **Lake Association Action Survey**
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**
 - e. **Dues Increase**
Dues increase to \$100?
 - VIII. **Report of Committees**
 - a. **Water Quality (Committee Chair-Tom Sahlmen)**
Shoreline spraying to start next week
Every lake will be surveyed
Add weed tab on website
See Tom if you would like to be part of weed spraying committee: **Tom Sahlmen, 612-221-4827, tsahl3@hotmail.com**.
 - b. **Website (Cassie)-visit at www.gooselakemn.org**
 - c. **Fundraising (Open)-no updates**
 - IX. **Fundraising needed – Fundraiser committee chair? No volunteer**
 - X. **Donation link on sign at boat launch (Mark Jedlenski volunteered to look into some options)**
 - XI. **Communications**
 - a. **4th of July Boat Parade**
Monday, 4th of July @ 1pm – start at South end of Goose, go around Goose only, not going thru channel to other lakes
 - b. **Cans**
Additional can volunteers needed for coordination
 - c. **Fair Volunteers**
Fair is July 20th-24th. For more information, contact Isanti County Fair Volunteer Coordinator: **Jim Thill, 651-674-2338, jimbo177@msn.com**
 - d. **Fishing Tournament**
Robbie Thum to do a tournament next June on his property – fall meeting to have more details
 - e. **Golf Tournament**
 - XII. **Open Floor**
 - Jim Thill – shared DNR survey from last year
 - Members discussed having weeds pulled on shoreline
 - Goose creek – starting to change water direction and lower water level – check with DNR on what can be done or Charlie at bait shop
 - Letter from Grace read by Sheryl Achman regarding the passing of Association member.
 - XIII. **Terms Ending:** Fall Meeting will need appointment of President and Treasurer
 - XIV. **Special Item:** Special recognition to Jim and Julie Thill for years of service to the Association.
 - XV. **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Jay Olson. 2nd by Spencer Richards. Meeting Adjourned at 11:40am
- 2022 Meetings:**
NEW DATE: Saturday, October 1st 2022 at 10:00am at Fish Lake Township Hall
- 2023 Meetings**
June 3rd, 2023 and October 7, 2023, both at 10:00am