**Gifford Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

**September 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.**

**Jackie Ryskamp Starlite Pavilion**

**Attendees**

Executive Committee: Todd Schneider, president; Joe Surman, vice president;

Linda Helder, treasurer; Sally Schneider, secretary.

Members: Jim and Marsha Redd, Ron and Deb Roden, Tammy Beswick, Dave and Camille VanDyke, Diane Lents, James Lents, Mari Beswick, Mark and Nancy Hallenbeck, John Stegmier, Georgia Donovan, Lynda Parrish, Jim and Cheryl Marton, Steve Graber and Karen Kuzmicz, Jim and Mary Hefferan, Dave Schulz, Jack Crothers, Bob Stegmier, Gail Rode, Brian Post, Jerry and Mary Ann Cieszkowski, Jack Frick, Marguerite Grabarek, Sherna Graham, Michael Papranec, Doug Nienhuis, Ralph and Mary Ann Schneider, Jack Frick.

**Welcome/Call to Order**

President Todd Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

In his opening remarks, he made the following points:

* Confident that the Association will meet today’s challenges
* Great progress has been made on the water quality issue
* Meeting will be most productive when everyone shows respect for each other, waits to be recognized and speaks in turn.

**Summer Water Testing Results**

Bre Grabill of PLM Lake and Land Management announced the summer water testing results via a power point presentation, which indicated that the lake is impacted by algae growth. A fact sheet with specific test results was also distributed. She has scheduled the fall sampling for September 8.

She recommended several steps lake residents should take to reduce nutrient levels in the lake. These included raking out debris/leaves from the water’s edge, reducing erosion/run-off and eliminating the use of any fertilizers.

See power point presentation.

**Approval of July 10 mtg. minutes**

Joe Surman made a motion to approve the July 10th meeting minutes.

Jim Marton seconded the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Linda Helder gave the treasurer’s report as follows:

Total assets as of September 4, 2021 were $4,370.74

78% of lake residents have become members and paid their dues of $15.00 each.

Linda expressed her enthusiasm for the dramatic increase in membership and acknowledged that the finances are in the best shape they’ve been in 14 years.

**Committee Reports**

Joe Surman stood in for Jerry Cieszkowski.

He introduced the members of the Fish and Water Quality Committee: Jerry Cieszkowski, Jack Frick, Casey Hefferan, John Stegmier and himself. He noted that the Fish and Water Quality Committee met this past week to make plans for a Kid’s Fishing Contest as well as an Adult Contest. Details will be distributed.

John Stegmier shared his secchi depth readings and reaffirmed many of the points Bre made regarding proactive steps to reduce nutrients in the lake.

**Trustee Reports**

All trustees (Jim Redd, SE; Mary Ann Cieszkowski, SW; Jim Hefferan, NW; Brian Post, NE) introduced themselves, invited residents to feel comfortable approaching them about any issues or concerns and pointed out on a map where their respective quadrants are located.

**New Business**

Sally Schneider announced that the Executive Committee is working on developing a website to serve as a resource of information for members.

Joe Surman urged all residents to have a flotation device on hand on their boats or near their shore. He is coordinating a bulk purchase of flotation devices and will contact the membership once pricing information is available.

Joe also shared information about the process of obtaining a septic tank permit with Lake County Health Department. He also encouraged all residents to have their septic systems pumped and checked. Linda Helder contacted Sam Jackson’s Septic to put together a discounted program for Gifford Lake residents.

**Announcements**

Todd Schneider introduced his mother and father and acknowledged their 70th wedding anniversary. His mother, Mary Ann, has been coming to Gifford Lake for 83 years.

Joe Surman announced that he has a chain saw and is available to help residents when we experience tree-related storm damage. He will not, however, remove a tree from a house.

Linda Helder announced a new business in town, TNT. They can help with dock installation and removal, shrink-wrapping and small engine repair.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.