**Gifford Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022 1:00 p.m.**

**Jackie Ryskamp Starlite Pavillon**

**Attendees**

Executive Committee: Todd Schneider, president; Joe Surman, vice president; Linda Helder, treasurer, Sally Schneider, secretary.

Trustees: Jim Redd

Members: Ron Roden, Dave and Jennifer Couturier, Marsha Redd, Dave and Shelley Lyngklip, Mike Welch, Marguerite Grabarek, Michael and Claire Poole, Lynda Parrish, Bruce Lindberg, Doug Nienhuis, Jack Frick, Steve Stegmier, David and Amy Schulz, Jim Lents, Diane Lents, Dick Welscott, Michael and Mary Markovich, Gail Rode, Michael Papranec, Dianne Papranec, Michael and Ann Morin, Bob and Vicki VanderLugt, Steve and Karen Graber.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Todd Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. His opening remarks included thanking the GLA for all their support, recapping the progress of the past year starting with the lake water quality program, positioning for gypsy moth control and developing a website resource. He acknowledged the passing of the following lake residents: Jerry Cieszkowski, Tom Helder and Bob Stegmier with a moment of silence.

**Approval of the September 4, 2021 meeting minutes**

Jim Redd made a motion to approve the minutes. Lynda Parrish seconded the motion.

The members voted to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Linda Helder reported a current balance of $1,986.51. A total of 49 out of 53 lake residents have become members in 2021. This is an all-time record. Please see the attached treasury report for full details.

**Action Items**

**Revised By-Laws and Code of Conduct**

Joe Surman read through the latest draft of the by-laws, clarifying each section. The EC had incorporated helpful language submitted by members prior to the meeting, highlighted in blue.

Thoughtful and productive discussions took place. After the reading and discussion of the recent by-law draft, Doug Nienhuis made the following motion: “In response to the EC recommended by-law draft with clarifications, I propose that we incorporate some of today’s dialogue and comments from today’s meeting with a revision to be circulated to all lakefront property owners regardless of membership status with a ratification date to be set by the EC no late than Labor Day.” Dave Lyngklip seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Restructured Membership Dues**

Todd explained the need for a dues increase to cover basic water quality testing, meeting hall rentals, tribute memorials, office supplies and web site management. Ron Roden made a motion to increase the dues to $50 annually. Jim Redd seconded the motion. Ron chimed in “and pay them before you leave the meeting today”…..which several people did!

Members voted by ballot or by email. There were 39 “yes” votes. There were 8 “no” votes.

**GLA Website**

Sally gave a brief description of the new GLA website and stressed that it is intended to be a resource for members and not a social site. The website is designed for members and their families only as it is funded by membership dues.

**PLM Water Quality Update**

Todd has been in contact with PLM regarding next steps for the water quality program. PLM states that Gifford Lake is “unique” and recommends more testing/data collection. They also recommended that we reach out to Dr. Al Steinmann of Grand Valley State University for further consultation. Doug Nienhuis made a motion to authorize the EC, in conjunction with the Fish and Water Committee, to contact PLM for basic water testing this spring with an amount not to exceed $1,500. Jack Frick seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Picnic**

Linda Helder asked members if they were interested in a picnic and who would be willing to volunteer to coordinate one. Amy Schulz volunteered to host games. After brief discussion, there was no further action toward a picnic.

**Fish and Water Committee**

Jack Frick shared John Stegmeier’s secchi disc reading of 15, citing that it is the best it has been in years for this time of year. He also reaffirmed that members who fish should maintain a current fishing license and follow all DNR rules including limits. The annual fishing contest is still being developed.

**Trustee Reports**

Jim Redd had nothing new to share. The other three trustees were not in attendance.

**Old Business**

Joe Surman strongly reminded all members to keep flotation safety devices on their boats as well as on their docks.

**Announcements**

Todd Schneider recognized Steve Graber for his efforts in getting a new street sign for Ranger Rd. Doug Nienhuis announced that he would speak briefly about the gypsy moth spraying after the meeting had adjourned.

The meeting adjourned on time at 3 p.m.