**Gifford Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday July 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

**Jackie Ryskamp Starlite Pavilion**

**Attendees**

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

Trustees: Jim Redd, SE; Mary Ann Cieszkowski, SE; Jim Hefferan, NW

Members: Mike and Mary Markovich, Linda Gosselin, Jim and Cheryl Marton, John Stegmier, Doug and Barb Neinhuis, Karen Kuzmicz, Jack Frick, Mary Ann Schneider, Drew Schneider, Jim and Mary Hefferan, Camille VanDyke, Drew Schneider, Pam Wentzloff, Michael Papranec, Larry and Julie Neinhuis, Mark Beswick, Mark and Nancy Hallenbeck, Marguerite Grabarek, Dave Schulz, Jack Crothers, Mike and Gail Rode, Bob and Vicki VanderLugt.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Todd Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members were invited to once again introduce themselves. Todd’s opening remarks included thanking the membership for their continued support and reminded all to be respectful during the meeting.

Vice President Joe Surman called for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of long-time member Ralph Schneider.

**Approval of the May 14, 2022 meeting minutes**

Cheryl Marton made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Redd seconded the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Linda Helder reported a current balance of $3,997.44. She also shared that there are only 3 cottages/families, out of 53, who have not joined the GLA for 2022. This level of support and involvement is an all-time record. Linda recognized the Wentzloff

and Tjoelker families as new members. Please see the attached treasury report for full details.

**Action Items**

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

Todd provided a recap of the recent process to update the by-laws and code of conduct. He acknowledged that the May 14 meeting rendered several important modifications that were made to the final draft document (which was emailed to all June 6, 2022.) He underscored that the draft was greatly improved after input and consensus from the membership during the May 14 meeting. Sally read the original motion made at the May 14 meeting that called for a vote no later than Labor Day 2022. Doug Neinhuis then made a motion to approve the final drafts that were sent out June 6, 2022. Jim Redd seconded the motion. Comments and questions were made regarding the language in the final by-law/code of conduct draft included a concern about the date for the dues to be paid, the method of payment, the prompt for payment, when future meetings might occur, how often the GLA would need to meet, a concern for voting rights, enforcement of the code of conduct, inclusion of the water quality testing wording.

Doug Neinhuis offered a sensible conclusion to the discussions, acknowledging that the revised by-laws allow the GLA the structure needed to monitor the lake, create a log and data base to chart it’s condition. The updated by-laws and code of conduct were approved by a vote of 30 yes to 7 no votes.

**PLM Spring Water Testing Update**

Todd reported that PLM collected spring samples and noted that the water is very soft, with a low ph as well as low total phosphorus and nitrates. PLM would prefer to wait to present results at a meeting after all samples have been collected and tested for 2022. Next sampling will be in August. It typically takes PLM at least two months to arrive at results after a sample collection. Discussion occurred sharing observations of the lake, water levels, etc.

**Fish and Water Quality Committee Report**

John Stegmier reported that if any member would like to submit an entry to the fishing contest, to send him a photo of the fish measured with a ruler. Joe Surman acknowledged that the fish committee has not actively initiated the annual fishing contest but he encouraged entries to be sent in. John also brought in several samples of lake water vegetation and described the characteristics of each of them.

**Trustee Reports**

**Jim Redd, SE** (no report)

**Mary Ann Cieszkowski, SW** (no report)

**Jim Hefferan, NW**

The local power company has improved the condition of the transmission poles and the

rumble strips/additional signage on Evergreen Rd have slowed traffic down a bit.

**Brian Post, NE** (no report)

**Announcements**

Todd Schneider recognized Tami Beswick for contributing vintage association documents. Important samples will be scanned and mounted on the website. Todd also thanked Marsha Redd for bringing back the Little Library after several years of high water. The meeting adjourned ahead of schedule at 9:55 a.m.