

**Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, May 25, 2023**

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Location:** Doug and Julie Goodman residence

**Present:** Rick Black, Dick Sampson, John Fossum, Doug Goodman, Ed Marthaler, Sue Black, John Botsford (Guest)

**Absent:** Wes Kinneberg

**Treasurer's Report:** John Fossum submitted the attached Treasurer's Report. Spring 2022 balance was \$17,456.90. Revenue of \$9,346.62 and expenses of \$14,042.32 leaves association with a balance on May 16, 2023 of \$12,761.20 (a decrease of \$4,695.70) AIS Public Access Monitoring is largest expense at \$12,968.70. Received \$2,200 from Farden Township for monitoring. Nonspendable endowment is \$8,747.83. Spendable net assets are \$4,013.37. 115 of approximately 170 property owners on Grace Lake paid \$40 dues. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Ed Marthaler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Goodman, accepted.

**Watercraft Inspection:** Board recommends using association funds to continue AIS public access monitoring. However, the current balance is too low to fund boat inspections seven days a week. Motion made by John Fossum to continue inspections 7 days a week Memorial Day through July 4<sup>th</sup>, then reevaluate the Association's financial status at that time. Seconded by Dick Sampson. Motion passed. Rick will discuss this time frame with Bruce Anspach.

**Annual Meeting:** June 10, 2023, Bethany Bible Camp, 9:30 a.m. - Coffee and donuts, 10 a.m. - Meeting  
Board discussed the following pertaining to annual meeting:

1. In notice of annual meeting, include return stamped envelope for member dues – 80% of dues received were returned this way last year
2. Share with membership at start of meeting: What's happening with the lake and why (2 major issues: aquatic invasive species and vegetation); current projects in place, their purpose, benefit and cost; ask for input/support (both ideas and financial)
3. Prairie Restoration - will present about shoreline buffers, nutrient filtration and other options
4. Ask Aly with SWCD to update membership on Bathtub Study data; what it is doing for us and what's next
5. Invite Jean Castle, boat landing inspector, to share her experiences at landing
6. Bruce Anspach will give update on boat landing inspections and AIS
7. Free Well Water Nitrate Testing available at meeting (plus instructions for sample testing)
8. Remind membership: to use only non-phosphorus fertilizer; jet ski and wake boat regulations

**Election of Directors:** Doug Goodman, John Fossum and Sue Black's two-year terms expire in 2023. At the 2023 annual meeting an election will be held for three director positions.

**Old Business:** Doug Goodman reported that the website committee will look for an easier and less expensive option for maintaining the site.

**Eyelid Insurance:** \$300 yearly premium for liability; questioning if insurance required by DNR is necessary if camera not in use (only recording)

**Boat Landing Hole:** Dick Sampson will contact Dave Schotzco with DNR about filling the hole and about the eyelid insurance.

**Shore Captains project** will not proceed due to lack of volunteers and concern by some members. No Cabin Crawl in 2023; will search for volunteers for 2024.

**New Business:** Vicki Boyce has offered to send a letter to property owners asking for contributions to the Association to continue funding inspectors seven days a week at the public landing for the entire summer.

A Grace Lake property owner questioned the validity of Farden Township's donation to the Beltrami County SWCD to assist with the expenses associated with public landing inspections for AIS on Grace Lake. Ed Marthaler researched this concern through the Minnesota Association of Townships and found the donation to be within the authority of the township.

**Adjournment:** Doug Goodman made motion to adjourn meeting at 11:25 a.m. John Fossum seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Attachments:**

Treasurer's report 5-25-2023

AIS Public Access 2022 Inspection Report

*Submitted by Sue Black, Secretary*