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HISTORY

OF

GRACE LAKE



DEDICATED TO MR. & MRS. FRANK SINGER  
FOR ALL THE TIME AND EFFORT THEY HAVE  
SPENT THRU THE YEARS IN PRESERVING THE  
QUALITY OF LIFE ON GRACE LAKE.

Signa Dutt  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



The Grace Lake Improvement Association was started in 1954 by Frank Singer, who owned Call O the Wild at that time, Benny Leonard, Grace Lake Resort, Jack Dean, Dean Davis Resort, Jerry Perry, Otto Morken Tom Hegland, Sr and Dirken Currie. These men drove many miles and spent many hours to make Grace Lake what it is today.

At that time there was only 20 to 25 cottages and the purpose of the Ass'n. was to keep Grace Lake the best fishing lake in the state. Now there are over 125 homes on the lake.

The idea was to try and get the rough fish out. Hjalmer Swanson was contacted. A petition was gotten and then taken to DNR to remove the perch which they did.

In 1955, 56000# were removed and 1956-46,000#. The large perch were sold to St. Louis, remaining to mink farmers. After that fishing very good with people coming with their own boats to fish.

By 1964 fishing had gotten very poor and Ass'n. had to go back in action. A petition was signed for getting the lake stocked and sent to Conservation Dept. at St. Paul. Mr. Joy at Fish Hatcheries at Detroit Lakes was in charge of stocking and Harry Rummel, Al Hinrich, Oscar Christianson & Frank Singer made a trip. Mr. Joy had already heard from Mr. Swanson at St. Paul & they had all the records out on the lake when they arrived. Had not had a stocking of walleyes since 1956 since Conservation dept. were short of fingerlings but had had stocking of Northernns and Bass. They put in 45000 walleye about 1 inch long, but was only perch bait.

In 1965, they again contacted Detroit Lakes and told them of the situation a need for larger walleye to be stocked but Conservation dept. did not have enough pond space. Should be 6 or 7 inches for survival. They were informed if we had our own pond they would stock and help us seine & transport walleye to Grace Lake. Building one was too expensive but located one on Garfield Lake. Rent for \$50.00 a year with a five year lease. Would have to pay \$250.00. Ass'n members accepted. Resorts to pay \$25.00, members \$5.00.

Beginning of history furnished by Lee & Frank Singer, but edited down to save space.

Following pages taken from penciled minutes and copies of minutes from there on.

This report does not show the number of meetings attended for the good of the Association by various Officers and Board Members.

Support your Association by being at as many meetings as you can, keep up your dues, and if you have suggestions or criticisms, please bring them up at the meetings.



MINUTES OF THE GRACE LAKE ASS'N. BEGINNING May 22, 1965

The meeting came to order and everyone introduced themselves. Frank Singer opened the meeting by reading the activities of recent years on what had been done by the Conservation in regards to stocking of the lake. It was put before the members of the Ass'n. about renting their own rearing pond for the raising of Walleyes. The pond was to cost \$250. for 5 years. This was accepted by the members. It was agreed that the resorts were to pay \$25.00 each and the cottages and surrounding land owners and all parties interested in Grace Lake for their recreation were to pay \$5.00. This money was to go for the rent of the pond. An election was held & Frank Singer was nominated for President, Al Hinrick Vice President, Harry Rummel Sec. Treas. The meeting then was adjourned.

May 29, 1966

The meeting was brought to order by Frank Singer asking everyone to introduce themselves. He introduced the Vice Pres. & Sec. Treas. and explained the results of the activity that went on through the winter months which was as follows: On Feb. 1966 we went to Detroit Lakes to return our application for walleye fry. The application was accepted. In January 1966, 5,480 rescued Northern were put in Grace Lake, they averaged out about 1 1/4# each. The Northern pond on the southwest side of Grace Lake produced 4500, all which went into Grace Lake. Discussed hauling of gravel & put on the ice during the winter so that when the ice melts the gravel would go to the bottom so the walleyes would have a place to spawn which would help the lake to reproduce. Also the opening of the creek between Grace & Midge Lakes be graveled and the creek being blocked off with wire mesh so the walleyes could spawn. There were just suggestions and nothing was approved, due to the lack of attendance at the meeting. An election of officers was held and the same officers were re-elected for another year. Miss Parker and Miss Grune made a suggestion that the members should go to the equalization board, due to the high taxes on the lake. The meeting was adjourned.

June 17, 1967

Meeting was held at the Bethany Bible Camp at 2 PM and was brought to order by Frank Singer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Sec. Treas. Harry Rummel. New business was the renting of a new rearing pond located between Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes for Walleyes. This will be known as the Crandell Pond. We now have two rearing ponds for walleyes. There were 260,000 walleyes fry stocked in the Hadrava pond and 160,000 stocked in the Crandell pond giving us a total of 420,000 walleye fry stocked. The northern rearing pond on the southwest side of Grace Lake was set up to be a permanent deal by the Conservation Dept. and produced over 40,000 fingerlings which were distributed around the lake by the Conservation Dept. and Harry Rummel. The question was brought before the membership by Frank Singer if it would not be better to send out a form letter to the membership once a year explaining the activities that have taken place during the year due to the poor attendance at the meetings. It was brought to attention of the membership by Doug Pladson that this would not be legal, that we have to hold a meeting to keep the Ass'n. in effect. Property taxes were discussed, it was suggested that members should go to the equalization board meeting in a body to get the best results. Due to the fact that our lake is in two counties, Beltrami & Hubbard part of the membership would have to go to the Beltrami meeting and part to the Hubbard Meetings.



Harry Rummel & Mrs. Frank Singer went to the Hubbard meeting and were told that the new sales tax which goes into effect August 1, 1967 should reduce property tax and eliminate personal property tax on household goods and boats. This remains to be seen. An election was held and the same officers were elected for another year. The meeting was adjourned.

June 22, 1968

Meeting was held on Saturday and brought to order at 2:30 PM by Frank Singer. Minutes were read by Sec. Treas. Harry Rummel. New business was the yield of the rearing ponds which was 2208 walleye fingerlings which were put in Grace Lake. Both ponds were stocked for 1968 a total of 420,000 fry. There was a balance of \$30.00 in treasury and the Hadrova pond has to be poisoned out which will cost \$40.00 for the poison. A motion was made by Abel Hove that a \$2.00 dues be charged to the membership per year and a \$5.00 initiation fee be charged to all members, new, the same that was charged the older members. The motion was seconded by Albert Wells. This was accepted by the membership that attended the meeting. Mrs. Glassman asked if we should support the ass'n. on \$200.00 a year due to the fact that we had to rent a new pond to take the place of Crandell Pond. The resort members said that since they originally paid five times the amount of the other members that they would pay \$10.00 a year dues. This should give us about \$230.00 a year to work with. We had 2 new members join the Ass'n. Harley Shepard and Henry Tweeten. They are new landowners on Grace Lake. The meeting was adjourned.

May 31, 1969

Meeting was held on Saturday at 2:15 PM and brought to order by Frank Singer, Pres. The minutes were read. There was a better turn out at this meeting than any other previous one. New business was discussed were results of the rearing ponds and what had to be done in regards to lowering the lake and the keeping open of the ditch that runs from Grace Lake to Midge Lake. This was to be taken up with the Conservation Dept. Taxes were discussed. A motion was made by Mrs. Dutt that somebody represent the members at the Hubbard County tax meeting. Frank Singer told her he was going and would represent the members from Hubbard County. Weed killing was also discussed but there isn't enough money in the Treasury to undertake a project at this time. An election of officers was held Larry Houg, Pres. Al Hinrich, Vice Pres. Tomy Hegland elected Sec-Treas. Orrin Shefland praised the past officers for the service they have rendered since 1966 and this was applauded by the members. The meeting was adjourned. July 16th Conservation Dept. seined the pond and had no success.

August 9, 1969

Meeting was held Saturday and brought to order at 2:15 PM by Larry Houg Pres. There were 23 present. The minutes were read. The Conservation Dept. had taken a test seine and there was nothing to report. Al Hinrich said they also had put traps in. Mrs. Singer gave a report on what she had found out at the tax meeting in Park Rapids. Mr. Kottschade spoke on taxes. Pamphlets were passed out describing where your tax dollars are going and how they arrive at the mill rate. He also told how the tax was wasted in your schools, state aid and welfare and salaries of welfare employees. After he was through speaking he left the room and it was discussed among the members present whether we should join this state wide organization. All members agreed that we should join as individuals and not as a group. This was put in a motion and carried. It was also suggested that the members not at the meeting be contacted & told about



this organization (The Minnesota Organized Property Owners). All those joining this organization should notify either the Pres. Larry Houg or Sec. Treas. T. Hegland so a record can be kept. It was brought up by Mr. Midtaune that the speed boats and water skiers were coming too close to swimming areas and fisherman. Anyone witnessing this kind of action was to notify the constable. It was also discussed what can be done to get the new road posted with a 45 mile speed limit. Meeting adjourned.  
71 Paid up Members

August 1970

Meeting brought to order by Pres. Larry Houg. Al Hinrich gave a report on the stocking of the ponds & also mentioned the conservation dept. was running a report on the fish situation in the lake, Chet Swanberg raised the question of improving the road on the south end of the lake. Mrs. Frank Singer made a motion to find out about putting in a larger culvert on the old road. Opinion of group was to drop ponds if they didn't produce this year. Jerry Wambeck was going to check with a Professor at the College on running some pollution tests on the lake. Zoning was discussed and the secretary was to send letters to both the Hubbard & Beltrami Counties on disapproval of Ordinances as they stand now. New officers elected: Larry Houg, Pres. Gene Schneider, Vice Pres. Tomy Hegland Sec. Ted Midtaune Treas. SECOND MEETING--32 members present. Pres. Larry Houg gave a report submitted to him by Conservation Dept. stating the average size and weights of our Northern & walleye population in Grace Lake of which both were above average in length and weight. Al Hindrich gave a report on the Hadrava pond stating the weed problem was increasing & results from a sampling of production of fish was poor. A motion was made to lease it again only if it produced in the fall. Al had talked to Conservation dept. on putting in a larger culvert on old road where the overflow to Midge Lake is. The will put it in if we supply the new culvert. Also, Lloyd Larson of the Highway dept. said we might be able to trade it for a larger one. A motion was made by Mr. Tweeten that a committee of three should be elected to work with Tom Hegland on opening up the Hegland creek to be used as a rearing pond. Motion voted on and carried. Committee: Don Bredenburg, Ted Midtaune, Roy Reed. A motion was made by Roy Reed and seconded by Mrs. Bredenburg to increase the yearly dues to \$4.00 and resort dues to \$20.00. Two reports were given, one by Tomy Hegland that had been compiled by Bemidji State College Professors showing bacteria count to be very low and one by Mr. Midtaune compiled by Mr. Fossums from water samples taken over a period of 2 years that also showed very good results. Comments were made on using a florazine dye to test septic tanks. Orrin Shefland made a motion to set up a pollution control committee. Named: Gene Schneider, Jerry Wambeck, Henry Tweeten & Mrs. Bredenburg. Mr. Braaten, a local Amway distributor, clarified on phosphorous content of his products concerning a sheet sent out by the Ass'n. & also advantages of laws to stop pollution before it starts. Mrs. Thorsen mentioned the weed problem & after discussion it was turned over to the Pollution control committee for further investigation. A motion was made for the secretary to contact Howard Latvala, Area Fisheries Manager, to find out what can be done and how to go about helping with the weed problem. A motion was made and seconded to incorporate the Ass'n. Mr. Tweeten graciously volunteered his services in completing the legal affairs of incorporation. A motion was made to adjourn.  
83 Paid up members



August 21, 1971

18 people present. Meeting called to order by Pres. Larry Houg. Speaker Dennis-----, informed the Ass'n. about the history of fish control in Grace Lake. The studies show an over abundance of perch 1956 Walleyes 4 times average, 1970 Northerns low. To show any results of removal 90% of perch should be removed--impossible. Al Hindrich moved that a contract be let for perch removal O.K.'d. Weed control was discussed. State department frowns on chemical removal, favors mechanical. All must have a permit to remove weeds. Al reported that our rearing pond was in good condition. It was agreed that any attempt to kill weeds should be reported to the Ass'n. officers in order to have some uniformity. Ted Midtaune attempted to bring his financial reports up to date--it is difficult with so few attending. Meeting adj. 67 Paid up Members

June 17, 1972

23 members present. Meeting called to order by Pres. Larry Houg. Minutes read & approved. A detailed discussion was held on the Bemidji Sewage disposal plans. It was planned to expose the situation to as many people as possible by means of posters, brochures, newspapers and TV. It was also agreed to place up to \$500.00 of the Ass'n. money for Lawyers fees to fight the Bemidji sewage disposal plans location on Frohn Township. The suggestion was made that as many as possible of our members attend the P.C.A. meeting to be held at Bemidji High School Aud. Sept. 13 at 7 PM. Howard Latvala of the Fisheries depts. talked about perch control and weed control in Grace Lake. Henry Tweeten presented the newly written by-laws to the constitution. Officers- Pres. Larry Houg, V.P. Gene Schneider, Sec. Bob Lovell, Treas. Ted Midtaune. 3 members at large-Frank Singer, Betty Fleur, Clarence Glassman.

Aug. 21, 1972

14 members present. Pres. Larry Houg called meeting to order. Minutes read & approved. Treas. report approved. Mrs. Britton gave a lengthy report on Sewage systems. She also distributed brochures researched and printed up by herself. A tremendous amount of work went into this report. Much credit must be given to Mrs. Britten for efforts to stop lagoon type sewage disposal. Vandalism around the lake was discussed and warnings stated that strenuous efforts would be used if more happened. It was suggested at present each one handle it in his own way. A discussion on the joint township run dump grounds indicating a desire to keep them open but must be watched and cared for. A warning that the state intended to close all dump grounds was discussed. Ours was open by Grace and would not be there long. Many members of the organization have been helping to clean up around the dump. A report of a lake floating fire pump was tabled due to uncertainty of working out. The members in Frohn township not having a fire number should contact the township clerk. A short discussion on purchase of a 100' net for perch was also tabled. 53 Paid up Members

May 30, 1973

Meeting called to order by Larry Houg at 10AM. 14 members present. Minutes and Treas. report given and approved. Committee report that rearing pond was paid up for 2 years. A short discussion of limiting size and speed of boats on Grace Lake. Nothing was decided. It was suggested that we put on some kind of membership drive. Mr. Fernandes, Zoning member from Park Rapids did a very fine job of answering questions that had been bothering members. He stated that our problems here were a little different than most for our lake is partly in both Hubbard & Beltrami Co.



He handed out a list of the new regulations for Hubbard County. After his discussion the meeting was adjourned.

June 30, 1973

Meeting called to order by pres. Larry Houg at 2 PM at the Bible Camp. One of the members had vandalism at his place. He reported that he had called the Hubbard Co. sheriff but never received any recognition of the call. 3 calls were made but no response. Mr. Singer reported a hearing in Park Rapids on some filling to take place on some of Grace Lake Property. Hearing on July 3, 1973. Frank Singer was selected to attend this hearing at the expense of the organization. Dump was to definitely close on Aug. 1st, 1973. Some members agreed to help police the place until it was generally known that no more dumping was allowed. The members that wished garbage service were to call Dennis Bergeron Tel-335-6516. He will make weekly pick ups for \$3.00 per mo. Election officers: Vice Pres. Chester Swanberg, John Blessing Sec. The secretary was informed that the next letter to members should invite the members to see that any neighbor in his vicinity should be contacted and asked to come to our meetings. It was suggested that Ted Bergland contact legislators and see what could be done to get money to clean up the lakes of this area especially Grace Lake. The weed & perch problem seems to predominate. St. Onge and Senator Willet contacted but unable to come. Officers-Pres. Larry Houg, VP-Chet Swanberg Treas. Ted Midtaune, Sec. Jon Blessing. 52 Paid up Members

1974	--40	paid up members
1975	30	"
1976	64	"
1977	No meetings	
1978	60	"
1979	59	"
1980	59	"
1981	55	"
1982	62	"
1983	<del>52</del> 76	" to date (July 1983 )



Minutes of  
Grace Lake Improvement Association

2:00 p.m.  
June 15, 1974  
Bible Camp

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Houg.

Secretary's Report - Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - See Attached - \$1,203.83.

Discussion:

Rearing Pond sublet for 2 years to LeRoy Minnows - this will clean up algae. We have first option on rental again when LeRoy's lease expires.

DNR has seined for the past two years and too much algae. Recommended put sucker minnows in to clean it up.

Approved as Read.

Old Business

Frank Singer (RE: Smith Break-in)

Frank talked to sheriff, Bob Kumpke. He said he would send a man. A record was made by the sheriff of the loss for insurance purposes. Action was taken.

Hearing at Park Rapids regarding the landfill request of Clarence Soley was approved. Frank represented the GLA and voted in favor.

Concern about weed control - General discussion.

Concern about a pipe coming out of the bank over on the north side near Bob Lovells. This should be investigated.

President Houg said that cutting and pulling of weeds in an area not to exceed 50 ft. of the owners frontage is permissible without a permit. However, weeds must be picked up. No poison or chemicals are allowed without contacting DNR. Also, any property owner wanting to use chemicals would also need to get the permission of the Association prior to application.

Addresses were checked on and updated for those whose notices were returned.

Checked on day for annual meeting. Second Saturday of June at 2:00 was confirmed, as stated in constitution.

New Business

Discussion regarding the township park and toilet facilities. It was felt that the facilities were not up to standard. Some association representatives will attend township meeting and express concern.

Roadside Clean-up.

Decided to keep it at Saturday, June 22. Members were encouraged to participate.



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New Business (Continued)

A motion was made to hold a meeting and picnic on July 27 for any property owner, members and guests, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Seconded by Frank Singer.  
Carried Unanimously.

It was suggested that food committee be formed.

Moved by Midtaune that Glaydis Black be chairman.  
Seconded by Al Heinrichs.  
Passed Unanimously.

Midtaune moved that Association paid expenses to Frank Singer and Al Heinrichs to check into possibility of acquiring Rearing Pond.

Glaydis Black Seconded.  
Passed - One dissenting Vote - Al Heinrichs.

Fishing Contest

For paid-up members only and immediate family. For June, July, August & September. Cash prize of \$5, \$3, \$2 for each category (walleye, northern, crappie) for months of June, July, August, and September. Total cash prize for season - \$120.00.

(Send out notice on fishing contest, July meeting and clean-up - get this out by next Tuesday)

Suggested to post minutes at the three resorts and Grace Lake Store after each meeting for a period of two to three weeks.

Election of Officers

Not enough members present  
Tabled until July 27, 1974  
Nomination committee was formed of - Al Heinrichs  
Frank Singer  
Larry Hough

Move to Adjourn by Frank Singer  
Second - Al Wells  
Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned - 3:45

*J.B. Blessing*



Minutes of Grace Lake Improvement Association

Bible Camp - July 27, 1974

The Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Association President Larry Houg.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of June 15, 1975 meeting approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Current Balance - \$1,173.40.

Guests Announced - President Houg introduced Hubbard County Sherrif's Office Representatives, Deputies Larry Johnson (Guthrie) and Dale Wilson (Park Rapids). Both talked to Association members present about the crime prevention program endorsed by the Governor's Crime Commission - Operation Identification. It was reported that the program has been very successful in the nation as well as Hubbard County which has not had a burglary of any citizen enrolled (115).

Anyone wishing to participate in this program should contact the Association President. The Association went on record in favor of membership participation in this program.

Moved by Ted Midtaune, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Association purchase an engraver for use by the membership in Operation Identification. Passed Unanimously. Approximate cost - \$7.50.

President Houg expressed the responsibility of all members to assist one another with property and vandalism protection and to notify Frank Singer of any suspicious activity.

The Association secretary was instructed to send out names of Sheriff, Constable, etc., and their address and phone number to all members of the Association in the next mailing.

Old Business:

Winners in the fishing contest for the month of June were:  
(cash prize: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00).

	<u>Northern Pike</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1st	Steve Norkelly	4 lb. 0 oz.
2nd	Albert Hinrichs	3 lb. 0 oz.
3rd	No Entry	

	<u>Walleye</u>	
1st	Chet Swanberg	6 lb. 4 oz.
2nd	Chet Swanberg	4 lb. 5 oz.
3rd	No Entry	

	<u>Crappie</u>	
1st.	Al Hinrichs	1 lb. 7 oz.
2nd	No Entry	
3rd	No Entry	

Members are encouraged to participate. Competition has not been stiff-----so wet those lines.



New Business:

Irvine Rieten sent a letter to the Association requesting that a bigger sign be posted for the Fardin Township Park. This will be looked into.

Concern was expressed about dock placement on lakeshore lots.

Motion made by Rieten, seconded by T. Midtaune, Jr., that the Association endorse placement of docks at least 10 feet inside of property line.  
Motion passed.

Election of Officers:

President - Ernie Strauss  
Treasurer - Lloyd Larson

Commendations extended to Larry Houg and Ted Midtaune for past six years of leadership within the Association as President and Treasurer, respectively.

Adjournment: 12:25 p.m.

Picnic and Membership Social Commences - 12:26 p.m.

Secretary,

Jon B. Blessing



## Minutes of Grace Lake Improvement Association

Bethany Bible Camp - August 9, 1975, 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Strauss.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of July 27, 1974 meeting. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance - \$1,055.00

Guest Announced: President Strauss introduced Mr. Gordon Buchanan, Officer, Department of Natural Resources, who was invited to speak to the Association about the Grace Lake Rearing Pond, New Water Safety Laws, and the Grace Lake Public Access question.

Rearing Pond: Mr. Buchanan reported that all hatch from the pond went into Grace Lake this past year. The Northern Pike population is about at its peak. There was no removal of rough fish this year because of a lack of necessary funds. According to DNR the rearing pond had a moderately good hatch this past summer, whereas the previous year had an excellent hatch.

Water Safety Laws: It was noted that the DNR has developed a packet of materials to comply with the most recent laws requiring youth to possess a watercraft operator's permit. The packet contained a booklet entitled "Boat and Water Safety", a study guide, current water and watercraft safety laws, and a test. According to current law, no person 13 years of age or over but less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat powered by a motor over 24 horsepower without possessing a valid watercraft operator's permit, unless there is a person 18 years of age or over in the motorboat.

As a result of this information, Association members requested that the Association Board of Directors look into the details of providing such a program for interested youth of Grace Lake. Further, that the Board make this safety program available to all Grace Lake youth who want to participate.

Grace Lake Public Access: According to Mr. Buchanan, the Department of Natural Resources cannot put in an access unless they own the land. There was quite a controversy regarding the lack of a good public access for Grace Lake. Association members felt that accesses that have been used in the past are no longer adequate. Mr. Buchanan stated that DNR must own a minimum of 100 feet of shoreline to develop an access. He said he would personally work on this during the winter and get together with the Association Board of Directors in an attempt to reach a decision by next spring.

Mr. Larry Houg asked if a DNR access could also be used as a public park. Mr. Buchanan stated that this was not a policy.

Members present thanked Mr. Buchanan for his presentation to the Association and his understanding of our concerns.



Old Business: None

New Business: Election of officers was held with the following results:

Vice President	- Linus Bach
Secretary	- Signa Dutt
Treasurer	- Irvine Reiten
3 Members-at-Large	- Wally LaWonn, George <sup>Fenner</sup> <del>Muhyar</del> , Larry Houg

Moved and seconded to have an Association picnic next year in July. Passed unanimously.

Larry Houg reported on the Grace Lake Fenner Pond. DNR won't stock the pond because of algae. The pond is currently subleased to LeRoy's minnows to clean up the algae. The G.L.A. will sublet Fenner pond for two more years and lease to LeRoy's on an annual basis. Hopefully the pond will be in shape for stocking in a year or two.

It was suggested that Association funds be put into savings rather than checking entirely. This would give us enough interest in a year to pay for the annual picnic or some other project. This suggestion received full support of members present.

Jack Dean raised the question of septic systems and if residents would be required to update them by 1976. Discussion followed. President Strauss said that this issue would be studied by the Association Board.

Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

  
Jon B. Blessing, Secretary



GRACE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA 56601

Minutes of Grace Lake Improvement Association

Bethany Bible Camp - August 7, 1976 11:00 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Strauss.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of August 9, 1975 meeting. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance 0 \$1,273.85

3 New Members

38 Paid as of August 7, 1976. No resorts paid to date.  
Motion was made that other unpaid members be contacted.

Nomination of Officers: President & Board of Directors

President: Irvine Reiten, Ted Midtaune, Jr.

Mr. Reiten declined nomination as he was to continue  
as Treasurer.

Frank Singer moved nomination to be closed, Seconded by Arthur  
Dutt. Passed by association.

Board of Directors: John Blessing, Jack Erickson, John Mc Gowan  
Gladys Black moved nominations be closed. Seconded, Olaf Brandt.  
Passed by Association.

Grace Lake Public Access: Ted Midtaune, Sr. made a motion that  
officers and Board of Directors attend meetings at Frohn and Farden  
township, Aug. 9 & 10, 1976. and work with township officers and  
Mr. Singer keeping up of park, cleaning and updating of toilet  
facilities. Could it be roped off and closed after a certain hour.

Rearing Pond: Leased to LeRoys for 1 year. DNR will not stock Fenner  
pond because of too much algae. Sucker minnows were put in to keep  
algae down. It was stated DNR will still stock lake since there is  
a winter access on West side of Grace Lake.

It was suggested if weeds were cut, to pick them up and not leave  
in lake but dispose of them.

Access at Call O Wild open to residents only due to abuse of property  
by people putting boats in and out.

The subject of vandalism was brought up which had happened at several  
places. It was suggested by Mr. Klug that all check their insurance  
to see if they were covered if it happened out of season or on vacation  
when resident was not there.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Wm. Patnaude, gave a very enlightening film  
and explanations on the different types of sanitation facilities - good  
and bad. Also showing abuses of existing regulations at different  
places of residence. New buildings to set sanitation facilities as  
far back as possible from lake shore running away from lake, not towards  
and conform to zoning regulations. He suggested checking septic tank



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once a year for solids, if full have pumped by reputable trucker.  
Also answering questions by association members after meeting.

A chicken dinner was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

Signa Dutt  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



June 21, 1978

GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Since no meeting was called in 1977 and President Ted Midtaune, Jr. submitted his resignation, a meeting was called to discuss holding a meeting in 1978 by Signa Dutt, Secretary.

Attending : Linas Bach, Vice President  
Irv Reitan, Treasurer  
John Blessing, Director  
Signa Dutt, Secretary

It was decided that a meeting would be held at the Bible Camp with a chicken dinner after meeting on July 1, 1978 at 10:30 AM, so that our organization would again be active.

Respectfully,

*Signa Dutt*  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



Meeting was held July 1, 1978 at 10:30 AM followed by a drawing of door prizes and a chicken dinner.

Due to the Fourth of July holiday week end the speaker from DNR was unable to attend but sent notes which were read by Mr. Blessing.

Mr. Mooney brought up the subject of foam on the shore of the lake. It was pointed out water had previously been checked for this and it was due to a natural process of the lake. There was also a question if all systems had been brought up to specifications.

The proposed ramp in the park by a few individuals seems to have been tabled since there was considerable opposition, but members showed interest if gate could be put up and hours set.

Boaters seem to forget there must be an observer at all times when pulling a skier.

Jack Erickson brought up the possibility of better T. V. reception and suggested writing a letter to Translator Corp. New officers elected for 1978 are:

John Blessing - President

Don Campbell - Vice President

Signa Dutt - Secretary

Larry Haug - Treasurer

Board of Directors: John Mc Gowan, Gordon Klug, Jack Erickson, Ron Cuperus.

It was decided to have another meeting at 10:30 AM followed by a pot luck dinner on August 26, 1978, thereby saving the \$45.00 fee for use of facilities at the Bible Camp.

Meeting Adjourned

Signa Dutt, Secretary

*Signa Dutt*



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Bemidji, Minnesota

The second meeting of the year was held at the Bible Camp on Aug. 26, 1978 at 10:30 AM and called to order by Larry Houg in the absence of John Blessing who was out of town. It was followed by a pot luck dinner eaten outside and lots of goodies were brought. All attending enjoyed it even though weather was cloudy and a little damp. By doing it that way we saved the \$45.00 fee.

It was decided to have another pot luck at our spring meeting at 12 noon before the meeting so would not have to use plug ins to keep coffee and food hot while meeting was being conducted. That way there would be no charge for the use of the hall. In case of rain arrangements would be made to have it inside.

Highlights of the Meeting included:

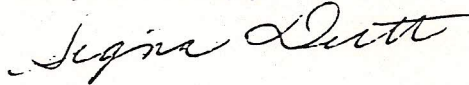
1. Members voted to get a metal filing box for storing ass'n. records.
2. The discussion on whether the Bible camp should pay dues was resolved. Since we do not pay for the use of the building for a meeting only, they should not be charged.
3. As of Aug. 26, 1978 we had 56 paid up members. So far, no resort has paid their dues, and there are many residents using lake that are not members or paid up members.
4. If we have a free chicken, or other, dinner it was decided to limit it to 2 to a family,
5. Heard a report from DNR read in part by Mr. Houg and passed around for members to read, on stocking etc. Expect to do a net survey in fall.
6. Instead of organizing a ditch cleaning detail it was suggested that a letter be written to County Commissioners of Hubbard and Beltrami Counties stating that they had never cleaned up ditches on Grace Lake Drive. Has always been done by Ass'n. members. We should be getting something for our payment of taxes.
7. The road approach to Grace Lake Store needs attention.
8. It has been noted that cans and refuse are being thrown from boats. This is certainly not good for the lake and could cause swimmers, boaters and skiers a problem.
9. Fire numbers should be by the entrance to a residence. If you do not have a fire number, there could be a problem with your insurance company in case of a fire. A letter should be written to Cass Lake Fire Dept. (Hubbard Co.) Bemidji Fire Dept. (Beltrami Co.) giving specific directions from Fire Dept. to your residence.
10. Since none of the Resorts were paid up as many Officers and Bd. of Directors that are able to go will call on them Monday Aug. 28 1978 at 7 PM. Especially welcome new owner Frank Homer of Grace Lake Resort along with a letter of welcome and what ass'n is about.



11. It was also suggested that a letter of welcome be drafted to bring along when calling on new residents inviting them to join the Ass'n.
12. Heard a report on Better TV reception. Mr. Don Rode of Translator Corp. is working with Duluth in trying to update. They get their power from Deer River now at 20 watts and want to up it to 100 watts and then pick up signal and put up a 360 degree directional antenna. If this goes through they would apply to FCC for license. This would take at least to spring.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully,



Signa Dutt, Secretary



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Bemidji, Minnesota

The first meeting of the year was held at the Bible Camp on June 16, 1979 at 10:00 A.M. and called to order by John Blessing, Pres. Secretary and Treasurers report read and approved.

1. It was decided to have our second meeting of the year Aug. 25, 1979 at 10:AM. at the Bible Camp.
2. Fenner Pond was leased for another year.
3. Jack Erickson gave a report on T.V. progress. Duluth updating equipment. By fall we should know if we will get better reception.
4. A short discussion on fire numbers.
5. It was suggested that a get well card or card of sympathy be sent if any association member is ill or expires.
6. Mrs. Swanberg thought our meeting should be advertised more, perhaps on Chat About or such, which might get more members out to the meeting.
7. New law permits residents to do some things without a permit 10 feet into the water.
8. Maps of Grace Lake were brought by Mr. Cuperus for members who wished a copy.
9. Mr. Blessing said he would contact a D.N.R. man to speak at our next meeting.
10. Mr. Harry E. Fisher and Associate, Representatives from Potlatch, gave a very informative discussion concerning the new plant being built on land approx. across from the Grace Lake Store. It should be operational about the first part of 1981.  
In looking over sites at different places they chose Bemidji since they owned land there and it was close to Highway 2 and the railroad.

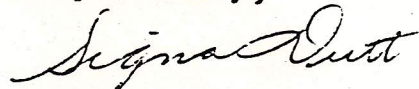
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Logging situation was good, surplus aspen used in this type of product, also soft wood available. It was stated it would be a clean plant employing about 120 people, as many local as possible. Wood, resin was used in product, no chemicals. Wood waste burned in burners so expect to be almost self sufficient. Should be hardly any odor.

Meeting adjourned and a Pot Luck lunch was enjoyed by members.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sigma Dutt".

Sigma Dutt, Secretary



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Minutes of August 25, 1979 meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President John Blessing. Approximately 20 property owners were in attendance.
2. The Secretary minutes of June 16th were read and approved.
3. Treasurer Larry Houg reported the current Ass'n. financial balance of \$628.58. Membership is down somewhat with only 40 members paid as of today.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sanitary Permits - A letter from Vern Massie, Zoning Administrator was read by Mr. Blessing concerning the status of an illegal septic system on the south shore of Grace Lake. The system was corrected on Aug. 17, 1979. The effort on the Grace Lake Ass'n. in bringing this matter to the attention of the county & having the problem resolved were successful. The Ass'n. will continue to be aware of pollution problems and work for the improved quality of the Lake.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DNR report - Howard Latvila & Dennis Johnson  
Fenner Pond looks good for Walleye fingerlings this year. Will place them in Grace Lake in September. It was suggested that we do not stock pond with suckers from LeRoy's on off years as it is hard on the pond. Also, stock pond with Walleye only when water is high enough.  
Grace Lake growth rate for Northern is tops in the area, primarily because of the perch population. Three year old Northerns range from 3-5 lbs.  
Mr. Latvila felt Grace Lake has had adequate Walleye stocking. A seine count this year is not planned because of work load. The last count was in 1977.  
Grace Lake Crapie fishing has been tops in the area. Crappies require little care other than protecting spawning area. DNR would help with this and would restrict fishing during spawning time if we requested it.  
No Perch or Bullhead removal is anticipated in the near future.  
Muskie - Some questions were raised. Grace Lake could support Muskie, but they would probably not spawn well here and would have to be stocked. Perch population would provide lots of food for them and growth should be good. The Ass'n. would have to request that Muskies be stocked before DNR would take any action. The lake has been netted nine times since 1948. Much data on the lake is available. Anyone that wants it should contact the Ass'n. secretary.  
Some spawning of fish occurs in Tom Hegland's meadow. With the approval of Mr. Hegland, the meadow could be ditched and controlled to provide good spawning.
- B. LIQUOR LICENSE - Concerns were expressed about safety related problems that might develop if the Grace Lake Store were granted an On-Sale liquor license. Cuperus and Somrock moved that the Ass'n. recommend that the Fardin Town Board act with caution for approval of any liquor licenses and that guidelines for On-Off sale be established by the Town Board before any license is issued. Passed unanimously.  
Such guidelines should include intended use of the license, the availability or sale of food with liquor for on-sale, the number of licenses to be granted within a township, etc.



- C. ZONING - The Association discussed Township zoning/planning and recommends that the Township develop a land use plan that will insure the proper use of land with the growth explosion that is taking place.
- D. OTHER: Singer/McGowan moved to follow the advise of DNR regarding the use of Fenner Pond. Passed unanimously. Frank Singer recommended that we investigate with DNR the possible ditching of the Grace Lake outlet to Midge Lake so that we can control the water table of Grace Lake and prevent frost heave in the winter. Larry Houg "volunteered" to talk with Tom Hegland about the use of the meadow for spawning and to provide a recommendation to the Association.
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following positions were open for two year appointments.

Vice President - Don Campbell

Secretary - Sig Dutt

2 Board Members - John Mc Gowan, Gordy Klug

An election was held with the following results:

Vice President - Don Campbell

Secretary - Sig Dutt

Board Members - Don Bredenburg, Dan Somrock

Congratulations to the new members and a special thanks to John Mc Gowan and Gordy Klug for their help the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully,

Sig Dutt  
Sig Dutt, Secretary

By John Blessing



MINUTES OF GRACE LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD JUNE 14, 1980

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM June 14, 1980 at the Bethany Bible Camp by President John Blessing. 30 Members in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of August 25, 1979 were approved as submitted.

An introduction of the Association Officers and Board Members was made as well as new members.

Treasurer's report as of June 1, 1980 was as follows:

\$1,000 Savings Certificate & Interest	\$1,295.00
Checking Account	674.02
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Paid out:

Sig Dutt (Printing & Postage <del>6/2/80</del> 8/17/79)	17.14
Delbert Fenner (1980 Pond Rent)	25.00
Sig Dutt (Printing & Postage <del>6/2/80</del> 6/4/80)	32.32
	<hr/> 74.46

Balance \$1,894.61

Old Business:

Fenner Pond - No fry stocked this year because of moisture shortage. Stocking last year very successful.

Grace Lake Water table height - Midtaune/Bradenberg moved that the Grace Lake Association officers and Board of Directors work with the DNR & immediate property owners at the location of the creek to stabilize the lakes waterlevel. Motion passed unanimously

Information documenting previous lake levels should be sent to John Blessing who will forward to DNR Jerry Paul, Regional Hydrologist. The first step will be a DNR study of the lake to determine normal high water level.

Township land use planning - No plans for land use or zoning guidelines have been developed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township Park boat launching ramp was discussed at length with the recommendation that interested parties attend the town board meeting in July and Aug. Dan Somrock indicated that DNR funds were available to the town board for the development of a good ramp.

The next meeting was set for August 16, 1980 at 10:30 AM at the Bible Camp.

Meeting adjourned followed by a well attended pot luck lunch

Submitted by,  
John Blessing  
for Sig Dutt



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of August 16, 1980 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Blessing at 10:30 AM at the Bethany Bible Camp. The Ass'n. was well represented even if it was a cloudy and occasionally wet day.

Minutes of June 14, 1980 were approved as read.

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Approx. 50 members paid up. New members were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS

Fenner Pond was not stocked this year due to lack of moisture. Have standing commitment on pond. It is not to be subleased.

DNR ran test on water table level. Will have result sometime in August and perhaps suggestions as to what should be done, if anything, about outlet. Some way so there would not be a loss of fish. Officers and Board members to study and report to members.

NEW BUSINESS

If you do not have a fire number, Frank Singer now has them.

Mr. Singer thought there should be a gate on the Park, with open & close at certain hours and be posted, due to late noise makers. Residents have right to privacy near there but not getting it. Also very objectionable language.

A motion was made by Don Olson & seconded by Mr. Mooney a letter should be written to all the members of the Town Board. 30 or so members representing the Ass'n. in letter for a gate.

In previous years we collected a \$5.00 initiation fee. A motion made by Mr. Singer & seconded by Mr. Black we discontinue. Passed by members.

Since resorts were not paying their dues regularly, Ted Midtaune, Sr. suggested we set a fee of \$15.00 std \$20.00. Passed by members.

It was decided there should be 2 Board members from Farden & 2 from Frohn Townships. Motion by Mr. Black Sec. Mr. Singer

Members voted to buy envelopes with name printed.

Mr. Singer brought members up to date on new boating regulations.

1. A ticket instead of a warning which could cost from \$35.00 to \$50.00
2. Life preserver for each person in boat.
3. Must be an observer in boat pulling a water skier.
4. White light in back, green & red light in front of boat for late fishing.



5. Persons less than 13 years of age must be accompanied by someone at least 18 years of age to operate a motorboat of more than 24 horsepower, except in an emergency. Persons 13 through 17 years who operate boats of more than 24 horsepower must either: (1) be accompanied by someone at least 18 years of age or (2) possess a valid watercraft operator's permit from Minnesota or from the operator's state of residence.

Mr. Blessing said he would arrange a tour of Pot latch after Pot Luck at our June meeting.

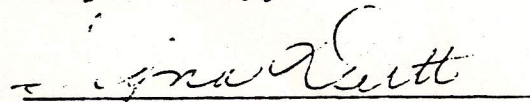
Election of President and Treasurer and two Board members was postponed until spring meeting.

Mr. Black made a motion, sec. by Ted Midtaune, Sr. to select a nominating committee. Mrs. Bredenberg, Mr. Singer, Mr. Olson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

A Pot luck picnic was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully,

  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



# GRACE LAKE IS BEING THREATENED

September 29, 1980

Dear Residents,

Bemidji's current sewage proposal (Alternative #7) is threatening Grace Lake. This proposal is on-land spray irrigation east of Bemidji in Frohn Township, where the natural drainage runs into Grace Lake. The study for this proposal is scheduled to be completed by December 1, 1980.

We are asking each resident to write a letter of concern to the three people in the enclosed "fact sheet".

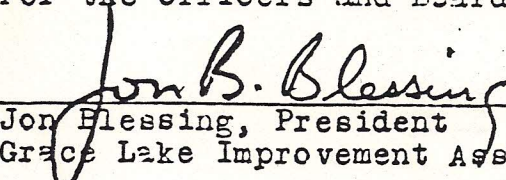
It is of great importance that we, the people of Grace Lake, let the appropriate officials know that we value our Grace Lake and the quality of life that it provides. Tell them your own thoughts on the subject. A handwritten letter is as effective, or even more so, than a typewritten letter. Make certain in your letter to object to the location of this Alternative #7, not necessarily to the concept of the on-land proposal.

The extensive Environmental Impact Statement completed in August, 1980 by the Environmental Protection Agency recommended a Mechanical/Chemical treatment system.

This letter and "fact sheet" is a result of a recent meeting of your Officers and Board members and our attendance at an EIS public hearing in Bemidji.

Please take the time to write a letter and preserve the quality of your lake-----it's very important. Remember, the proposed location is in an area which drains directly into Grace Lake !!!!!

For the Officers and Board of Directors,

  
Jon Blessing, President  
Grace Lake Improvement Association



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Bemidji, Minn.

August 3, 1981

Dear Property Owner,

Some of you have been wondering if your President and Officers have pulled stakes and left the Grace Lake Association in the lurch. Be assured that has not happened. Because of scheduling difficulties with dates for Bethany Bible Camp this Summer, it was decided that only one meeting would be held August 22. More on that.

The Association Officers and Board of Directors have been very active during this past year. Here's what the Association has been doing when it was needed.

1. It was testifying at the public hearing in Bemidji on Thursday Sept. 7, 1980 when the city was promoting Alternative #7 to place the sewage disposal system in Frohn Township not far from Grace Lake. Come to the annual meeting and see the thick manuals of the EPA report.
2. It was meeting and drafting a letter to property owners on the threat to the life of Grace Lake. Issue was resolved just before letter sent (copy in secretary's book).
3. It was five Association members, who are lawyers, meeting in Grand Forks and calling long distance to the EPA offices in Chicago with pertinent comments about Alternative #7 which helped influence the Sept. 30 headline in the Bemidji Pioneer "Frohn Township is not feasible for a Spray Irrigation.
4. It was attending Farden Township Board meeting representing Ass'n. concerns. Most recently being instrumental in getting the Township to purchase a gate and supplies for the Township park. More details on all of the above at the upcoming meeting.

The very survival of any association depends entirely upon the willingness of its members to become involved. We're looking for a good turn-out on August 22. Will also be contacting some of you to run for office. The positions of President and Treasurer and two Board Members are open. Anyone wanting to run for these positions or nominate others should contact Secretary, Sig Dutt 751-9584.

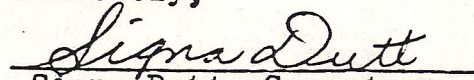
Do your part! Mail your annual \$4.00 dues now to Larry Houg, RR 3, Box 464, Bemidji, Minn. 56601.

Resort dues were lowered from \$20.00 to \$15.00 on the annual meeting last year.

The 1981 Annual Meeting will be held at the Bethany Bible Camp on Saturday August 22 at 10:30 A. M.

This will be the only meeting held this summer. We welcome all new resident

Sincerely,

  
Sig Dutt, Secretary



FACTS ABOUT ALTERNATIVE #7

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1. Drainage/leakage/spillage from the lagoon or irrigation sites would drain East to Grace Lake; North to the Mississippi River and West to Nymore.
2. An on-land site located in Frohn Township (Alternative #7) would involve the following treatment of raw sewage, exclusive of solids:

Need for a 200 Acre storage lagoon for holding winter sewage.

Need for 3000-4000 acres of land for summer irrigation of sewage.

Summer spray rate of up to five feet of water/sewage depth in order to drain lagoon before winter.

Permissible lagoon leakage rate of 500 gallons per day per acre or 100,000 gallons per day for 200 acre lagoon.

3. On land treatment of Bemidji sewage has been studied and considered four times in the past 12 years and been rejected each time by EIS.
4. EIS studies indicate there is leakage of storage lagoon and contamination of ground water.
5. With the growth of Bemidji the lagoon and irrigation sites would have to be expanded.
6. The recent Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) recommended mechanical/chemical treatment as the best alternative studied.

Please write and let people know how you feel about this issue or call these officers if you have questions or need more information.

Jon Blessing	751-3784
Ron Cuperus	751-1926
Larry Houg	751-6709

WRITE YOUR LETTER before October 30, 1980 to Mr. Gene Wojcik with carbon copies to the Mayor and City Manager of Bemidji.

Mr. Gene Wojcik  
Chief of EIS Section  
Water Division  
Region Five, EPA  
230 Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Ill. 60604

Mayor Doug Peterson  
City of Bemidji  
Bemidji, Minn. 56601

Mr. Carsten Leikvold  
City Manager  
City of Bemidji  
Bemidji, Minn. 56601



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of August 22, 1981 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Jon Blessing at 10:30 A. M. August 22, 1981 at the Bethany Bible Camp. Had a very good turn out of members.

Minutes of August 16, 1980 were approved as read

Treasurers Report approved as read.

Mr. Blessing gave a report of DNR's finding on specie count. Lake appears to be doing well. They would not approve a plan to lower lake level. Study showed lake was lower than high ordinary mark of 13.29.

Fenner Pond was stocked and looks good.

Mr. Houg reported on Meeting concerning Alternative #7.

Mrs. Singer gave a report on conditions after new gate was installed at Park entrance. Much better but still dangerous water skiing going on. West entrance to lake also having difficulties with late niters.

Dan Somrock made a suggestion a committe should look into possibly controlling acceses and report to Town Board at meeting Sept. 8th. Mrs. Lawonn, Dennis Schlagel, Don Black and Frank Singer volunteered. It was also suggested to check with DNR if there could be a better check on winter fisherman concerning rubbish, etc.

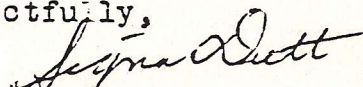
It was brought up there was some pollution from Pot Latch being noticed, so suggested to invite them to our next meeting.

Election was held for President, Treasurer and two Board members. President-Ron Cuperus, Treasurer-Mrs. Singer, Dewain Thompson & Mrs. Bungam as Board Members from Frohn township.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Everyone enjoyed a very good Pot Luck dinner with a tour of the Pot Latch plant afterward.

Respectfully,

  
Signa Dutt  
Secretary



GRADE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of June 19, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bredenburg in the absence of President Cuperus.

Minutes of August 22, 1981 meeting and Treasurers report were read.

Group was informed new gate had been put in on entrance to Park for the one that was stolen.

Mr. & Mrs. Singer reported they put in 11 Cement posts to close boat landing at the Park, and there was a very nice beach there now.

No action was taken on the DNR proposal for a Public Access on the West Shore. They would put in parking lot, toilet and garbage facilities.

Further study to be done with DNR by a Committee of Mr. Somrock, Mrs. Blessing and Howard Johnson by the next meeting in August.

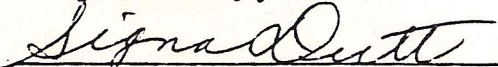
It was brought up the Frohn Township board be made aware of conditions of former dump, now closed, but people still dumping. Possible fire hazzard.

Members agreed to have Coffee & Rolls instead of Pot Luck at our August 28th meeting.

Attended by approximately 30 members.

Coffee and rolls were served during the meeting.

Respectfully,

  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of August 28, 1982 meeting

President, Ron Cuperus, called meeting to order at 10:30 A M. at the Bethany Bible Camp August 28, 1982.

Approx. 35 people in attendance. Committee of Mr. Somrock, Mrs. Blessing and Howard Johnson met with D. N. R. on proposed access on the West shore. D. N. R. felt this is the best possible site for an access.

Mr. Hegland stated when he lived there the biggest problem was people getting stuck. An appraisal is going on and DNR have a right to buy the property that he owns.

Howard Johnson feels there will be more control, fence if necessary, toilet facilities & garbage pick up. Law enforcement restrictions and the present access was there before people bought property.

It was brought up the 33' in Farden township should not be used for access but for trees, etc to act as a buffer.

Motion carried to continue present committee to work with D. N. R. in setting up best possible conditions.

It was suggested we keep the club money in event we needed it for any problems and not undertake any projects. It was also suggested we do something for the Park but no decision.

So new members would have more information about association, a member said it might be a good idea to send a cover letter explaining what association is about and send with regular letter in the spring.

A chicken dinner was approved for our spring meeting.

It was also noted that a resident on West shore had a number of birds that should be checked on for possible contamination of lake water.

Election of officers were as follows:

Vice President----Tomy Hegland

Secretary-----Signa Dutt

Board Members----George Aymond, Howard Johnson

Coffee and donuts were served.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully,

*Signa Dutt*  
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Signa Dutt, Secretary



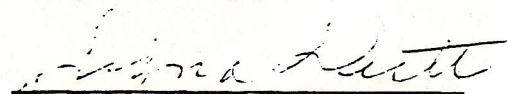
Had an interesting question and answer period with many questions being asked by members.

Next meeting to be held in August.

Motion made to adjourn at 11:55 A. M.

A delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed by all those present. Since so many reservations were not honored, surplus food was sold to members.

Respectfully,

  
Signa Dutt, Secretary



GRACE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASS'N.  
Bemidji, Minn.

The first meeting of 1983 was called to order by President Cuperus at the Bethany Bible Camp June 11th at 10:30 A.M. Officers and Board members were introduced. Secretary and Treasurers report given.

Tom Hegland reported D. N. R. had bought property for access on West shore but nothing done as yet. Possibly this fall or early spring. 225' purchased.

It was brought up that there was dumping still going on at the old dump site. This should be taken up with the Town Board of Frohn Township by residents of that township.

A member brought up it might be a good idea to have someone in to talk about vandalism at a future meeting.

There was a discussion on logging going on around the East side of the lake, It was reported that it was done by private individuals and not for building purposes.

It was stated that there was no law against dogs running loose but if on your property doing damage, they could be shot.

Mrs. Frank Homer was nominated for Secretary to fill the unexpired term of Signa Dutt who is moving away from Grace Lake.

Vern Massie spoke on Zoning. Their office will issue permits if no variance is needed. Non-conforming systems must be corrected within 5 years.