

Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 2021

Time: Meeting called to order at 10 a.m.

Location: Bethany Bible Camp

Present: Rick Black, John Fossum, Doug Goodman, Ed Marthelar, Dick Sampson, Wes Kinneberg

Guests: Bruce Anspach, Beltrami Co Environmental Services AIS Technician, Zack Gutknecht Beltrami Co SWCD Clean Water Specialist

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Additional Info
Treasurer's Report John Fossum	Balance of \$22,801.98. The substantial increase is due to memorial donations of \$9,225.00. Into September, we will increase the number of days per week of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monitoring at the public access. Will work with Beltrami County on this. Motion to accept by Dick Sampson, 2 nd by Doug Goodman, accepted.	Report attached
Public Access Inspections and AIS Bruce Anspach	Inspectors scheduled based on boat traffic data. Busiest day is Saturday, Monday lowest amount of traffic. Inspectors check for excess water, plants/mud on boat/trailer, plugs out. 307 inspections in 2020. More inspections than any other lake in Beltrami County. Grace has inspectors 7 days a week, 2 paid by County and 5 days by Association. Grace third busiest lake in Beltrami County. Lots of weed growth in 2020 with no non-native species which is good. Contributing factors are warm weather causing warm lake water, low lake water level, water clarity good. Septic system compliance inspections done 15 years ago on GL.	For more info on septic system inspections, check Beltrami County website.
Lake Water Quality Management and Bathtub Study Zack Gutknecht Beltrami Co SWCD Clean Water Specialist	Compliant septic systems a big deal to lake quality. Required now when property sold. Only 2 percent non-compliant. Lake water sampling for phosphorus, chlorophyll A and secchi depth provides important data to formulate suggestions for reducing phosphorus levels in lake thus improving lake quality. Reduce fertilizer use, create 3 ft shoreline buffers to reduce erosion created by wind or boats and manage runoff. When irrigating, use water from lake.	SWCD will continue sampling and collecting data Refer to Bathtub study on GL website for more info.
Election of Directors Membership	Jan Jeliff made a motion to elect Doug Goodman and John Fossum to the board, seconded by Jon Blessing. Motion passed. Jon Blessing resigned after serving eight years on the board. Jon nominated and Jim Kramer seconded Wes Kinneberg to serve out Jon Blessing's term. Motion passed. Secretary Janice Pratt passed away in 2019 and no meeting in 2020 due to Covid so need someone to fill her position. Dick Sampson nominated Sue Black, seconded by Mike Delisle. Motion passed.	
Website and Facebook Doug Goodman	Website has lots of links to lake associated information. Anyone can post to Facebook page. Website: gracelakebemidji.com Facebook: Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association	

<p>Shore Captains Project Betsy Humble Thaden</p>	<p>Still hoping to move forward with this. Was on hold due to pandemic. Project to get more owner participation concerning the lake. Looking for volunteers around lake to share information with their neighbors on a more frequent basis than once a year at the annual meeting.</p>	
<p>Cabin Crawl Vicki Boyce</p>	<p>Kevin Fetch thanked 2019 Cabin Crawl hosts. Good time and great fundraiser for lake inspectors.</p>	<p>Looking for hosts for next one.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marge Spies concerned about high number of dead fish on shore. Warm lake temperature early has panfish swimming closer to shore where level of oxygen low. 2. Braking by truckers on Hwy 2. Loud affecting quality of life on lake, noise pollution. Call to Potlach with no response. Request to put up sign for truckers okayed by township and county but state highway department doesn't want any more signs on highway. Draft a document with background information for members to send in to legislators. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2020 water temp at 64 degrees, in 2021 same date water temp was 76 degrees. 2. Write in campaign to our legislators Bliss and Eichorn. Address on GL website.
<p>Old Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jerry Douglas mentioned the need for communicating with those not computer savvy. 2. Concern over DNR fish netting. In 12 nets, 75 lbs of fish caught. Fish used to be donated now buried due to liability issues. Restock in 5 year intervals. 12,500 walleye fingerlings in 2020. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shore captains would be great avenue to fulfill this need. 2. Suggest to DNR not to net as often
<p>Other</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lake level: 1329.9 Lake water clarity 19 feet: 2. Board recommending no 4th of July boat parade due to low water level and weed growth 3. Fireworks concerns since extremely dry this year. Please use caution. 4. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sue Black at 11:28 a.m. Second by Doug Goodman. 	