

# Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association

## 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 10, 2023

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

**Location:** Bethany Bible Camp

**Present:** Rick Black, Sue Black, John Fossum, Ed Marthaler, Dick Sampson, Wes Kinneberg. **Absent:** Doug Goodman

**Guests:** Aly Bergstrom, Beltrami Co SWCD

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	PLAN
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> John Fossum	\$12,761.20 today's balance. Net decrease of \$4,695.70 from last year at this time. 90% of expenses go to Public Access Monitoring. Received \$2,200 from Farden Township for monitoring. Association cost for monitoring in 2022 was \$10,768.70. Motion by Dawn Botsford to accept. Judy Kern seconded. Motion passed.	Report available upon request
<b>Prairie Restoration</b>	Presentation was given by a representative of the company offering suggestions and ideas for shoreline restoration. Individuals can contact company directly for more information.	Individuals can contact SWCD for grant monies for project
<b>Bathtub Study</b> Bruce Anspach for Zach GutKnecht	Report of what nutrients and where nutrients are coming into the lake. Huge nutrient flow from wetland northwest corner. SWCD just received 3 new grants so may have money to help with shoreline restoration. Zach and his team available to visit properties to make suggestions with shoreline restoration.	Report available upon request
<b>Canadian Water Weed</b> Bruce Anspach	A weed sample brought in by Rick Black was determined to be Canadian water weed. A native plant. An overabundance of this plant due the amount of nutrients going into the lake and no competition. Rain has huge impact on amount of nutrients flowing into lake from wetland.	
<b>AIS Inspections</b> Bruce Anspach	Report from Bruce Anspach. Data available on Beltrami SWCD website. Inspections at boat landing 8 hours every day. 25% boats coming into lake come from infested waters. Grace and Midge Lakes only ones in 50 mile radius not infested. Wolf Lake infested with starry stonewort. Decontamination site by Target in Bemidji. Open 10 – 6.	Report available upon request
<b>Association Dues</b> Membership	Approximately 170 property owners on lake. 115 paid dues in 2022. 65-70% of total. Seems to have plateaued.	Dues \$50 in 2023
<b>Shore Captains Project</b> Dick Sampson	Met with some resistance from property owners and minimal interest.	Project will not move forward
<b>Cabin Crawl</b> Vicki Boyce	Fundraising opportunity. Last one held in 2018 raised \$10,000 plus for boat landing inspections. \$25/couple. Hosts provide beer, wine, apps. \$400 reimbursement available.	Looking for hosts for 2024
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Three director positions up for election at this meeting. Motion was made by Judy to elect the current slate of directors up for reelection: Sue Black, John Fossum and Doug Goodman. Motion seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.	
<b>Other</b>	1. Lake elevation June 1, 2023: 1328.09 ft above sea level 2. Lake water temperature June 9, 2023: 76 degrees, clarity 17 ft 3. Storm culvert north of Hjelle place high flow into lake	3. Contact Zach

	<p>4. Lake wide weed treatment – similar to Union and Upper Cormorant - Landis Hjelle</p> <p>5. Deep hole at end of boat landing ramp.</p> <p>6. 2024 Annual Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2024</p> <p>7. Claire with Hubbard Co SWCD held Nitrate well water testing. She wasn't available for meeting so picked up samples in the afternoon to take back to office. Results will be mailed out.</p> <p>8. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Marcia Marthelar at 11:40 a.m. Second by Dennis Black.</p>	<p>4. Check with DNR on Aquatic Plant Management Permit</p> <p>5. Contact DNR</p>
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