

# Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association

## 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 1, 2024

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

**Location:** Bethany Bible Camp

**Board Members Present:** Rick Black, Sue Black, John Botsford, John Fossum, Wes Kinneberg, Ed Marthaler **Absent:** Doug Goodman

**Guests:** Katelyn Bergstrom, Beltrami Co SWCD; Jake, Hubbard Co SWCD

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	PLAN
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> John Fossum	\$16,162.88 today's balance. 90% of expenses go to Public Access Monitoring. Total cost for monitoring for 2023 was \$12,721.43. Farden Township donated \$2,200 towards that expense (10 <sup>th</sup> year donating). Leaving the Association's cost for monitoring in 2023 was \$10,521.43. Endowment fund non-spendable balance is \$9,041.95 and a spendable balance of \$7,120.93. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by John Blessing. Doug Munyer seconded. Motion passed.	Entire treasurer's report available upon request.
<b>Memorials</b> Rick Black	Association lost four long time Grace Lake members this past year: Jack Bina, Bonnie Bredenberg, Judy Demers, and Tomy Hegland.	
<b>Soil and Water Conservation Districts</b> Katelyn Bergstrom, Beltrami County SWCD Jake, Hubbard County SWCD	SWCD major focus is to help landowners with projects to improve and protect natural resources. A good resource for assistance with programs including shoreline restoration, pollinator planting, forestry, water quality anything environmental. Can offer technical guidance and possible financial assistance for projects. Implemented Bathtub study (2020) to analysis water quality, total phosphorus numbers and source of phosphorus coming into lake. Internal load (existing in lake) of phosphorus of 26%; 74% from outside sources. Programs available to mitigate the phosphorus. Bruce Ansbach, Beltrami Co AIS, retired. Three AIS species to watch for: zebra mussels, starry stonewort, and faucet snails.	
<b>Loon Restoration Program</b> Katelyn Bergstrom, Beltrami County	Grace Lake member of MN DNR Loon Friendly Lake Registry Program. Plan developed for Grace Lake. Funded through BP oil spill in Gulf. Also, Loon Watching Program to monitor loon activity on Lake. Purpose of both programs to protect loons and produce young. MN loon number – 12,000 (Alaska has more) Live 20-30 years, 7 years to sexual maturity. Successful loon program (24 pairs) on Big Mantrap Lake near Emmaville.	
<b>Cabin Crawl</b> Ed Marthaler	June 29, 2024. \$40/couple, \$25/single. Hosts: Delisles, Sandes and Marthalers. Last one 5 years ago raised \$4,300. Fundraiser for boat landing inspections for AIS prevention. An opportunity to meet other Grace Lake property owners. "Name the Grace Lake Otters" contest will take place during crawl.	Flyer attached
<b>Board of Directors Election</b>	Three director positions up for election at this meeting. 2 year terms. Motion made by Jan Jelliff to elect the current slate of directors up for reelection: Rick Black, John Botsford, Wes Kinneberg and Ed Marthaler. Second by Mark Brickson. Motion passed.	
<b>Recruitment for BOD</b>	Connie McDanel suggested shadowing current board members to recruit members to be future board members. Create handout of board members' responsibilities. Recruit members for committee	

	work.	
<b>Lake Statistics</b> Rick Black	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RMB Labs 22 years of Grace Lake water quality data (www.rmbel.com)</li> <li>2. Lake water temperature May 31, 2024: 61 degrees, Clarity: 27 ft</li> <li>3. Lake elevation May 31, 2024: 1327.6 ft above sea level</li> <li>4. 5.1 inches rain from May 10 – May 31. Lake has risen 2.75 inches but still down 7.5 inches at this time last year.</li> <li>5. Inspectors at landing start June 2, 2024, 7 days a week; 5 days paid by Association, 2 by Beltrami Co through State funding</li> <li>6. Boat decontamination unit open behind Target, 7 days a week, no charge. 47% of boats launched into Grace Lake came from invested waters.</li> </ol>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pelicans observed on lake</li> <li>2. Noise from businesses south of Highway 2. Nancy Benson reported that issue has been presented to the Farden Township board. Need for a noise ordinance discussed.</li> <li>3. Culvert on west side of lake issue being looked into.</li> <li>4. New website available soon. Facebook page active.</li> <li>5. Well water testing today. Associate will pick up samples. Results will be mailed out.</li> </ol>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mike Delisle at 11:30 a.m. Second by Barry Royce.	