

Gravel Lake Association
Board of Trustees Meeting – Minutes
October 20th, 2018

- I. Called to order – 10:03am

- II. Present: Craig DeSimone, Reed, Melissa DeSimone, Pinkos, Brown, Hochsprung, Micheli, Rinaldi, Rockwell, Roeder, Toso, Vitkauskas, Zwartz.
- III. Absent: Carlie DeSimone, Lalone, McDevitt, McGreal, Micheli, Paramski

- IV. Approval of minutes – Zwartz moves to approve the minutes from 9/22/18, seconded by Hochsprung. Motion passes.
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Janice provided a report and made corrections to the balance - total balance \$40,133.75

- VI. Officers’ Reports –
 - A. Secretary – attendance reported by Melissa DeSimone, Craig DeSimone will talk to the trustees with absences to see if they want to continue in their positions.
 - B. Editor – Jamie Paramski told us that the newsletter will be in mail by early November.
 - C. Internet Ops. – no official report, Craig DeSimone had Jim McGreal add a link to MiWATERS on the website, Craig will discuss this later in the agenda
 - D. Fundraising – Suzanne Reed reports that there are not sale dates for 2019 yet
 - 1. Carlie DeSimone wants to do t-shirt designs over the winter, Jen Micheli will do a t-shirt design contest on Facebook over the winter, April 1 will be deadline for t-shirt design contest
 - 2. Suzanne Reed wants to try different styles of the t-shirts
 - 3. A meeting needs to be set for Spring 2019 to get the tshirts settled
 - E. Water Quality – Craig DeSimone reports that we can do more CLMP testing. Melissa DeSimone volunteers to do CLMP training at the spring MLSA conference. UPDATE: She cannot attend the training.
 - F. AIS control – Ken Hochsprung reports that we have a plan for 2019 treatment tactics. We need to do a sonar treatment in 2019 (we haven’t done this in a few years). They have tested the water directly in the past to decide on the sonar application (conventional method), they can also check weather patterns (called sampling method). The sampling method would be more expensive by about \$6,000 but might be a better option for us because they can go deeper and we have Eurasian Water Milfoil in deeper locations than most lakes. Ken Hochsprung and Craig DeSimone recommend the sampling method and PLM is suggesting the sampling method as well. Ken Hochsprung will share the email from PLM so the board can read it and let Ken and Craig know if they have any further concerns about the sampling method.
 - G. Buoys/signage – Tom Zwartz needs to purchase 2 more buoys for the 2019 season. Arlene Rockwell moves to approve \$600 for bouys and stickers, seconded by Janice Pinkos. Approved.

- VII. Old Business
 - A. Poker Run - no discussion
 - B. Public Access – Ken Hochsprung will get our content approved for the public access sign. Melissa DeSimone suggests that we do a contest to make a new Gravel Lake Association logo for the sign.
 - C. Shaw Rd. pedestrians – Greg Brucks will take Craig DeSimone and Phil Rinaldi on a tour of the area in question.
 - D. Phone book - If you get more dues, see Janice Pinkos for a phonebook so she can keep track of who has paid their dues.

- E. 2019 calendar - Picnic/Membership meeting is set for June 8th, October board meeting and Halloween on October 12th
- F. Legal defense fund - Jen Micheli is in support, Suzanne Reed recommends we look into nonprofit options so people can leave money for the association, Tom Zwartz is concerned that we would not need a legal fund on the level of our board, Phil Rinaldi is concerned that a legal defense fund would give a negative image of the lake, Dave Brown is concerned about the accounting of a separate fund
 - 1. Janice Pinkos is going to check with her son, Kevin about a nonprofit tax status.
 - 2. Jen Micheli would like to explore more options to pay their dues.
 - 3. Craig DeSimone suggests that trustees talk to previous dues paying member to collect dues from them again.

VIII. New Business

- A. MLSA update:
 - 1. Well water quality testing - no interest from the board to provide this service
 - 2. Boat wash - expensive but effective, concerns about misuse, concerns about when boats use the wash, tabled
 - 3. MiWaters - Craig DeSimone reports about MiWaters and how it works
 - 4. MISIN - Craig DeSimone reports about MISIN and the reporting element
- B. Michigan Inland Lakes convention
 - 1. DASH for starry stonewort
 - 2. Shoreline ambassadors
- C. Halloween 2019 - Phil Rinaldi reports that we can come up with ideas between now and next fall. He will send an email for ideas, Jen Micheli and Suzanne Reed will help with this.
- D. Other new business - Dave Brown is going to share his trustee position with his mother, Ann LaForge. Suzanne Reed moves to nominate Ann LaForge for co-chair with Dave Brown, seconded by Linda Vitkauskas. Motion passed.
- E. Next BOT meeting – Saturday, April 6th at 10am at township hall
- F. Next Membership meeting – Saturday, June 8th

IX. Announcements – none

X. Adjournment at 11:32am