

Gravel Lake Association
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
August 21st, 2021

- I. Called to order: 10:04am
- II. Opening Remarks by Craig DeSimone –
 - A. Thanks to Mary and Phil for hosting
 - B. Thanks to Carlie DeSimone for doing the 50/50 raffle
 - C. There is GL gear for sale today too
- III. In Attendance: Craig DeSimone, Reed, Melissa DeSimone, Pinkos, Brown, LaForge, Hochsprung, LaLone, McDevitt, McGreal, Micheli, Paramski, Rinaldi, Roeder, Toso, Vitkauskas, Zwartz.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Janice Pinkos reports that we currently have \$40,764.43
 - A. 235 paid memberships this year
 - B. Poker Run Proceeds - quick figure from Janice is \$4,857
- V. Officers' Reports
 - A. Secretary – no report
 - B. Editor – Newsletter will be sent to home address in October, suggestions and ideas for articles are welcome, please send photos to Jamie Paramski and Jim McGreal for the newsletter
 - C. Internet Ops. – Jim McGreal reports on the website - information available on gravellake.org, looking for new video interviewees, Jim is always looking for people interested in helping with the website
 - D. Fundraising – Jen Micheli reports that we've made \$3,200 on GL gear sales, labor day weekend is the last apparel sale date, you can order the sunset t-shirt design ahead of the labor day
 - E. Water Quality – Melissa DeSimone gave an overview of the CLMP monitoring we have been doing on the lake this year.
 - F. AIS control –
 1. Craig DeSimone explained how we announce herbicide treatments, explained why we get algae in the channel
 2. Ken Hochsprung weighed in to remind people of our SAD and how that helps us to fund the work
 3. Questions - Is there ever a lag in contracts with the treatment? The township and GLA review and renew the SAD and renew it to keep continuous service.
 - G. Buoys/signage – Tom Zwartz provided a handout about his work with the buoys and signage, 7 buoys on the lake, 3 saucer style, no signage left on the lake. He will need about \$1000 this year to replace and repair buoys and signage
 1. Dave Brown moves to approve a \$1000 budget for the replacement and repair of buoys and signage. Seconded by Dan McDevitt. Motion passes.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Shaw Rd. - Phil Rinaldi reports that in order to go further in the process of making a walking path or putting up signage we need to fund a traffic study. The study might show that there isn't enough foot traffic or it could show that we do need accommodations for foot traffic. The traffic study would cost the association about \$4000.
 1. Greg Brucks weighed in with additional information about traffic studies, there is more information than car counts.

2. The people at this meeting are supportive of more action on this issue.
- B. GL Halloween - Phil Rinaldi reports that we will have our 3rd annual Halloween on Saturday, October 9th, trick or treating all around the lake 1:30pm to 3:30pm with activities at Rinaldi's house, and hayrides from 3pm to 5pm.
- C. Phone book - Janice Pinkos gives an update on the phonebook, the books will be available and delivered on labor day weekend to members.

VII. New Business

- A. GLA event feedback:
 1. Garage sale - Linda Vitkauskas reports that GLA is exempt from township ordinance so we can avoid permit fees.
 2. 4th of July - none
 3. Poker Run - none
- B. Mute swan control - GLA board pursued a resolution from the township to allow us to control the swans via a DNR permit. Alyssa Pinkos gave a report on the issues that mute swans cause to the ecosystem and humans. Ken Hochsprung is working with the township to finalize the permit with the DNR to have the swans removed.
- C. Short-term rentals - Craig DeSimone gave an update on this proposed ordinance and encouraged people to provide comments about the ordinance.
- D. Trustee elections (2022: special, 2023: all trustees) - Arlene Rockwell has resigned her position as trustee of Chamberlin Beach, we will have a special election for that position in 2022 and elections for all trustees
- E. PWCs, boating speed, boat waves - Dan McDevitt spoke to these topics, please report any issues and be responsible when doing wake sports.
- F. Other new business - Pet owners are reminded to leash their dogs as they walk around the lake.
 1. Zoom meetings - can we have hybrid meetings for membership meetings so more people can attend. We will look into this for the membership.
 2. Ken Hochsprung says fish stocking for 2021 was perch and we need to put fish stocking on the agenda for the fall meeting.
 3. Linda Vitkauskas wants to put 93rd Ave. on the agenda in the future.
- G. Next BOT meeting – Saturday, September 11th (forum TBD)
- H. Next membership meeting - June 2022 (location TBD)
- I. 50/50 raffle results: \$118 total, \$59 to Steve Pinkos with winning ticket.

VIII. Announcements – Gravel Lake will be featured in the Fall 2021 issue of The Michigan Riparian magazine thanks to the McGreal family.

IX. Adjournment - 11:24am

2021 Calendar

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, August 28, 2021		
Saturday, September 4, 2021		Labor Day
Saturday, September 11, 2021	BoT	
Saturday, September 18, 2021		
Saturday, September 25, 2021	MLSA Region 3	
Saturday, October 2, 2021		
Saturday, October 9, 2021	BoT + GLA Halloween	Columbus Day
Saturday, October 16, 2021		
Saturday, October 23, 2021		
Saturday, October 30, 2021		Halloween