

GLCC MEETING

February 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

NAME	TITLE
Rob Flood	President
Marianne Porreca	Treasurer
Rachael Klabunde	Secretary
Brandon Magnini	WPD Manager
Michael Dykes	WPD Maintenance Supervisor
Becky Jante	President, WPD Board of Commissioners

Attendees: Joe Losser, Doug Dietzen, Garry Grzelak, Skip and Sue Neiburger, Barb and Dave Kelly

- Meeting called to order at 7:05
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Passed out 9/7/23 meeting minutes – reviewed by attendees
- Motion for Approval of minutes by Joe Losser, seconded by Rob Flood and approved by all at 7:10pm

TREASURER REPORT:

- Balance:

Balance as of 9/23:	\$19,478.70
Expenses:	\$ 6,317.34
Income:	\$ 3,345.57
Balance as of 2/24:	\$16,506.93
- Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Garry Grzelak, seconded by Joe Losser and approved at 7:15pm
- Block Party on The Water donation to GLCC from the Ice Golf Fundraiser Event in the amount of \$2,710
- Garry Grzelak donated back to the GLCC his \$95 winnings from the 25/25/50 raffle at the Ice Golf Fundraiser Event
- Brandon and Marianne to check status of check from the WPD for the Lily Pad treatment

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Weed Control on Gages Lake 2023 recap
 - a. Solitude Lake Management, formerly Clark, treated the lake on May 30
 - b. Agreed to treat a total 40 acres at 8 zones at a cost of \$496.00/acre
 - c. Target species were EWM and Curlyleaf Pondweed
 - d. Post treatment survey was not performed
 - e. Follow up with Solitude staff was not successful
 - f. Weeds came back with a vengeance
 - g. Solitude agreed with poor communication and control results - **treatment fee waived**
 - h. Lily Pads were treated by Black Lagoon on August 23 (4.04 acre @ \$376/acre)

2. Weed Control for 2024
 - a. Jennifer Biancalana from Tetris (formerly Black Lagoon) will present the weed control proposal at the March 14 meeting, as well as information about the company
 - b. Anticipate a two-treatment program (spring and mid-summer)
 - c. Additional treatment of Lily Pads if necessary
 - d. Treated last year with a systemic herbicide
 - i. Treatments are in zones – recommended for invasive plants
 - ii. Kills plant diversity in lake when treating whole lake – dissolves oxygen issues and creates algae blooms. Need good plant balance for the ecological health of the lake.
 - iii. Adaptive management of the lake – weed control changes from year to year

3. WPD Harvest Fest Recap
 - a. September 23, 2023
 - b. GLCC had information booth, aquatic plants, minnow races, information posters
 - c. Well received and made \$255 in minnow races and donations – thank you to the WPD for the booth location

4. Fall Fish Stocking
 - a. Keystone Fisheries delivered on 11/15/23
 - b. Northern Pike (100), Smallmouth Bass (250), Walleye (500)
 - c. Total cost \$4,386.50

5. Invasive species signs to post at boat ramps – approved at 9/7/23 meeting
 - a. Rob displayed final result – provides instructions on how to fight aquatic invaders on any body of water
 - b. Cost \$34.00 per sign at Sign-a-Rama in Grayslake
 - c. Post at all Gages Lake boat ramps

6. Any Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. GLCC Information/Social Media Update
 - a. WPD has created a GLCC page linked to the WPD Website
 - b. Brandon reviewed contents of site
 - c. Page will be updated to show meeting dates and other important events
 - d. New email for questions – GagesLakeCC@gmail.com
 - e. Facebook page – like “Gages Lake Conservation Committee”

2. Invasive species signs received
 - a. Cost \$34.00 per sign
 - b. Post at all Gages Lake boat ramps

3. Adopt A Highway Spring Cleanup
 - a. Two times a year – spring and fall
 - b. Select date for spring at April meeting
 - c. Illinois Department of Transportation – GLCC cleans a section of Rte 45 between Deerpath and Washington Street

4. GLCC Board Elections
 - a. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary – 1 year term
 - b. Nominations
 - c. Vote
 - d. Motion by Garry to keep the current board in place, seconded by Joe and all in favor at 7:50pm

5. Update GLCC Bylaws
 - a. Approved in 1998
 - b. Board will meet prior to the April meeting to review and make recommendations
 - c. Will review at the April meeting

6. Any other new business
 - a. Remove carp from lake – Rob will reach out to Andy at Illinois DNR
 - i. Rob will request Andy to speak at future meeting to educate group

GLCC PROJECTS & GOALS FOR 2024:

Goal	Status
Weed control Spring '24 (May/June)	Meeting with applicator in March
Carp Derby	TBD (possibly late May)
Shoreline clean-up	TBD at May meeting
Adopt-A-Highway clean up spring/fall	TBD at April meeting
WPD Harvest Fest	September 28, 2024
Fish stocking (Fall 2024)	October/November
Public relations/education – GLCC section on WPD Website	Ongoing

ADJOURNMENT:

Marianne made motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all in favor at 8:05pm

NEXT MEETING:

March 14, 2024 @ 7pm