

GLCC Meeting  
September 7, 2023

**ATTENDANCE:**

NAME	TITLE
Rob Flood	President
Todd Schara	Vice President
Marianne Porreca	Treasurer
Rachael Klabunde	Secretary
Brandon Magnini	WPD Manager
Matt Brueck	Vice President, WPD Board of Commissioners
Becky Jante	President, WPD Board of Commissioners
Steve Gerzel	Volunteer

Attendees: Sandra and Bill Moss, Doug Dietzen, Tony Kvitek, Gary Gruesling, Brad Pawlowski

- Meeting called to order at 7:04pm
- Introductions
- Pledge of Allegiance

**Secretary Report:**

- Michelle Perna moved
- Recap of previous meeting
- Introduction of Rachael Klabunde as new Secretary

**Treasurer Report:**

- Balance as of May 2023  
Total Income: \$4,077  
September '23 Balance: \$19,478.70

**Old Business:**

- Reviewed old business
  1. Weed Control
    - a. Clark to Solitude – Bit of a mess and out of contract. Reconnected with Jennier Biancalana with Black Lagoon.
    - b. Contemplated harvesting lake at \$200 per hour totaling \$2,000. Decided not to do it and focus on Summer or 2024. Jennifer spoke with harvester but they were booked.
    - c. Two-prong approach next year with Jennifer? Survey required as well. Alternate chemicals so resistance isn't met. Will do biobased mapping and survey next year and then treating. Be diligent in post-survey treatment 3-4 weeks later and deliver results.

2. Shoreline Clean-up
  - a. Todd delivered report - covered whole lake but channels weren't covered.
  
3. Carp Removal Project:
  - a. Andy Plauk came out with 2 shocker boats on 6/2/23
  - b. Captured and removed 404 carp
    - i. Does removal affect number of weeds – removal is a benefit and doesn't affect them coming back
    - ii. Rob will ask Andy to come back in 2024
    - iii. Benefit to offering members a drop location for carp caught? Currently, double bag and put in dumpster
  
4. Carp Derby on 6/10/23 recap:
  - a. Low turnout - 18 carp caught
    - i. Two age groups with no attendees. How to publicize better? Offer dollar value to certain carp caught (tag in advance). Event to be done earlier? Good opportunity for boy scouts to obtain badge.
  
5. Catfish Stocking:
  - a. Andy at IDNR stocked 1392 8-10" channel catfish on 8/2/23 at no charge
  - b. Good sporting fish; will eat small carp; good predator fish to have in the lake
  
6. Idlewild Centennial Celebration on 8/19/23:
  - a. Setup info booth with aquatic plants – identified them and showed people the info
  - b. Fish races generated \$121 – will be added to Treasurer's report
  - c. Nice community activity

### **New Business**

1. Lily pad treatment – dissatisfied with number of lily pads
  - a. New approach systemic herbicide – less growth next year
  - b. Previous treatments gave immediate results, but they come back with a vengeance
  - c. Next year should be better but we'll hit them again with systemic herbicide - perhaps 2-3 years of treatment needed
  - d. Provides ecological benefits but need to be reduced
  - e. How does absorption/removal of dead lily pads happen
  - f. Brandon provided comments from FB – wants something from GLCC pertaining to the scientific information to provide responses to public. Rob will talk to Jennifer about removing some of the lily pads. Some people want them removed, some want them left - trying to accommodate all members.
    - i. Public needs to have more access to GLCC for inquiries.
      1. Possibly link GLCC website/FB page to WPD FB page to provide information
        - a. Rachael and Rob to become GLCC FB page admins
      2. WPD will refer to GLCC – Top 10 FAQ's

3. Minutes and bullet points from GLCC meetings to be put on FB page
4. Post meeting dates on WPD and GLCC FB sites
5. Rachael to talk to Michelle re: FB administrator
6. Rob to ask Jennifer when people can cut the lily pads out

2. GLCC Logo:

- a. Partner with the WWPD to design logo
- b. Boat launches – sign for invasive species in lake and how to address with WWPD and GLCC logo on sign.
- c. Vote: reviewed logo options
- d. Voted on fish and the sun logo with GAGES LAKE smaller and Conservation Committee bigger. Thanks to Maggie with the WPD for drafting logos.

3. Invasive Species Signs to post at boat ramp:

- a. Motion to purchase 7 signs: Todd made the motion, Diana second the motion. All in favor.

4. Adopt a Highway Fall Cleanup

- a. 9/20/23 @ 6pm – stretch of highway on Rte 45 from Mobile station on Center Street to Gages Lake Rd. Meet at JoJo's and clean up highway.

5. Fall Fish Stocking:

- a. Same quantity ordered in 2022
  - i. Northern Pike 100
  - ii. Smallmouth Bass 250
  - iii. Walleye 500
- b. Total cost: \$4,386.50
- c. Stock 1x per year usually in late October
- d. Rob will request Andy to do another fish survey. Will ask him to come to next GLCC meeting to deliver report.
- e. Motion to approve spend by Gary, seconded by Matt – approved

6. WPD Harvest Fest:

- a. 9/23/23 @ 12pm
- b. Information table and fish races
- c. GLCC in spot 10
- d. Volunteers to arrive at 10am

7. Floor open to new business:

- a. Brandon – some residents by cove park don't like the natural shore line plantings and would like them removed. Benefit to having them - plants will provide shoreline stability but will remove them if preferred.

**GLCC Projects & Goals for 2023:**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>
Weed control Spring '23 (May/June)	Complete
Carp Derby (June 10, 2023)	Complete
Shoreline clean-up (May 27, 2023)	Complete
Adopt-A-Highway clean up spring/fall	Complete
WPD Harvest Fest (September 23, 2023)	Complete
Idlewild Gages Lake Centennial (August 19, 2023)	Complete
Fish stocking (Fall 2023)	Complete
Public relations/education – WPD Newsletter	?

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Gages Lake Conservation Committee

8-Feb-24

~~4-Jan-00~~

Balance as of 9/23		Balance as of 2/24	
Miscellaneous	\$18,316.70	Miscellaneous	\$15,345.43
Algae	\$1,158.00	Algae	\$1,158.00
Stamps	<u>\$4.00</u>	Stamps	<u>\$3.50</u>
	\$19,478.70		\$16,506.93
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Black Lagoon	\$1,519.00		
stamp	\$0.50		
Glcc Banner	\$90.00		
Boat launch Signarama	\$321.34		
Fish stocking	<u>\$4,386.50</u>		
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$6,317.34		
<b>Income:</b>			
Donations	\$360.00		
centennial fish races	\$121.00		
harvest fest races	\$255.00		
Centennial donation	\$1,200.00		
Waters Edge	\$1,409.57		
<b>Total Income:</b>	<u>\$3,345.57</u>		