



FRIENDS OF THE GILE FLOWAGE ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 26, 2007 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Gile Park Pavilion, Gile, WI

MINUTES

Meeting called to order

FOG President Cathy Techtmann called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Board members and FOG members were introduced. There was unanimous support of the meeting agenda with comments that members liked the earlier morning coffee and donuts style meeting format.

“State of the Gile Flowage”

Cathy gave the update highlighting the FOG’s progress on a number of projects including completion of the lake planning grants, the “Be A Friend” educational campaign to help stop the spread of aquatic invasives which included the new boat landing signs and Boater Welcome kits, the new FOG website, and the installation of the fish cribs.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeanne Matchefts, FOG Treasurer, explained the process she has been working through to make FOG a 501.c3 non-profit, tax exempt organization. All the required forms have been filed and she is waiting for confirmation which should be coming any day. Tax exempt status will allow FOG to make purchases without sales tax, accept tax-deductible donations, and apply for a broader array of grants. There was a unanimous motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Secretary’s Report:

Given that this position is temporarily vacant, Cathy read the minutes from the 2006 FOG Annual Meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Special Acknowledgements

On behalf of FOG, Cathy offered special “thank-you’s” to all volunteers who helped with the 2006-2007 projects including the fish cribs and boat landing sign installation projects.

Elections

Vice President: Nominations were open for the position of FOG Vice President. John Morzenti was nominated, but declined. Dan Bormann was nominated. There was a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in support. All were in favor.

Secretary: Joel Enking was nominated for the position of FOG Secretary. There was a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in support. All were in favor.

Board Member At Large: Two of the four Board Member At Large positions were open. Gary Hopp was nominated to refill his expiring term as was Gary Miles. Both accepted the nomination and there was a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in support. All were in favor.

2007-2008 Project Ideas

Cathy opened discussion of ideas for stewardship, educational, or special event projects that members would like to see the Board of Directors to pursue. Among these ideas:

Repair of the Pence 4H Boat Landing: The landing is in bad shape. The concrete pads are broken and there is a dangerous piece of re-bar exposed. Boaters are avoiding the ramp and using the shoreline to launch from causing erosion into Spring Camp Road. Cathy reported that she has corresponded with Rob Olson from Xcel Energy about the problem. He will check their records as to who has jurisdiction over this landing and if Xcel is responsible, they will do the work. Cathy offered FOG's assistance to Rob.

Fishing Tournament: Jeanne reported that in response to a membership "survey" taken as to whether or not members supported a FOG fishing tournament, there were mixed reactions. There was no consensus as to what date would be best and even disapproval from some members for such an event. The group decided to table this idea.

Fall Island Clean-Up: Jim Kaffine usually head ups this annual event which has been done by members individually donating their time to visit islands and clean up any trash left behind by campers. All members are welcome to help, whether they volunteer to clean up an island, a boat landing, or a shoreline area. A date for the clean-up will be announced and a potluck or some other get together afterwards may be planned.

Attending Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Association Conference: The members supported using FOG funds as a 'scholarship' for one Board member or member to attend the conference.

Reprinting FOG Brochure: Cathy reported that the initial supply of 500 Gile Flowage maps, paid for by the 2007 Aquatic Invasive Species grant, are almost gone. The map has been very popular. Motion by Gary Hopp and seconded by Steve Shuton for FOG to solicit donations from businesses to reprint the map to cover costs. All were in favor.

Kayak Demo Days: The members were interested in helping to help sponsor one of the kayak demo day events so that people could become familiar with this use of the Flowage. Possible kayak demo providers could be Chequamegon Outfitters of Minocqua or Hobby Wheel from Ironwood.

Raffles: There was general discussion of using raffles as a way to generate funds, especially after the tax-exempt status is achieved.

2008 Annual Meeting Date: Will be Memorial Day Saturday, May 24, 2008; from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Gile Park Pavilion.

Door Prizes: The following door prizes were offered by FOG: 1 XXL FOG polo (value \$20.00) and 3 cups (@ \$8.00/each). Mrs. Matusewick was the winner the grand door prize, a beaded bracelet made by Jeanne Matchefts.

Motion to Adjourn: Cathy entertained an adjournment motion made by Jeanne Matchefts, seconded by John Morzenti. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes submitted by: Joel Enking