



FRIENDS OF THE GILE FLOWAGE ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, May 24, 2008 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.

Guest speaker Jeff Roth:

Jeff talked about some of the work that has been done on the Flowage with regard to the Management Plan. He feels the 14" slot limit has been a success.

He has not contacted Xcel energy on water level issues as it is not good timing.

Pan fish populations, crappie in particular, are good with an excellent size structure. There are plans to propose a 10 fish bag limit. Bluegills – many have been removed from Mercer and Grand Portage lakes and planted in various lakes including the Gile. With VHS present they will not be able to do any more of this unless they use another lake as a natural hatchery.

Fish Cribs – he feels they can increase the carrying capacity of the Flowage and that the project should continue.

Secretary's Report:

2007 Annual Meeting minutes were read by Joel Enking. Motion by Denise Enking, 2nd by Gary Hopp to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance \$3281.26. 501.3c Status has been achieved. Membership income is down slightly but donations are up a bit. Mot Gary Miles 2 Stanley Matusewick

State of the Gile Flowage:

Cathy gave a 5 year update of projects. Land Use Plans have been completed, brochures created, Boater Welcome kits distributed, island cleanup projects, newsletters, 4-H boat landing re-construction, new boat landing signs.

Board Elections:

Expiring board positions were Vice-president, treasurer, and board members at large #2 and 4 (Al Sobczak and Jim Kaffine).

Vice-president

Cathy Techtman nominated Dan Bormann, 2nd by Denise Enking.
Motion to cast by Jim Kaffine, 2nd by Judy Tronvig. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Denise Enking nominated Jeanne Matchefts, 2nd by Julie Miles.
Motion to cast by Gary Hopp, 2nd by Dan Garrity. Motion carried.

Board Member-at-large #2

Cathy Techtman nominated Al Sobczak, 2nd by Steve Vavrichek.
Motion to cast by Joel Enking, 2nd by Judy Tronvig. Motion carried.

Board Member-at-large #4

Harold Schmude nominated Jim Kaffine, 2nd by Julie Mile.
Motion to cast by Judy Tronvig, 2nd by Denise Enking. Motion carried.

2008-2009 Project Ideas:

Many ideas brought up for future projects:

- Fish Cribs – have individuals or businesses sponsor a crib to help subsidize. 'Adopt a Crib'.
- Brochure re-print – Xcel has donated \$500 for reprint. Change design slightly to acknowledge Xcel as a major sponsor.
- Flowage Kayak Festival – Whitecap Kayak sponsoring an event at Gile park Memorial weekend. They are providing kayaks to try out and give paddling demonstrations.
- FOG Website – we will work to increase and improve the site content. Gary Hopp to have an intern work on this.
- Wood Duck Houses – Gary Hopp has installed 2 houses and has one occupied. He will post plans to the web site. He will also contact Ducks Unlimited to see if they will donate boxes or materials.
- Citizen Monitoring – have volunteers go out and take water quality samples. Possible grant opportunities.
- Northern Wisconsin Lakes Conference – Seeking someone to attend. FOG to fund 2 persons to attend.
- Nicolet College Paddle Program – Fund 2 to attend. Denise Enking plans on participating and distributing FOG and Gile Flowage information.

Next annual meeting May 23, 2009.

Motion was made by Cathy Techtman to adjourn the annual meeting, 2nd by Gary Hopp. Motion carried.

Submitted by Joel Enking