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August 14, 2025 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge welcomed all members and visitors. Board Members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Perry and Liz. Vicky was absent. A total of 21 members were in attendance.

Guest Speaker: Mark Gaalswyk, CEO of Easy Environmental Solutions, assisted by David Neville, salesperson and Senior Account Executive. Mark grew up in the Mankato area and eventually developed his publicly-traded business with now more than 3,000 customer accounts in the USA, Africa and Saudi Arabia. Mark presented a slideshow of their innovative efforts to restore and protect lakes and watersheds, especially in Minnesota. He provided an overview of the science and technology undergirding his two products, Tereplanish and Easy Nanovoid Technology. Their goal is to offer a sustainable, science-driven approach to reviving the health of local ecosystems with long-term benefits for both nature and community. The science involves creating nanoscopic bubbles of water to restore oxygen levels, rapidly remove algae and support healthy fish life. This revolutionary water purification system, NanoVoid Water Purification System, is a hyper-oxygen injection system that is simple to operate and has no need for replacement parts. The Easy NanoVoid unit is disguised as a yard shed that can be placed on a lakeshore with a 110V power source. The system produces long-lasting effects for up to 4 weeks, and has limitless applications: ponds, lakes, livestock lagoons, mine sludge, and industrial wastewater. The smallest unit cost is \$3,500 and they have a rent-to-buy program. The unit can be placed on one float of a pontoon or built into docks. The process can also be used to revitalize trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. They obtained rights to associated patents in 2012. David Neville added that lakeshore associations, Rotary and Lions Clubs or other groups may support the purchase of the system. They distributed business cards and brochures before ending their presentation at 7:40 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$12,561 (Including \$8k CD)

June Expenses: \$243 which includes a \$200 donation to the Anoka County Parks summer camp program and \$43 for speaker meal and first time member meal.

June Income: \$200 in dues.

July Expenses: \$840 (\$800 picnic, \$40 boat parade prizes)

July Income: \$233 (\$183 picnic Raffle, \$50 dues)

Lake Report/Tom Rotramel: Tom reported the following:

Lake Level Monitoring Gauge: June 10: 1.08ft; end of June: 1.50ft (6.11" rain in June).

July: 1.42 ft. by July 30 (4.55" rain in July). August: 1.22 ft. Only 0.78" rain to 8/14.

Water Clarity readings and Water Temperature readings:

June 10: 10 ft, 6" & 72 degrees

June 19: 11 ft, 4" & 75 degrees

June 28: 9 ft, 3" & 72 degrees

July 8: 9 ft, 3" & 80 degrees

July 22: 9ft, 1" & 78 degrees

While there is considerable decrease in water clarity, it compares favorably with our readings of June and July 2024, when clarity readings dropped from 12 ft 8" to 7 ft 2" by July 21, 2024.

Loon Report: Larry Backlund reported that the pair of loons and their two chicks on the west side of the lake were doing well. He has not seen the pair of loons on the SE side of the lake for the past 10 days to 2 weeks, so they may have already migrated. There is a single adult loon on the SE side of the lake. Larry reiterated that when the USGS and DNR banded our lake loons, we learned they all flew to Lake Michigan for 2-3 weeks before migrating South to the Gulf. He anticipates that the adult loons will be next to leave. Birdie reported that Tom recently caught a 13" Northern and released it to the loon family – they speared and devoured it immediately! Birdie noted that one adult loon was banded. Lori Naumann was contacted and reported this loon was banded on 7/13/2012 with placement of a geolocator. She was 30" long from bill to tail in 2012. Both parents and chicks appear to be doing well!

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Picnic Report: Birdie Rotramel reported a successful July 20 th Annual Picnic: Attendance was 50 people at the Lake George Park Pavilion #5. Thanks to Pat (Kemp aprons) and others for their donations and assistance. Cole Isaacson won the \$50 drawing and others won individual items. A new process this year involved attendees placing their purchased tickets in designated cups for specific prize items. Kent Anderson's grandson was lucky enough to win several prizes!

NEW BUSINESS:

Roadside Cleanup: Liz Gerdin reported a date change for the Fall Roadside Cleanup. It will now be held on October 4, 2025. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Children's Book Author: Birdie Rotramel shared a series of children's books called Outdoor Kids – created by local author, Jess DeWindt. These books were "created to spark curiosity, encourage learning, and pass on a love for nature to the next generation." The author and her husband, Kirk, are new members of the Conservation Club. Given her work schedule, they were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Lake George Tour: A pontoon boat tour with Jamie Schurbon, Water Resource Specialist (Anoka Conservation District) is scheduled for September 2, 2024 at 4:45 pm. Participants were requested: Perry Prestholdt, Becky Ridge and Birdie Rotramel volunteered.

Impact of Wake Boats and Wake Surfing on Lakes: Becky Ridge presented a Minnesota Public TV video of University of Minnesota research (St. Anthony Falls Lab) on the effect of wake boats and wakesurfing on lakes, negatively affecting water clarity and lake health. Wake boats are not recommended for use on lakes less than 20 feet deep. Wake boats were recently banned on some Minnesota lakes. An informal show of hands reflected the wishes of those present to pursue further exploration of the issue of wake boat use on Lake George with the DNR and LGID. Thank you to Tom Rotramel for bringing this issue to the board.

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Don Nast shared The Lake George Improvement District Annual Meeting is upcoming on August 19, at Oak Grove City Hall, beginning at 6pm with Dairy Queen refreshments and Joel Olson's musical group. The program at 6:30 will include a presentation by Ben Meyer, Wetland Specialist with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on the "Value of Wetlands." There will be a business meeting, including a series of reports, election of Directors and Old and New Business. The LGCC Board voted to donate \$200 toward securing a park bench in honor of the late Dick Werner, a long time productive LGID and Lake George Conservation Club member. No date as yet has been set for a memorial in honor of Dick. Conservation Club members were encouraged to attend the LGID meeting. John Vilandre had no additional report.

The door prize winner of a gift card to the Refuge Golf Club was again won by Perry "Lucky" Prestholdt! It was later gifted to new members, Tina and Steve Kunzman.

President Becky Ridge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Prestholdt, Recorder