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June 11, 2025 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge welcomed all members and visitors. Board members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Vicky, Perry and Liz. A total of 31 members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Tami May 2025 Balance \$13,162.31 Debits \$16.45 for postage. Credits \$ 260.00 dues

Lake Report: Tom Rotramel- The Lake Level Monitoring Gauge was re-installed near our dock on May 12th as the earlier placement was too shallow with an initial reading of only .30 of a foot. Now our starting level is 1.00 feet and yesterday (6/10) we measured 1.08 feet. Our rain gauge collected 3.20 inches of rain for the month of May with over 2 inches collected between May 19 th to May 22nd .

We took water clarity readings and water temperature readings on May 25 of 13 feet and 64 degrees and again on June 10th with readings of 10 feet 2 inches and 70 degrees. While this is a considerable decrease in water clarity, it compares favorably to our readings on 6/10/2024 of 10 feet 6 inches and 72 degrees.

Loon Report: Larry Backlund reported there had been two eggs laid in his floating nest but the nest was abandoned similar to last year. Birdie reported there is a natural nest in the channel and shared a photo of the loon on the nest. We currently have five loons on the lake.

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Chair Juanita Reed-Boniface provided updates on the LGID. The regular meeting of the LGID clarified the by-laws, particularly the number of votes for persons whose land is owned as an LLC or trust. Lake Ecology work: A survey was done, all permits approved, and treatment was done for Eurasian Milfoil. There is continued discussion on boat launch monitoring, checking if this can be added to responsibilities of the entrance gate personnel to ask a few questions like whether they have been to another lake recently, if their bilge was empty, and if they had any weeks hanging from the boat. The annual meeting will be in August and there is one position vacant for a board member. Information will be coming by mail to all property owners. They have an invitation from Jamie Sherburn, ACD to host a boat tour of the lake for Upper Rum River Watershed District in early September. Juanita also acknowledged Miss St. Francis, Grace Sundsrud.

Old Business: The boat parade will be held on July 4th with a theme of "America the Beautiful." Gather at 11:30 AM on the westside of the lake near Ridge Park. Stop at Judge's Station to provide information. Awards presented at annual picnic. The annual picnic will be held at Lake George Regional Park in Pavilion 5.

New Business: Birdie shared information about the green blobs that have been reported and shared the process to determine if it is green algae. See <https://www.lakegeorgemn.org/Resources> and click on Tests for Blue-Green Algae to learn more.

Guest Speaker Vern Gilbertson. Vern Gilbertson was our guest speaker for the June meeting. Sixty years ago in 1965, Vern moved to the NE side of Lake George with his wife. His four children grew up on the lake. As a young boy he began his career as an avid hunter and trapper for the area and shared humorous musings about his adventures from his beginning days of trapping skunks for which he earned \$2/\$3 dollars to later trapping beavers on Lake George. He also specialized in muskrat captures. Vern, in true Mark Twain style, is a great storyteller and charmed his audience with many delightful anecdotes. He earned his living as a school teacher and finished his career teaching history in St. Francis School District for 31 years, as well as coaching football and softball. A progressive supporter of equal rights for young girls, he formed the first girls softball team in the 1970s. He was honored by both students and fellow teachers for his work as teacher and coach. Larry Backlund, one of Vern's students, shared that he was the all time favorite teacher of many students.

The door prize winner was Perry Prestholdt

Upcoming Events: July 4- Boat parade

July 20- LGCC picnic Pavilion 5 Lake George Regional Park