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August 13, 2026 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge welcomed all members. Board members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Perry and Vicky. Absent was Liz. A total of 18 members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Tami Isaacson presented the June and July financial report. June began with a balance of \$12,527.73. Credits included \$325.00 in memberships. Debits included \$100.00 for the picnic pavilion, \$27.06 for a speaker meal, \$200.00 donation to Anoka County Parks, \$50.00 for Boat Parade prizes, and \$20.11 for picnic supplies, leaving an ending balance of \$12,455.56. July credits included \$250.00 in memberships and \$150.00 from the picnic raffle (after the \$50.00 prize). July debits included \$18.68 for office/tickets and \$860.39 for picnic food. The July ending balance was \$11,976.49.

Lake Report: Tom Rotramel reported that the lake level monitoring gauge continued to fall from 1.20 feet in early April to 0.85 feet on July 14 and 0.40 feet on August 7, a drop of about 10 inches since April. Rainfall totaled 4.81 inches in June and 1.50 inches in July, compared with 6.11 inches and 4.55 inches during the same months in 2025. Water clarity and surface water temperature readings near the deepest part of the lake were:

	Water Clarity	Water Temperature
June 20	10 ft 6 in	68°
June 25	8 ft 7 in	70°
July 3	8 ft 3 in	76°
July 14	9 ft 3 in	83°
July 19	8 ft 6 in	83°
August 7	8 ft 7 in	73°

These readings were reported as similar to those from the same time periods last year.

Loon Report: Four adult loons have been observed on the lake, along with two larger chicks and two smaller chicks.

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Juanita reported that the LGID annual meeting and election of directors will be held Tuesday, August 18 at Oak Grove City Hall. A flyer with meeting and election information was sent to property owners.

Old Business: 2026 Annual Picnic Recap: The annual picnic was held July 26 at Lake George Regional Park. Temperatures were over 90 degrees and approximately 50 people attended. A total of \$200 in raffle tickets was sold. Raffle donors included Tom & Birdie Rotramel, Vicky & Paul Wilken, Tami Isaacson, Perry & Cindy Prestholdt, Aaron Ridge & Lorna Glick, Alex Stitt & Becky Ridge, and Diane Grabow.

2026 Membership Registration / Website Update: Perry reminded members that the website provides information and photos of past and future events. It is able to send email blasts and a recently added section enables membership registration and payment information. It was the first year of attempting to provide online membership and due to the low number of registrations, a separate mailing will be sent to all Lake George owners to encourage 2026 membership registration.

New Business:

Proposed Bylaw Amendment - Article 3, Section 7: Vice-President Responsibilities: The proposed amendment was presented to the membership for review. The amendment will be voted on at the September meeting.

LGCC History, Purpose, and Past Projects: Becky presented an overview of the many projects and activities the Lake George Conservation Club has participated in over the years.

Strengthening Membership & Welcoming New Owners: Discussion focused on the value of building community and encouraging participation among Lake George residents and property owners.

Lake George Community Survey Preview: A sampling of questions from the upcoming LGCC Community Survey was shared with members.

Potential Future Projects - LGCC and/or the City of Oak Grove: A potential project partnering with the City of Oak Grove to complete a walking/biking path around Lake George was shared with members.

Guest Speaker Kirsten Rains presented on the importance of pollinators, including what pollinators are, why they are important, pesticide use, and the creation of her pollinator garden through a grant. She recommended the following resources: Lawns to Legumes (<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/l2l>), Xerces Society (<https://www.xerces.org/>), and Blue Thumb (<https://bluethumb.org/>).

Members were reminded to mark their calendars for the September 10 meeting. Jeff Perry, Anoka County Parks Director, will present the Lake George Regional Park Improvement Plan. Jeff oversees the Anoka County park system, which includes approximately 11,500 acres of open space for recreation, 77 lakes, 17 parks, and Bunker Beach Water Park.

The door prize winner was Tami Isaacson.

Upcoming Events: September 10. LGCC Meeting at The Refuge

September 26 Roadside Cleanup (Backup date October 3

October 8. Lake George Conservation Club followed by LGID year end wrap up.

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Proposed Amendment to Article 3, Section 7 - Vice-President

Proposed additions are underlined.

Current Language

The Vice-president shall assist the President in the discharge of all official duties and shall preside at meetings of the members in the absence of the President.

Proposed Language

The Vice-president shall assist the President in the discharge of all official duties and shall preside at meetings of the members and the Board of Directors in the absence of the President. The Vice-president shall coordinate preparation of the annual Club calendar and meeting arrangements, subject to approval and direction by the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board.

Reason for Proposed Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the ongoing responsibilities of the Vice-President while retaining flexibility for the Board to determine meeting dates, locations, and specific procedures. Detailed tasks such as reserving the meeting location, room setup, name tags, and raffle tickets would be handled through Board-approved officer duties rather than included in the bylaws.

Member Review Process

Under Article 6, Section 1 of the current bylaws, proposed changes are submitted to the general membership for review at two consecutive meetings. Adoption is decided by a majority vote of the members present at the second meeting.