

GMC Great Lakers Member Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2023

Algonac State Park

Members present: Null, Rider, Gillen, Wibby, Gee, Newman, Giannosa, Donaghue, Helmore, Lenzi, Avery, Gacobelli, Foester, Carney/Shippy, Lambert, Woods, VanDyken

Jerry Newman called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Jerry thanked Tom and Sharon Giannosa for hosting the rally.

Jerry also thanked veterans in attendance.

Jerry recognized club officer present – Nancy, Jim and Jerry

Jerry recognized past Presidential Award Recipients – Bill Helmore and Dave Lenzi

Jerry recognized first timers Peter Carney and Lakin Shippy; Gary and Bev VanDyken.

Jerry recognized our GMCMI Regional VP Sonja Null.

Jerry reminded everyone that the election results will be announced in October at the Turkeyville rally.

Jerry noted our chapter started in 1976 and is the oldest chapter in GMCMI.

Jerry noted there are 40 Great Lakers registered for the GMCMI convention in Corunna.

Jerry stated the October rally will be hosted by the Foersters. There are reportedly only 7 sites reserved so he urged folks to make their reservation with Camp Turkeyville. The rally registration form will be coming out soon.

Bill Helmore announced a slate for candidates for 2024:

President: Nancy Donaghue and Steve Johnson

VP – Jeff Rider and Bill Helmore

Secretary – none

Treasurer – Joe Gillen

Webmaster – Rob Matras

Membership – Sharon Giannosa

Newsletter – Janet Leslie

The ballot will be conducted via email with the ballots returned to the 4 nominating committee members. An alternative suggestion was made to have paper ballots mailed to Sonja Null and she would count them. Maureen Rider stated she had an issue with Bill Helmore running for VP and also being on the nominating committee. Jerry stated that Dolph Santorine, who is chair of the nomination committee, would be available at the GMCMI convention for anyone to ask him questions regarding the election mechanics.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.