

Child, Girl and Woman Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting  
August 2, 2014  
38th Annual

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Don Kruse. Members present were: Don Kruse, Ken Kostial, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Scott Fjellman, Dave Brown, Rich Hess, Vic Rinke, John Gundale, Myles Wagner, Ted Sigtenhorst, Bob Hankey. Those absent were: Gary Knox, Jim Lewis, Jim Limburg and Cindy Hankey. There were also 23 other people present for the annual meeting. In total there were 35 present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion to accept secretary's minutes. M/S/P

Motion to accept treasurer's report. M/S/P

Committee Reports:

AIS Plan - Rich Hess reported that the association contributed \$1000 to the Cass County AIS Plan and it will be matched dollar for dollar by the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District. At a cost of inspections of \$14.40 per hr., the \$2000 will support 139 hrs. if inspection on Woman Lake at the County 5 access. The Counties plan focuses on four elements from the statewide plan: prevention; early detection; management; and leadership/coordination. Recently passed legislation by the State of Minnesota will also provide \$10 million annually for each of the next two years to counties statewide for local AIS activities. Cass was to receive \$220,000 this month. Decontamination equipment is being looked into. The Minnesota DNR has added 47 new infested waters to its statewide list. Cass, Crow Wing and Itasca Counties all have newly listed lakes with zebra mussels.

Tree Program - Myles Wagner for Jim Lewis reported that we just completed the second year of the program. Members are offered 5 free bare root trees and shrubs and the opportunity to purchase more for \$1 per tree or shrub. This year we had 36 members place orders, down from 51 last year. However, they ordered 480 trees and shrubs compared to 235 the year before. We appreciate your continued support and participation in this program. Please order your trees by Jan. 1, 2015.

Water Patrol - Ted Sigtenhorst reported that we have 23 volunteers this year and the mission is to verify compliance with boating regulations and to assist boaters and the Sheriff's dispatchers with any situation that may require our help while on the lake.

Fisheries - Rich Hess reported that at the Boy River trap a total of 404.5 quarts of eggs were taken, approx. 52,980,652 eggs. 2344 males and 800 females were captured and 684 females were stripped for their eggs. The fertilized eggs were transported to the Bemidji fish hatchery for rearing. Only Boy River fry is put back into the Boy River system. There are 13 lakes directly on the Boy River.

The fry stocking study is now in its seventh year. The objective is to evaluate the MN DNR's current policy of returning the fry hatched from 10% of the walleye egg-take back into lakes from which the eggs were removed. In addition, the DNR is estimating spawning stock biomass (weight), egg production, total fry abundance, and hatch rates

of wild fry. Total fry densities were 1,023 per littoral acre in 2010, 2,350 in 2008, 697 in 2009 and 1,043 in 2011, 1,901 in 2012 and 605 in 2013. A total of 699,400 marked fry were stocked in Woman Lake this year.

Membership - Myles Wagner and Cindy Hankey. Myles reported that as of the end of June 2014 we have 537 members - largest ever! The membership was opened to anyone and invitations were sent out to surrounding lakes that do not have an association. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join our association. There are significant changes in the way we record dues records in the new program and how we are able to assess membership information and determine details on the membership.

Road Signs - Dave Brown reported that there have been 26 sign changes. More members, more room is needed for signs. If you know of changes that need to be made with signs please let us know.

Water Quality - Bob Hankey reported that with the high water boaters are reminded to reduce their watercraft wake whenever they are within 300 feet of shore. The resultant runoff and shore erosion caused by excessive rainfall can affect water quality. Try to reduce excessive runoff into the lake by a vegetative buffer. The water quality study of Woman Lake, Broadwater Bay and Girl Lake will continue. Phosphorus and Chlorophyll-a-levels are studied and used to predict whether a lake is at risk for excessive algae growth.

Newsletter - John Gundale reported that our primary tool for communication between members and our board is the twice-a-year newsletter, Lake News. It is published in the Spring and Fall and provides updates on the programs the board is carrying out on behalf of the dues-paying members. Please contact me if you have ideas for future articles or suggestions.

Stewardship/Conservation - Vic Rinke reported that with high water lake water levels through mid-summer continue to monitor your shoreline for erosion. Contact me if you find a need to discuss repair or maintenance ideas. As a Cass County Lakes association rep. this past years main focus has been AIS funding and prevention. They are looking for creative proposals in attacking AIS Statewide.

#### New Business:

Budget Proposal - Motion to accept the Budget for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$14,950.00. M/S/P

Election of officers was held for Vice President and Treasurer's position. Motion to accept Gary Knox as Vice President. M/S/P. Motion to accept Tom Jansen as Treasurer. M/S/P. Single slate for both positions.

Election of Lake Representatives as follows: Child - Scott Fjellman, Girl - Sue Meyer, Woman - Dave Brown, Jim Limburg and Gary Knox. M/S/P.

Association name change discussion. Woman Lake Area Association was a suggestion, leave the name alone a suggestion, and/or just take out the word Property owner. Motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into and to study an appropriate name change. Committee members; Bob Hankey, Margy Peterson, Shirley Brown and Arlen Shires.

Recognition dinner is set for Sept. 9th at Ridgewood Gulf Club. This dinner is open to anyone who would like to come. Further information will be E mailed or in the Mail.

Crayfish donation: Mike Higgens of "Fish Guys" donated \$2,250 to the association for the crayfish taken from Woman Lake. The \$980 received from the Crayfish boil was a donation to the AIS plan. "Fish Guys" would like to help with the next Crayfish boil.

New No Wake sign for the Broadwater and Girl Lake channel has been ordered.

Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S/P

Regular monthly meeting will be August 21st at 6:30 PM at the Woodrow Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary