

Child, Girl and Woman Lake Property Owners Association Meeting
October 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Joyce Humphreys, Dave Brown, John Gundale, Myles Wagner, Rich Hess, Bob Hankey, Jim Lewis, Vic Rinke, Sue Meyer and Ted Sigtenhorst. Members not present: Tom Jansen, Cindy Hankey, Gary Knox, Jim Limburg and Scott Fjellman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed. M/S/P

Treasurers report was approved as printed. M/S/P

Don reported for Tom that 2 \$3,000.00 CD's were purchased and 3 of the existing CD's were combined into one.

Reports:

Newsletter - John reported that the Fall Newsletter is out. Has received some suggestions for the Spring issue and he is working on it.

Road Signs - Dave has put up 3 more new signs and a total of 36 was put up this season. Just about went over budget.

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic stated that the Association of Cass County Lakes has been asked by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to submit a proposal for protecting the Boy River chain of lakes from AIS. Grant monies will focus on the threat of boats coming from infested waters to our lake chain. The goal is to reduce risky behaviors of people using these waters. Objectives - 1. Resort Ambassadors' to work with the 60 resort owners regarding knowledge and prevention strategies. 2. Survey Lake users and residents. 3. Work with Fishing Guides. 4. Full time deputy - random stops and/or inspection pull overs. 5. Zebra mussel veliger testing and monitoring. Pass first round of screening this week. Following up work for proposal is very complex - bids - contracts, etc.

Roosevelt Lake has a conservancy project of purchasing an island on the lake. A motion was made to make a donation to support this project. Seconded. Discussion. The motion was then made to amended motion to bring this subject back in the Spring. Amendment S/P. Original motion passed as amended.

Membership - Myles reported that all dues letters have been E mailed out and the Board will help with the stuffing of those remaining after the meeting.

Water Patrol - Ted reported that there had been 209 hrs. of patrol time. In 45 days only 5 were missed due to bad weather. He will work on having 2 crews for Holiday week ends and opening fishing next year. May need more Volunteers.

Fisheries - Rich reported that Electrofishing was conducted on Woman Lake the night of Sept. 18th. The capture rate of YOY walleye was 23.5 per hour, much lower than in recent years. However, the fry stocking rate was also the lowest this year since

the fry study began (699,400). The good news is that their growth was good. They averaged 5.53 inches in length and the capture rate of those 5.5 inches or larger was 14.3 per hour. This is above the trigger rate for a contingency stocking of fingerlings, so none will be stocked. There was also a good catch of yearling walleye in the catch, suggesting a strong 2013 year class in the lake.

Further electrofishing was conducted to capture a large enough sample to determine the percentage of marked and natural fry that survived this year.

Annual gill netting on Woman Lake has also been completed. Although I have not received the summary report yet, the DNR commented that the walleye catch was good, particularly the catch of yearlings.

AIS - Rich also reported on the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council proposal. Total budget is \$167,000 of which \$97,000 will be requested from the Council and \$70,000 from Cass County. The three focus areas: Education - Resort Ambassadors'; Enforcement - Full time Deputy and Effectiveness Assessment - Surveys of boaters, resort owners, fishing guides, Leech Lake Band members and business owners will be conducted to determine their knowledge of AIS, adherence to AIS regulations, and additional preventative steps to be taken. A follow-up survey would be conducted 2 years later to determine if knowledge had increased, adherence to regulations improved and if tasks from the original survey have had the effect of reducing AIS risks.

Don and Rich attended a Round Table discussion at the Cass County building in Walker on Oct. 15th along with Cass County AIS Plan employees, DNR personnel and representatives from a number of area Lakes Associations. The meeting provided an opportunity to ask questions, share information on Lake Association plans and assessing the funding from the County's AIS funds. Items discussed included summarizing this year's inspection program, securing more inspectors, where to advertise AIS measures next year such as roadside signs, on County Tax bills, signs at launch ramps showing the location of decontamination providers, a promotional video, radio spots and perhaps an app for phones and computers. The Sheriff's dive team also conducted some inspections for AIS this year.

Water Quality - Bob explained that the Lake water sampling is completed for this season and the same will be done next year. He will be attending a meeting about Lakes and water quality.

Shoreline Naturalization - Jim visited a site to help with the shoreline and trees are being ordered. He is taking orders for trees at this time.

At large - Sue questioned AIS sign placement when driving into Longville. Rich answered her question, approval was received before placement.

Communications: Don reported that Attorney Paul Peterson has graciously agreed to handle all legal steps to correctly change the name of the Association by amending the Articles of Corporation, informing both the IRS and MN Tax Dept. He will let Don know when the procedure is complete.

Old Business: McKeown Creek update - Rich reported that the beaver dam blocking the creek from fish access was removed this month manually by federal personnel. Don and Rich met with representatives from the Man, Baby, Kid and McKeown Lakes Association and the DNR to discuss cooperative measures regarding beaver control in the creek and in the lakes above the creek. Definitive plans will depend upon whether the DNR can document significant use of the creek by walleyes for spawning next spring.

Rich Hess and Tom Lindquist visited the creek to get a first-hand look at the potential spawning areas. The water was very low below the McKewon Lake dam and only the upper creek bed was examined. The rocky bottom looked promising for walleye spawning.

New Business: New letterhead was discussed. It shall be;
Child, Girl, Woman Lakes Area Association
Representing Barrow, Heffron, IXL, Little Woman, Pancake and Pick Lakes
M/S/P

Logo will be designed and looked at next Spring.

Meeting dates for 2015
May 5th or 6th - Planning Session
May 21st 6:30*
June 18th 6:30*
July 16th 6:30
Aug. 1st Annual Meeting
Aug. 20th 6:30
Sept. 8th Recognition dinner
Sept. 17th 6:30
Oct. 15th 6:30

* The DNR will be asked to speak at one of these mtgs. It will then begin at 5:00.

Don announced the Chamber Fall Dinner will be Thur. Oct. 24th, Vic agreed to attend for the Association.

First Meeting of 2015: May 21, 2015 at Woodrow Town Hall - watch for Time.

Motion to adjourn. M/S/P

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary