

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Jon Stevenson, Joyce Humphreys, Tom Jansen, Dave Brown, John Gundale, Gary Meyer, Sue Meyer, Bob Hankey, Vic Rinke, Jim Limburg and Ted Sigtenhorst.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. M/S/P  
Treasures report was approved as printed. M/S/P

M/S/P to accept the appointment of the following Committee Chairpersons:

Membership - Cindy Hankey and Bob Hankey

Newsletter - John Gundale

Water Patrol - Ted Sigtenhorst

AIS - Rich Hess

Fisheries - Rich Hess

Shoreline Naturalization - Jim Lewis

Water Quality - Gary Meyer

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic Rinke

And Task Committee Chairpersons:

Road Clean Up - Ken Hanson

Navigational Safety Engineer - Dwayne Waldera.

Committee reports:

Road Signs: Dave reported that they have the new ladder. Don has ordered the Drill. There have been 14 new signs put up.

Membership: Bob reported that they still have some bugs in the system. Tom Lindquist is working on the problems with them.

Water Patrol: Ted reported that this time of year the number of Volunteers decreases and some may have to double up on hours. Discussion of possibly not running the program the whole month of September. Ted thought it looked good through the month.

Fisheries: Woman Lake Fisheries Management Plan will be updated with revised goals and strategies for the 5 yr period 2016-2020. The Walker DNR Fisheries Office will put together an input group consisting of 3 from CGWLAA (1 from each lake), 2 from resorts, 2 from local businesses, 1 fishing guide, 1 from Longville Chamber and 1 at large member. There is 4 meetings planned between November and March. CGWLAA will be represented by Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen and Rich Hess. The DNR will facilitate meetings, record meeting minutes and distribute via email.

2014 Fishery Assessment - 134 Walleyes were collected in the gill nets last fall and averaged 14" in length and 1# in weight. There was good year class representation

for age groups 1 through 5. Captures of YOY Walleye in electrofishing assessments was low at 18.5 per hour but the fish averaged 5.5" in length and the capture of YOY of 5.5" or greater in length represented more than half of the catch and exceeded the contingency stocking trigger level.

AIS: Rich reported that zebra mussels were confirmed in 7 new lakes statewide.

Water Quality: Gary reported. Yesterday, Sue and Gary Meyer, and Rich Hess attended a meeting on water quality in the Leech Lake watershed. The meeting was hosted by the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and the subject was the Leech Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Project. This is an effort being conducted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and its local partners (Cass County, Hubbard County, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe). Minnesota's waters are monitored and assessed on a 10-year cycle in an effort to restore waters that do not meet water quality standards. It is a 4-year project which includes biological monitoring, stressor identification, watershed monitoring, data compilation, modeling, identifying priority management zones, and, ultimately a watershed plan (2016). Public participation is invited and this was the second meeting since last October. The MN DNR and the U.S. Forest Service also attended as well as a representative from the Lake Inguadona Association. Discussion topics included mapping of areas of concern, water quality trends, land ownership and protection strategies.

The next public meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to Noon at the Hope Lutheran Church in Walker.

Newsletter: John reported that the Fall newsletter will be out mid October. Please have news articles to him by the Sept. meeting.

Conservation/Stewardship: Vic also reported on Water Quality meeting. He discussed the motion made at the July meeting concerning the pipeline and its importance to the area and to the association, stating that political decisions have been made by the association in the past. He will bring information back to the association from the North Water Alliance concerning the Pipeline.

To clarify the motion made in July. When one attends a meeting and signs in that he/she is from Child, Girl & Woman Lakes Area Association they are there to gather information to bring back to the board or membership. If there is action taken at the meeting then the attendee will refrain from voting or expressing how the Association feels. The attendee can voice his/her own individual feelings and thoughts but not that of the Association.

No Communication.

No Old business.

New Business: M/S/P to have the appreciation dinner at Patricks. Date – September 8. Time – 5:30 Social, Dinner at 7:00. Menu for dinner – Chicken and Ribs. Price to be \$21.00. Notification will be in the newspaper twice and an Email will go out to members. RSVP to Don.

Road Signs are presently being made by Green Tree in Hackensack for \$20.00.

Lynn Minor in Walker will do a metal sign for \$16.50 +tax and turn around time will be faster. M/S/P to go with Lynn Minor.

Jim Lewis looked into our Insurance policy coverage and compared it to another company. There was some difference. We will remain with our present company for this year.

Next regular meeting will be September 17th, 6:30 PM at Woodrow town hall.

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary