

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

M/S/P to accept the Secretary's minutes of the September meeting.

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's September report.

Committee reports:

Newsletter - John reported that the Fall newsletter will be mailed by October 24th and he thanked all that contributed to make it happen.

Road Signs - Dave reported that any new signs this time of year will be put up in 2016.

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic reported that the CCL meeting in September was attended by 3 representatives and Gov. Dayton's Aids. An item coming down from the Governor's office concerning AIS violators - the fines may be increased. North Water Alliance is meeting and trying to get organized. He had a conversation with Ron Shara and he asked about having another Crab Boil. Something to look into.

The Whitefish Lake Association has a water quality concern and the DNR is testing and speaking on their findings. They have reports on Water temperatures and quality from different lakes. Water pollution would be an interesting topic to have at an Association meeting. He reported on an article from the St Paul paper about the wetlands in parts of Minnesota being in bad shape.

Membership - Bob reported that the glitz's concerning labels is being handled. He is looking into metering postage and sharing the meter and cost with the Bible Camp. The annual fee for the meter is \$200 and postage is bulk price. He will report on his findings.

Water Patrol - Ted's end of season reports are complete and he will give these to the Sheriff's office and the volunteers will also get some of this information. Total of 37 days, 204.4 hours and 17 volunteers is being reported.

Fisheries - Rich reported -

The DNR met with the Woman Lake Management Plan Input Group for the second time earlier today. The CGWLAA was represented by Tom Jansen, Jon Stevenson and Rich

Hess. Today's discussion focused on the DNR's assessment tools such as gill nets, trap nets and electrofishing to monitor fish population trends. Bar charts were presented to indicate the relative abundance of walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, largemouth bass, black crappie and Cisco (Tullibee) in Child, Woman and Girl Lakes. We began discussions on setting target abundance levels for these species over the next 10 years. These discussions will continue at our next meeting. No date was set as yet.

The fall gill net assessment has been completed on Woman Lake but results are still being analyzed.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Zebra mussels have been reported for the first time in two new downstate lakes: Lake John in Wright County and Bryant Lake in Eden Prairie. A single zebra mussel was found in each lake by a citizen and a local Park District.

Starry stonewort, a grass-like algae that can cover the lake bottom with dense mats, was discovered in two lakes in southern Minnesota – Lake Koronis and Mud Lake which are connected in Stearns and Meeker Counties. It was likely spread by boaters transporting fragments from an infested body of water.

A pilot zebra mussel treatment will be conducted in Ruth Lake in Crow Wing County after about 2 dozen zebra mussels were discovered in a small area. The pesticide 'Earth Tec QZ' will be applied in a 3.4 acre section of the lake. The application is being paid for by the Ruth Lake Improvement Association. Post treatment monitoring will be conducted by the permittee (Ruth Lake Improvement Association).

A follow-up treatment of zebra mussels was conducted downstate in Christmas Lake after 10 zebra mussels were found outside the initial treatment area. A wider area was treated and post-treatment inspections on September 30 association have revealed no zebra mussels.

Water Quality - Gary reported all samples have been done. He is going to look into having a more extensive report from water samples that the Lab. receives from us. Giving us more information about our water quality.

Shoreline Naturalization - Jim did not have a report.

At Large - Sue Meyer and Gary Knox did not have reports.

Old Business - M/S/P to purchase stickers and to send one in the dues renewal notices in 2016.

M/S/P to order 1,500 stickers, 3" x 5" size, and have sticking ability on front and some on back. Don will check on this.

M/S/P to order 50 1/2" binders to be given out to new members. Binders will have the directory, Association Mission statement and road sign list.

New Business: Set dates for meetings in 2016.

May 4 or 5	- Planning Session
May 19	5:00 DNR 6:30
June 16	6:30
July 21	6:30
Aug 6	Annual meeting
Aug 18	6:30
Sept 6	Recognition dinner
Sept 15	6:30
Oct 20	6:30

Fall Chamber Dinner on Thursday Oct 22 will be attended by Gary Knox.

First meeting of 2016: May 19 at Woodrow Town Hall @5:00 PM.

M/S/P to adjourn to stuffing dues renewal envelopes.

Respectively Submitted

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary