

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

M/S/P to accept the Secretary's minutes of the October, 2015 meeting.

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

Communications: Don reported that he has sent out Emails concerning road signs. The need to remove non members and bring all signage up to date is being looked at. He has had good response.

Old Business: Motion made at the July, 2015 meeting reads; that there shall not be an official representative appointed from to CGWLAA to attend these meetings. Discussion of this motion it was decided to leave it as is. Individual cases will be looked at.

New Business:

- a. Bob contacted Laura Erickson to see if she would speak at the annual meeting on August 6. He is waiting to hear back from her.
- b. Rent for Woodrow town hall is \$30.00 every year and it is budgeted for. A motion is not required.
- c. Quotes on the printing of the directory was received from 1st Impressions in Brainerd in the amount of \$118.80 and also from Hummingbird Press in Walker for \$118.80. Considering the mileage we will use Hummingbird Press in Walker.
- d. Quote on the Stickers was made from Sticker U in the amount of \$1,445.00 for 1,500 front adhesive and 1,500 back adhesive. Shipping is \$9.00. Don has ordered them. They will be sent out with renewals, given at meetings and to each new member.
- e. Don looked into the feasibility of having a title sign made for each Standard. He talked to Lynn Mineer of Mineer Signs in Walker and they came up with size, amount needed and cost. 41 is needed in three different sizes and the cost is \$1,358.93. Motion to purchase was M/S. Discussion of the removal of non members names from the sign. An article will be in the Fall newsletter about who can and who cannot be posted on the signs. Motion Passed.
- f. M/S/P to purchase beads for the 4th of July parade.
- g. M/S/P to pay \$150.00 dues to the ACCL.

- h. Rich is going to look into the Catch and Release program before we contribute funds.
- i. M/S/P to continue the water testing program.
- j. Place for the appreciation dinner is still pending.
- k. Kathy Sweeny called Tom about the Assoc. insurance and a new company is needed. She will look into this for us.

Committee reports;

Fisheries - Rich Hess

Egg Take:

A total of 178.5 quarts of walleye eggs were collected from April 12-22 at the Boy River trap.

Walleye Tagging:

A total of approximately 2100 adult walleye were tagged at the Boy River trap through April 30th and released upstream, and approximately 1,100 others were tagged in Woman Lake for a DNR population study.

Fry Stocking Study (2008-15):

Was completed last year and OTC marking of fry has ended for now. Preliminary results indicate that lower total fry densities tend to result in better first year growth and survival. During the study fry stocking rates averaged 1,029 per littoral acre and wild fry production averaged 369 per littoral acre, which translates into an average total fry density of 1,399 per littoral acre. During the study stocked fry (OTC marked) comprised an average of 73% of those surviving to young-of-the-year. The hatch rate of wild fry averaged 0.42% in Woman Lake and 0.38% in Leech Lake (2005-14).

Woman Lake Chain Management Plan:

Over the fall and winter of 2015-16 representatives from the CGWLAA, Longville Chamber of Commerce and a local fishing guide/educator met with the DNR to revise the Woman Lake Chain Management Plan for the next 10 years. All three lakes will now be stocked annually with walleye fry and gill net assessments will be conducted in Woman Lake every 2 years and every 4 years in Child and Girl Lakes. A creel census will also be conducted in 2016. Long range goals were established for each species and lake. Walleye stocking will be conducted at the rate of 500 fry (unmarked) per littoral acre in each lake.

Stocking 2016:

A total of 80,215 walleye fry were stocked in Child Lake (158 littoral acres), 997,045 fry in Woman Lake (1,953 littoral acres), and 136,760 fry in Girl Lake (272 littoral acres).

Aquatic Invasive Species

One new lake in Cass County was listed as infested with zebra mussels in 2016 (Margaret Lake, west of Outing). The CGWLAA was not awarded a grant from the DNR to conduct watercraft inspections this year. Fortunately, Cass County inspectors will be covering Woman Lake in their inspection program for 2016.

Membership - Bob Hankey

We have 418 members. Another renewal will be sent out.

Water Patrol - Ted Sigtenhorst

The program is up and running with 19 volunteers. The meeting with the Sheriff and the volunteers will be May 24 at 9:00 AM at the Common Grounds. Anyone can attend.

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic Rinke

The lakeshore buffer reg. for Cass Co. lake is 37.5 feet for our gen. dev. lakes on our chain. Cass Enviro. Ser. is responsible for enforcement. Vic will be working with Tim B. In planning to approach property owners of sensitive lakeshore for a meeting to see if they would like information on conservancy options. A luncheon was held four years ago to provide more info. to them. This would take place next summer. Woodrow township is planning to repair Knoll road to stop the erosion into the Boy River. Vic is interested in having our lake chain partner with them. Vol. labor, plantings and fabric could be supported. MN. DNR. Forestry is focused on their invasive species! Play Clean Go is their Clean Drain and Dry. Brushing clothing down and cleaning your boots is the new standard. The Whitefish lake chain is hosting a lake buffer fair where lake owners are sharing their plans to improve their properties. The winners are in comp. for ten thousand dollars. See this at Moonlite Bay resort in north Crosslake on June 1 st 5:30. 7:00. The Northern Lights Water alliance has had no scheduled meeting this year. ACCL. Kicked off the second phase of the Resort visitation program this week.

Shoreline Naturalization - Jim Lewis

He had 439 orders for trees and 525 were ordered. The cost was \$389.50 and \$159.00 taken in for trees. Jim announced that this is his last year to do this.

Newsletter - John Gundale

The Spring newsletter is printed and being distributed. He thanked all for their input.

Road Signs - Dave Brown

Don announced that the signs have been ordered.

Water Quality - Gary Meyer

Samples are to be taken on Monday, May 23rd.

Ted brought up the subject of signage at the entrance of Otter Bay. It will be discussed with the Sheriff Dept. at the May 24th meeting.

Next meeting will be June 15th, meeting starts at 6:00 and the DNR will speak at 6:30.

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary