

## Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's June report (as reported by Kruse).

### **New Business:**

M/S/A to appoint Myles Wagner as Shoreline Naturalization Chairperson.

Don Kruse requested volunteers to pass out beads at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. He has 180 dozen beads.

M/S/A that the 'Meet the Neighbor' article in the Newsletter can be about a member only.

M/S/A to not make a donation to the Hackensack fireworks (we do not donate to Longville fireworks).

Appreciation Dinner will be on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 PM at Patrick's, dinner cost \$21.00.

The Catch and Release awards program has been terminated.

Don Kruse is having directories printed at Hummingbird Press in Walker. 5 people that joined last year have not joined the association this year. Kruse will send an email to them.

Sigtenhorst reported that the light is missing from the Government Point safety buoy.

### **Old Business:**

Kruse reported that CGWLAA signs are being made by Mineer Signs in Walker and will fit the varying width of each sign standard. There are 42 standards around the lakes.

Kruse reported that Sigtenhorst had received verbal permission from the property owner on the south side of the entrance to Otter Bay to post a **SLOW, Minimum Wake in Entire Bay Area** sign on her property. Sigtenhorst will get her permission in writing.

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership – Cindy Hankey reported that we now have 461 memberships.

Water Patrol – Sigtenhorst reported that patrols are going well and have occurred on every weekend. The patrol boat will be in the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that 3 boaters had been struck by lightning on Sunday in their boat while on Baby Lake.

Aquatic Invasive Species – Hess reported there were no new reports and that Cass County was conducting inspections at the County 5 ramp every Thursday through Sunday in June for 7.5 hours each day. Hess reminded everyone that the Association of Cass County Lakes could use their support. They

are doing some very good work on behalf of all of us and have a very informative website at [www.acclakes.org](http://www.acclakes.org).

Fisheries – Report will be given by the MN DNR at the end of our business session.

Road Signs – Jon and Don put up 24 new signs.

Water Quality – Gary Meyer reported that sampling was going well and that he had submitted trend analyses for all 4 sampling sites to Carole Houghton to put on our website.

Shoreline Naturalization – Myles reported that all 525 trees ordered this year are gone and that 1,400 trees and bushes have been provided by the CGWLAA since the program started.

Newsletter – Gundale had no news to report.

Conservation Stewardship – Rinke reported that ACCL had requested \$300.00 from our association to help support the cost of hosting a partnership meeting to which 118 resorts in Cass County would be invited. The meeting will be at Northern Lights Casino and Rinke will ask for the \$300 at the July meeting.

Board – Limburg reported that he is trying to conduct an eagle nest survey around our lakes and requested information on the location of any nests.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Doug Schultz of the MN DNR gave everyone an update on their fisheries efforts in our chain of lakes.

Highlights:

Walleye fry were stocked in each of the three lakes this spring. The current northern pike regulations (24-36" protected slot) appear to be working in all three lakes providing larger fish. The walleye population in Woman Lake is excellent with a very strong 2013 year class that now is averaging 12" as they enter the fishery.

The fry stocking study is winding down and the final report is due in 2019. No OTC marking is currently planned. The fry stocking strategy for our lakes is now to stock at a rate of 500 per littoral acre to keep the total fry density (stocked + natural) under 1,000 fry per littoral acre.

McKeown Creek has been reconnected to our chain and next year a similar series of plunge pools will be constructed at the outlet from Girl Lake to the Boy River.

Gill net surveys will be conducted in all 3 lakes: every 2 years in Woman and every 4 years in Child and Girl.

A total of 3,439 adult walleye were tagged this year for a population study. A creel census is also being conducted by the DNR in our chain.

A total of 132 tagged walleye have already been reported to the DNR. One traveled from Woman Lake to Girl Lake.