

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

M/S/P to accept the minutes of the September, 2016 meeting.

M/S/P to accept Treasurers report.

Committee reports:

- a. Newsletter - John not present. Fall newsletter is finished and mailed.
- b. Road Signs - Jon did not have anything new to report.
- c. Conservation/Stewardship - Vic reported that 50 resort owners participated in the Gathering. There are over 120 resorts in Cass Lake.

ACCL president Jerry has passed the office on to Linda Blake. She is from Lake Hattie, works at the U of M putting her close to St. Paul and legislative issues. The 2 yr. Resort Ambassador program will be available soon. Did outside road erosion check with Myles in August after the Annual meeting. Looking into the report of problems with heavy rain run off. We found the road surface is working as designed. Reported a problem of a mud hole at the Woman Lake Public Access. Don will contact someone about that.

- d. Membership - Cindy and Bob handed out samples of the 2017 dues renewal form and cover letter. They will all be mailed out this year and this new form should improve how membership information will be recorded in the directory. A new computer program is being worked on for the membership dues collection and handling.
- e. Water patrol - Ted has the letter to the Sheriff's office reporting the summer patrolling ready to mail.
- f. Fisheries - Rich reported:

The fall fisheries preliminary report for Woman Lake from the MN DNR indicates that the gill net catch of walleye of 8.0/net meets the long range goal of 6-10 walleye/net.

Other catches in gill nets were 3.4/net for northern pike which was below the long term goal of 5-8/net;

9.3/net for yellow perch which was below the long term goal of more than 13/net;

And 4.5/net for cisco (tullibee) which exceeded the long term goal of 2/net.

The walleye young-of-the-year capture rate of 65 yoy/hour (electrofishing) was very good exceeding last fall (51.6 yoy/hour) and the average length of 6.27 inches was excellent, also exceeding last fall (4.97 inches).

The recapture sample size (DNR recaptures and angler reports) for walleye tagged in 2016 in Woman Lake is running lower than anticipated at 400-500 fish (the target was 700 fish) making the population estimate more difficult.

Aquatic Invasive Species

A Wisconsin DNR 5-year study of 1,000 lakes indicated that the spread of aquatic invasive species is stable, indicating prevention methods may be working.

The MN DNR is aggressively treating Rice Lake for starry stonewort using a suction dredge.

Starry stonewort now reported in West Lake Sylvia (Wright County).

The MN DNR has confirmed zebra mussels in Sybil Lake (Otter Tail County) and Maud Lake in adjacent Becker County in NW Minnesota. In both cases they were found on boat lifts removed from the water.

ZM confirmed in 4 more MN lakes: Lake Sallie (Becker Co.), Lake Andrew (Douglas Co.), Lac Qui Parle (Chippewa & Swift Co.'s) and Big Birch Lake, (Todd & Swift Co.'s)

h. Water Quality - Gary reported that 2016 was the 8th yr. of collecting water samples from Child, Girl and Woman Lakes as well as Broadwater Bay. RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc. reported continued increase levels of Phosphorus and Chlorophyll-A in Woman Lake with concurrent decreased water visibility per Secchi disk testing. Phosphorus level increased in Broadwater Bay but not enough to increase the Chlorophyll-A level. Child lake secchi disk reading decreased indicating a decline in water quality. During the same testing period, no water quality changes have been identified for Girl Lake. A complete detailed report can be found on our website.

A recommendation was made to have an article in the Spring newsletter concerning runoff and increase of phosphorus in our lakes.

i. Shoreline Naturalization - Myles not present

j. At Large - Sue and Dave no report.

New Business: Don reported that he and Tom Jansen have been looking into the possibility of a different computer for the treasurer to use for reporting. The program on the old one does not work at this time. M/S/P to purchase a Chromebook at approx. \$300.00 for the organization treasurer to use.

Don has been discussing with Carol Houghton and Kathy Sharmer the possibility of having pictures submitted by members to be shown on the website. The consensus is to develop a Face book page with an administrator. Kathy would be the administrator. M/S/P to have our website and face book page linked to receive postings from members and Kathy as Administrator.

Dates set for our 2017 meetings:

May 3rd or 4th - Planning Session
May 18th 5:30, DNR 6:30 - Rich notify DNR
June 15th 6:30
July 20th 6:30
Aug. 5th Annual Meeting
Aug. 17th 6:30
Sept. 5th Recognition dinner
Sept. 21st 6:30
Oct. 19th 6:30

Announcement made that the Fall Chamber dinner is Oct. 27th - \$20.00.

First meeting of 2017: May 18th at Woodrow Town Hall, 5:30 PM

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Humphreys