

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Cindy Hankey, Bob Hankey, Rich Hess, Myles Wagner, Linda Kane, Dave Brown, Vic Rinke, Sue Meyer, Jim Limburg and Gary Knox. Guests present: Diane and Arlen Schires.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda Addition: Myles added; signs on Boy River and Child Lake access.

M/S/P to accept the Secretary's minutes of the June, 2017 meeting.

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Report for June, 2017.

Communications: Don has received phone calls and E mails concerning the removal of name signs. Some of the signs have been put back up after members pay their dues. An E mail was received concerning a By Laws change. Don will follow up on this.

No Old Business.

New Business: 2004 Lake Management Plan is being updated and compiled by Scott, Don and Rich. Committee input has been asked for. Vic feels that a work shop may be needed to combine ideas, etc. of the committees. All the committees should be on the same page for the Action Plan.

Rich reported that each committee chair needs to update their part of the plan and it then can be compiled.

Cass County Environmental Services/Zoning. Vic stated his concerns about the Association supporting State, County and Township laws in governing the environment. Motion made and withdrawn.

M/S/P to present 2017-2018 Budget totaling \$12,575.00 to members at the Annual meeting.

M/S/P for the following slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting: Don Kruse, President and Joyce Humphreys, Secretary.

Don informed the board that a person to do the Woman Lake water testing is still needed.

Boy River signage needed because of increased boat traffic expected. Myles reported that the Township would like the Association to consider doing this project. M/S/P that the Association have up to 4 signs made and installed, with permission from land owners directing boaters to slow to trolling speed when entering and exiting Boy River and Child Lake via the River.

Myles reported that the Child Lake access being used along Hwy. 5 is not a controlled DNR access. Arlen and Diane Shires spoke on the subject and their concerns of traffic exiting onto the highway. The land is owned by the Federal Government. Diane will continue looking into this matter and get back to us.

Annual meeting is Sat. morning at 10:00 on Aug. 5th at the Woodrow Town Hall. This will be on our Face Book and Web Site and in the local Newspaper. Signs will be posted and an electronic notice to Members. Committee annual reports to Don ASAP. Myles reported that Erin O'Leary from Prairie Restoration will be the speaker. He has ordered the donuts.

Committee reports:

Membership - Cindy and Bob reported that we have 504 members. 44 members did not renew. Dues Notice is being sent out to those not paid.

Water Patrol - Don reported for Ted, 109 hrs. so far this summer and 23 days. There are 15 volunteers. Ted thanked 4th of July parade helpers.

Fisheries - AIS – Rich reported No new information for the Woman Lake Chain. Lake Mille Lacs walleye fishing is closed from July 7–27 due to the walleye population problems there.

Aquatic Invasive Species – New infested lakes: East Lost Lake (Ottertail County), Little Winnibigoshish (Itasca County) and Cedar Lake (Wright County) – all three now have zebra mussels.

Wright County Pilot Program (Mandatory AIS Inspections) – In 2012 MLR successfully worked towards passage of legislation that would allow Minnesota to have mandatory centralized inspection and decontamination services. Unfortunately, even though the legislation was passed, and authority was given to the MN DNR to set up the type of mandatory regional AIS programs working so successfully in other parts of the country, the MN DNR has never used this authority. Instead the DNR has waited for a local government to implement the program.

Wright County has stepped forward with this pilot. But there is a catch – any local government wanting to set up mandatory regional inspection program can only do so under a delegation agreement with the MN DNR. A few have started down this path over the last few years, but have stalled due to red tape barriers. The CGWLAA should watch this situation closely. If the DNR approves the pilot program we should consider working with Cass County to do the same.

Road Signs – Jon reported 7 new signs, 18 signs put back up and the Hawk Trail Standard is up.

Water Quality – Don will handle this month.

Tree Program – Myles will have information in the Fall newsletter.

Newsletter – Linda is open for suggestions and is looking at other newsletters for ideas. Don will meet with her.

Stewardship/Conservation – Vic furnished the new address for Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, 615 MN Ave. West, Main Street, Walker MN 56484. Phone is 218-547-4510. The meetings are held here. Next ACCL Board meeting is July 28th at 9:30 AM.

At Large – Sue reported on the New Boat Launch in Longville. It is supposed to be ready for use mid August. Parking will be available for 10 vehicles.

Next monthly meeting is August 17th at 6:30 pm.

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Humphreys