Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes August 17, 2017

The meeting was called o order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Bob Hankey, Rich Hess, Myles Wagner, Ted Sigtenhorst, Vic Rinke, Dave Brown, Sue Meyer, Jim Limburg and Gary Knox. Four guests were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No agenda changes made.

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

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report for July 2017.

M/S/P to change Water Quality Standing Committee to Water Quality Task Committee. Rational - Task Committee Chairperson does not need to report at ever Board Meeting.

Lake Historian position was discussed. No action taken.

M/S/P to set the Standing Committees and Chairpersons as presented. M/S/P to set the Chairpersons for Task Committee as presented adding Ann Stevenson as Water Quality chairperson.

Committee reports:

Road Signs - Jon reported 1 new and 5 renewals were added.

Membership - Bob reported membership is at 517 and 2nd dues reminders have gone out.

Water Patrol -Ted informed us that as of 8-10-'17 there have been 144 volunteer hours. Five days remaining in August and 10 in September.

Fisheries - Rich reported

The DNR may be able to enact their proposed 'Three-Pronged Approach' to statewide northern pike management next spring. The state has been divided into 3 management zones. Our area (north central) is plagued by too many small pike and there is a relatively high harvest rate of medium and large pike. The DNR is proposing a daily limit of 10 pike. All pike from 22-26 inches must be released and only 2 pike over 26 inches may be kept in the 10 fish limit. The goal is to reduce the number of pike in our lakes and thereby reduce their predation on yellow perch. This will take time to effectuate and they are not trying to establish a trophy pike fishery. The predation of smaller pike by larger pike is expected to have a greater effect than angler harvest on the pike population. AIS - Rich reported

New infested waters: Zebra mussels in Burgen, Whiskey and Chippewa Lakes in Douglas County. Zebra mussels also found in Comfort Lake in Chisago County and Rush Lake in Otter Tail County. The Minnesota River has been listed for zebra mussels and invasive Asian carp from its western portion to the Mississippi

River. After an organized effort to search 178 lakes in 20 counties for Starry Stonewort by 200 trained volunteers, they found it in only one lake – Grand Lake in Stearns County.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL AT LONGVILLE CITY RAMP

The CGWLAA has been working with the City of Longville, the DNR and PLM, a Lake and Land Management firm out of Brainerd to get the City ramp area professionally treated. Don Kruse and Rich Hess met with PLM at the ramp earlier this week to discuss the problem. After surveying the ramp and channel area as well as a considerable area of Girl Lake, they reported finding no additional areas of infestation. They are currently working with the DNR to get attached to our permit so they can treat the ramp and City dock area. They have proposed a fee of \$510.00 for the treatment and will post the area before and after the treatment for public notice. In addition, the City Council is donating \$250.00 to CGWLAA to help cover the costs of the treatment.

M/S/P to have the Association cover the balance of the cost needed for this treatment.

Water Quality - Don announced that the next water sampling is August 28. Shoreline Naturalization - Myles reported that Jim Lewis would be helping him with the Tree Program and all information will be in the Fall Newsletter. Newsletter - Linda is not present.

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic informed us that there would be a 6 hour workshop on water shed issues presented by ACCL and RAP committee. He has the Cass County Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship booklet if you want one.

Communications:

Fred Hage has volunteered to work with the Pollution Control Agency and get the Secchi Disk reading.

Sue and Don have worked together and prepared a membership packet to distribute to perspective members.

Myles has agreed to submit articles to the Press Citizen about the Association. "We Light Up Your Night" is the next one. Watch for these.

Old Business:

Jon and Don will handle the No Wake signs on the Boy River needed by Little Woman and Child Lakes.

Appreciation dinner is September 5th at Patricks. 5:30 - 7 Social - Dinner at 7:00. This will be in the newspaper and members will be E mailed.

New Business:

M/S/P to leave the dues at \$25.00. Per request the Board consider a dues increase.

M/S/P to purchase a new gear box for the Water Patrol Boat Lift.

Vic reported on EDD Maps app. which actually stands for: Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System. It is a web-based mapping system for documenting invasive species distribution. Anyone using the system can report invasive species, but it certainly helps if users know how to identify invasive species before reporting them. They should also be reported to local authorities such as the DNR. Info furnished by Rich.

ACCL will have a speaker with more info on this app.

The nextBoard meeting will be September 21st @ 6:30 PM at Woodrow Township Hall.

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Joyce Humphreys