

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Bob Hankey, Rich Hess, Linda Kane, Dave Brown, Vic Rinke and Bill Hornung. Water Quality Chair, Ann Stevenson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No agenda changes.

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

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

Communications:

The Board received the resignation from Myles Wagner, Chair of Shoreline Naturalization.

New Business:

M/S/P to eliminate the Shoreline Naturalization Committee and combine it's duties with Conservation/Stewardship Committee.

M/S/P to transfer budgeted funds from Shoreline Naturalization Committee to Conservation/Stewardship Committee.

The Tree program will take place in the Woodrow Twp. hall parking lot in May.

All orders for trees and shrubs will go to President Don Kruse. Order forms and the newsletter have been updated. A Volunteer will be needed to do orders and etc. for 2018-19.

Set dates for the Association for 2018.

May 2nd or 3rd - Planning session

May 17th 5:00 DNR 6:30 - Rich notify DNR

June 21st 6:30

July 19th 6:30

Aug. 4th Annual meeting

Aug. 16th 6:30

Sept. 4th Recognition dinner

Sept. 20th 6:30

Oct. 10th 6:30 - Wednesday

Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Linda is ready to compile the newsletter and it will be sent out to members.

Road Signs - Jon reported that 1 new sign installed this month.

Conservation/Stewardship - Vic reported that the Buffer law in MN comes into compliance Nov 1st to protect water bodies. Good compliance is reported by the State in agricultural counties.

Woodrow Township's Road erosion project is complete on Buxton Road and it looks great. Knoll Road - 2018 - Two erosion problems on the lake and river to work on in 2018. ACCL - Central MN Initiative is funding a Resort Ambassador program in 2018 with \$220,000. Cass Co., Itasca Co. and Lake Vermilion are partners in this program. Includes funding for boat inspections as they come into resorts and an education component. ACCL will open the 2018 May Meeting with a Make and Take AIS plan for Lake Associations in the County.

Membership - Bob reported that we have 527 members.

Water Patrol - Ted submitted a report - 43 patrol days scheduled, 4 were lost due to weather and 1 due to malfunction of the boat lift. A total of 203 volunteer hours with 18 volunteers.

Fisheries - Rich reported -

Doug Schultz reported the young-of-the year walleye electrofishing catch on Woman Lake for this year. Capture rates dropped by about 70% for both larger fingerlings (greater than or equal to 5.5 inches) and all fingerlings, but this was not unexpected due to the large 2016 year class which may have suppressed the 2017 year class through competition and possibly predation. However, growth rates were good and at an overall mean length of 5.78 inches the 2017 year class exceeded the 5.5 inch benchmark for larger fingerlings.

Aquatic Invasive Species - Rich reported -

The Walker Area Fisheries Office has confirmed the discovery of adult zebra mussels in Leech Lake on a boat at Bluewater Resort that was in Leech Lake all season this year. So, if you take your watercraft to Leech Lake in the future please be sure to get decontaminated before you launch anywhere else. Other new reports of zebra mussels are George Lake in Kandiyohi County (near Spicer) and Elk Lake in Grant County (west-central MN). Please check your docks and lifts for zebra mussels when they are removed from the chain for the season.

At Large - No reports

The 1st meeting of 2018 is May 17th at Woodrow Town Hall, 5:00 PM.

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Humphreys