

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kruse. Members present: Don Kruse, Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Bob Hankey, Tim Bruhjell, Gary Knox, and Ann Stevenson.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MSP to accept the Minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting.

MSP to accept the September 2018 Treasurers report.

No Communication

Old Business: Don has talked to the Sheriff concerning the Patrol Boat Motor and it will be looked at again in the Spring, 2019.

New Business: MSP to accept the following meeting dates for the year 2019.

May 1st or 2nd - Planning Session

May 16 - 6:30 - DNR??

June 20 - 6:30

July 18 - 6:30

August 3 - Annual meeting

August 15 - 6:30

Sept 5 - Recognition Dinner

Sept 19 - 6:30

Oct 9 - 6:30 - Wednesday

Committee reports:

- a. Newsletter - Linda asked Don to remind everyone that the deadline for the Fall Newsletter is Oct 16th.
- b. Road Signs - John replaced and/or put up for new members a total of 76 signs this year.
- c. Conservation/Stewardship - No report
- d. Membership - No report
- e. Water Patrol - Tim reported that patrolling is all done and 216 Volunteer hours was the total for this season.
- f. Fisheries - Rich's report  
Fry Stocking Study 2008-15

I received the final fry stocking study report this summer from the DNR. It was a lengthy report filled with tables, figures and statistics. Needless to say, it took me some time to go through the report and digest this material. In a nutshell, the results were as follows:

The DNR should discontinue the 10% put-back policy in the egg-take lakes as it has resulted in returning substantially more fry than necessary to compensate for the fry that would have hatched without an egg-take;

Fry stocking should instead be conducted at levels targeted to achieve intermediate total fry densities;

Fry stocking levels can be adjusted based on changes to growth, survival and forage abundance;

The recommended starting fry stocking density for Woman Lake was 695 per littoral acre;

Stocked fry can comprise a substantial proportion of the walleye year classes in egg-take lakes;

The DNR currently stocks Child, Girl and Woman Lake at 500 fry per littoral acre which is in the ballpark of the study recommendation and seems to be working well (personal communication, Doug Schultz).

Fall Electrofishing 2018

This assessment was conducted at night on October 1st. Catch rate for young-of-the-year walleye greater than 5.5 inches was 22 per hour which was higher than the 17.9 last fall. The average length was 6.6 inches and was the highest ever going back to 1987. This year ALL of the young-of-the-year walleye were greater than 5.5 inches which was also a first.

g. Aquatic Invasive Species

At the end of 2017 the Minnesota DNR reported 993 infested bodies of water statewide. As of October 1, 2018 they were reporting 1,011 such bodies of water, with more likely to be discovered before year's end. As more waters become infested the potential for their spread to uninfested waters increases.

h. Water Quality - Ann reported all test have been completed. Some discussion on run off salt in the lakes and a test is possible for this.

i. At Large - No report.

MSP to adjourn the meeting. Everyone have a safe and healthy winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Humphreys, Secretary