

Child, Girl and Woman Lakes Area Association Minutes
May 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice President Jon Stevenson. Board members present: Jon Stevenson, Tom Jansen, Joyce Humphreys, Cindy Hankey, Rich Hess, Linda Kane, Ann Stevenson, Sue Meyer, Bill Hornung and Kathy Scharmer.

MSP to accept the Minutes of the October 9th meeting.
MSP to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business: MSP to further discuss the decontamination Unit in 2021. Cass County and the DNR are looking at funds to help finance these Units.

New Business: MSP to accept the resignation of President Don Kruse
MSP to give Don a Lifetime Membership to the association for all of his good work.

MSP to accept the resignation of Tom Jansen, Treasurer.
MSP to accept the resignation of Jim Limburg, Woman Lake Rep.
MSP to accept the resignation of Tim Bruhjell, Water Patrol and Woman Lake Rep.

MSP to accept the appointment of Janis Kelley and Nancy Schuelke to fill the vacated positions of Woman Lake Rep. Representatives to be voted on at the annual meeting.

MSP to not participate in the Longville 4th of July Parade in 2020.
Annual meeting and Appreciation Dinner will be discussed at the next meeting.

FYI the Water Patrol is suspended by the Cass County Sheriff until further notice.

Committee Reports:

Fisheries: Rich Hess

Fisheries and Aquatic Invasive Species Updates 2020 Boy River Egg-Take: The MN DNR has announced that there will be no egg-takes this year statewide due to corona virus concerns and working at close quarters with several employees.

Woman Lake Gill Net Assessment: There was no fall gill net assessment in Woman Lake last year. Currently fall assessments are done every other year in even years only.

Stocking: There will be no fry or fingerling stocking in Child, Girl or Woman Lake in 2020.

Regulations: The northern pike sport fishing regulation will remain unchanged for 2020 to allow for a further review by the DNR. The regulation remains at a possession limit of three; all pike from 24-36 inches must be released and only one pike over 36 inches may be kept in Child, Girl and Woman Lakes.

Aquatic Invasive Species - Rich Hess

New Infestations: No new infestations were reported for Cass County as of April 8, 2020.

Eurasian Watermilfoil: This invasive plant recurred at the city docks and was also discovered in the harbor at Long Birch Lodge last year. Both areas were treated on September 11, 2019: city docks 0.34 acres and Long Birch Lodge 0.40 acres. The cost of this treatment was \$998.98, and the CGWLAA received donations of \$250 each from the City of Longville and Nathan and Mandy Tabaka to help pay for the treatments. We are most likely facing a repetitive annual treatment of this invasive plant. Hopefully, this will control its abundance and spread to other water on Girl Lake and in our chain. Eurasian watermilfoil is primarily spread through the movement of water-related equipment. Plant fragments can get tangled on boats, trailers, motors, anchors and other equipment. A single plant fragment can start a new population. Eurasian watermilfoil can form dense mats at the surface that inhibit the movement of watercraft. It also can outcompete native aquatic plants and reduce plant diversity. If you would like to make a voluntary donation for AIS, there is a space on your annual membership renewal form.

Zebra mussels: Were confirmed in Ten Mile Lake last year. They were detected as veligers (free swimming microscopic larvae) by the DNR in sufficient quantities that the DNR is confident of the presence of adult zebra mussels. Over the winter, Ten Mile Lake Association was developing an education and response plan and will communicate it soon. The effects of zebra mussels varies significantly from lake to lake, so it is unknown what will happen to Ten Mile or how extensive the infestation will be. Right now the most important steps that can be taken are Clean, Drain, and Dry. If you will be taking any watercraft from Ten Mile to another lake or river, it is important to get an inspection and, if necessary, decontamination. Contact the Cass County AIS Technician, Levy Bergstrom at 218-547-1256 with questions.

Membership: Cindy Hankey – Bob Hankey

Here is our membership report for the meeting next week:

- (1) 485 members have renewed their membership to date
- (2) 79 members have not yet renewed. We will send a reminder after Memorial Day.
- (3) 88 members donated money so far this year. A total of 4,565.00 has been donated to the AIS fund and a total of 510.00 has been donated to the general donations account.
- (4) About 70% of our association are corresponding with the association via email.
- (5) 47 people have indicated an interest in volunteering for the newsletter; 25 people for road clean; and 13 people for water patrol.

Water Patrol: We need a Water Patrol Chairman.

The Water patrol is on hold so far due to a notice we received from the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Our board had already put the Patrol on hold to protect are Patrol team. We need a Water Patrol Chairman. We have nine full time operators and two subs. We need more Patrol team members for next year in 2021.

Newsletter: Linda appreciates all the articles for the upcoming newsletter.

Conservation/Stewardship: Bill Pilacinski

The tree/shrub distribution went as well as could be expected. Only one person had contacted me about picking up their plants later and we have 33 extra, left over plants.

Water Quality: Ann Stevenson

Going to start and sample five times this year.

Road Signs: Jon Stevenson

I replaced the standard at Bungey Bay Lane

Will try to install the road standard w/signs for Johnson Shores. I'm ordering about 15 signs for new members, and members who don't have a sign and would like a sign now.

Next meeting will be June 18th at 6:30 PM - Zoom Meeting.

MSP to Adjourn.