Child, Girl and Women Lakes Area Association Minutes September 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice President Jon Stevenson. Board members present: Jon Stevenson, Terry Fay, Joyce Humphreys, Ann Stevenson, Linda Kane, Bob Hankey, Rich Hess, Gary Knox, Kathy Scharmer, Bill Hornung and Sue Meyer. Bill Pilacinski was present.

Welcome was made by Jon and he reported to the board that he would accept the appointment of President to complete this term.

Agenda addition - Under new business to appoint President.

MSP to accept the minutes of the August 20 meeting. No questions on the Treasurers report.

Communication - Bob Riesselman concerning the Bike Around Woman and the Wake Board study being done. Kathy will try to get more info about the Bike Around Woman for the October meeting.

Old Business - None

New Business - Bill Pilacinski gave us an up date on plants and shrubs available and which would be best for our area. Very helpful information. Order form, etc. will be printed in the Fall newsletter.

MSP for Bob Hankey to set up a Pay Pal Merchant account for Electronic Dues Payment and report back to us in October.

MSP To look at and consider the possibility of Co-chairs at our annual planning session in May 2021.

MSP to appoint Jon Stevenson as president to complete this term.

Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species – Rich Hess

New Infestations: Zebra mussels were confirmed in Dade, Sylvan and Little Red Sand Lakes in Cass County.

No additional zebra mussels or veligers were reported from Woman Lake. No one who put out a veliger sampling tube reported any veliger attachments.

Eurasian Watermilfoil – Girl Lake: The treatment at the City docks and in Long Birch Harbor appears to have been very effective. PLM also found one Purple Loosestrife plant along the shore in Long Birch Harbor and recommended I treat it with Roundup or a similar herbicide. I was able to do this.

Fisheries - Rich Hess

Fisheries – The gill net index survey has been completed on Child Lake. Low numbers of yellow perch and walleye per net and good catches of northern pike. Woman and Girl will be completed soon if the weather cooperates. Electrofishing for young-of-the-year walleye will also be conducted in Woman soon.

Membership - Cindy Hankey - Bob Hankey Reported we have 564 members.

Road Signs - Jon Stevenson Two members wanted signs installed.

Social Media Standing Comm. - Kathy Scharmer

The CGWLA Facebook page has 611 followers as of September 15. This summer season our page informed users on a variety of topics including:

- recommendations from the Cass County Sheriff
- wildlife activity
- Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates work on wake studies
- the Minnesota "Get the Lead Out" campaign
- AIS on Girl and Woman lakes
- DNR recommendations

Among many other items we also posted lake association meeting minutes, fire danger warnings and helped lake residents find owners of lost equipment on the lake.

Water Quality – Ann Stevenson

Our final water quality testing for this year will be turned in to the RMB truck in Longville on Monday, September 28. We will continue testing next spring. Our data shows everything is normal.

Next Zoom meeting will be October 7th Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

MSP to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Humphreys