

Child, Girl, and Woman Lakes Area Association Minutes – July 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Stevenson. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Board members present: Jon Stevenson, Terry Fay, Nancy Schuelke, Bob Hankey, Rich Hess, Gordie Hess, Bill Hornung, Kathy Scharmer, Sue Meyer, Janis Kelley, Ann Stevenson, Linda Kane, Gary Knox.
Member present: Gwen Lappin

Changes to agenda: Move printing of new directory and technology discussion from old business to new business. Add navigational safety to new business.

MSP – Approve and accept secretary minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting and the July 12th, 2021, special board meeting.

No questions on the Treasurer's report

Communications: Jon received letter from a member that expressed concerns about lake homes being used as VRBO. This is a reality everywhere and is handled as a county/state issue at this time. Jan shared that VRBO designated property is assessed at a commercial tax rate.

Old Business:

MSP – Approve donation of \$100.00 to Salem Lutheran Church for use of Fellowship Hall for annual meeting

New Business:

MSP - Approve association budget, as proposed, for 2022. Budget will be presented at annual association meeting. Proposed budget and other relevant materials will be available at meeting and posted on website.

President and Secretary positions are up for election. Board is nominating Rich Hess for President position and Gwen Lappin for Secretary position.

Annual meeting updates: August 14th, 10 a.m. – Salem Lutheran Church

- Rich, Jan, Sue, and Linda will install the road signs for annual meeting.
- Jon will place newspaper ads.
- Nancy will order and pick up five dozen doughnuts from Woman Lake Lodge. We will also serve coffee. Meeting will be in Fellowship Hall at Salem Lutheran vs. in the sanctuary.
- Standing committee chairs submit their annual report to Jon by July 25th. This will be used for the annual report provided to members at the annual meeting. Meg Duhr, Research Outreach Specialist, University of Minnesota, will be our guest speaker and will speak on zebra mussels and other AIS issues. **MSP –** Approve \$50.00 donation to Minnesota AIS Research Center at University of Minnesota.

Technology – Kathy led discussion around having a committee work closely with membership, website, Facebook, newsletter, and other areas, as needed, to address areas such as member privacy and security, member engagement, use of surveys, and adding a donate button to Facebook as a few examples. **MSP –** Approve changing social media standing committee to communications and technology committee. Kathy will lead and work with Bob Hankey, Sue Meyer, and others on this.

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New Member Directory – given privacy and other concerns, CGWLAA will explore online member directory and bring need for member access to directory to vote at the annual meeting.

Navigational safety – discussed need for maintenance during the season. We hire a company to install and remove the buoys each spring and fall but they need to be checked and maintained, as needed, during the season. Jon and Rich will take care of current maintenance needed and then discussed idea of water patrol checking on the buoys as part of their water patrol duties. Board also discussed need for a buoy at the Boy River and Bungey Bay entrance due to ongoing low water level and rocks. **MSP** – Approve adding a buoy to Boy River and Bungey Bay entrance with budget of up to \$300.00 to spend on this.

Standing Committee Reports: (included as provided by Committee chairs in writing and/or at meeting)

AIS – Rich Hess. As of July 9th, the following bodies of water were added to the infested waters list: Pine Mountain, Cass, Big Lake, Beltrami – zebra mussels and Pimushe and Beltrami for starry stonewort. On June 30th, PLM surveyed the four launch ramps on our chain and found no AIS. AIS Consultants will survey the littoral zone (15 feet and less) of Girl Lake on July 15th for AIS. No new milfoil was found based on survey.

Fisheries – No new information.

Membership – Bob Hankey. 552 members. Carole will be available mid-August for electronic piece of membership. In the meantime, will house on one data base. Data base will move to the web host and, for technology purposes, Terry will confirm name of web host site for Kathy. PayPal is ready to and this will be another option for membership renewals. Board will test it out first. Bob will present PayPal option at August board meeting. If committee chairs need access to Simple Solutions, let Bob Hankey know. New members will be asked about needing signs but we will not include that on renewals.

Newsletter – Linda Kane. Preparations are occurring for fall issue of newsletter. Send ideas for fall articles to Linda.

Road Signs – Jon Stevenson. Installed four new member signs, replaced six old or broken signs, one member moved so removed sign.

Social Media (going forward Communications and Technology) – Kathy Scharmer. Cass County is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. This plan is being developed for the citizens of Cass County in carrying out the county's responsibilities to landowners, visitors, and other governmental units. The survey is out on our Facebook site now. Please take this survey.

Water Patrol – Gordie Hess. Water patrol is going well. All new volunteers have completed their training session. The boat was pulled and shown in the 4th of July parade. Thanks to Dennis at All Seasons for having the boat on the trailer and ready to go on the morning of the 4th. Missing and damaged/leaking buoys were replaced. Boat was pulled out to correct steering wheel but anticipated to be up and running for weekend of July 17th.

Water Quality – Ann Stevenson. Our water quality volunteers did the second water collection and secchi disk reading on June 27th. The samples were delivered to the RMB collection site on June 28th. The third watering monitoring will be July 25th with delivery to RMB on July 26th. Sampling is done five times a season at four lake locations: Child, Girl, Broadwater, and Woman.

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Lake Reps – Sue Meyer – Girl Lake. Per board request, I contacted Steven Yang from Get the Lead Out to speak at annual meeting, but he has not confirmed attendance. Recommend sharing the GTLO materials at the annual meeting and requesting the attendees bring some lead tackle in exchange for a sample packet of non-lead tackle. I also approached John at Full Tackle to allow us to place a GTLO box for lead tackle collection and offer samples of non-lead tackle in exchange and he agreed to this. I then requested more materials from the GTLO program. Steven Yang thought it was a good idea to approach bait and tackle shops and would discuss this with the committee and get back to me. As of this date, I have not heard back or received more materials.

As Steven Yang had not confirmed being our speaker at the annual meeting, I approached Meg Duhr from Minnesota AIS Research Center to be our speaker and she accepted. I had the opportunity to meet her and see her presentation at the June ACCL meeting and was impressed with her example of boat activity on Woman Lake coming from infested waters and their prediction of zebra mussels possible infestation in eight years to our lakes.

I had a call regarding the buoy at Patrick's entrance to the city docks being very low in the water. I was unable to find the buoy and reported it to Jon who was able to locate and retrieve the sunken buoy.

Nancy Schuelke – Woman Lake. Contacted two new members to make introduction, welcome them as new member, and arrange time to deliver new directory to them. One asked about ideas to control beavers on their property so this might be good article for fall newsletter. I will follow up with member and direct them to DNR as well.

Next meeting will be August 19th, 2021, 6:30 PM at Woodrow Town Hall.

August agenda topics to include:

- Annual meeting follow-up
- Bob Hankey – Review new PayPal option

MSP to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Schuelke, Secretary

