

Child, Girl, and Woman Lakes Area Association Minutes – August 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by new President Rich Hess. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Board members present: Rich Hess, Gwen Lappin (new board member and secretary), Terry Fay, Jon Stevenson, Nancy Schuelke, Cindy Hankey, Gordie Hess, Kathy Scharmer, Sue Meyer, Janis Kelley, Ann Stevenson, Linda Kane, Gary Knox.

MSP – Approve and accept secretary minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting. August annual meeting minutes were sent to the board to be reviewed and approved at the September board meeting and the August, 2022, annual association meeting.

No questions on the Treasurer's report. Member inquired as to access to the treasurer's report. **A motion was made to email secretary and treasurer's report. This led to discussion of pros and cons of emailing vs. including on website. After discussing, the motion was tabled.** Board agreed next step is to review Terry's proposed model of delivery. Terry asked for samples if anyone had ideas. Ultimately, this could be part of Communications and Technology committee work and included in newsletter.

Communications: Rich emphasized importance of being vigilant in reporting any potential zebra mussels and/or other AIS.

Old Business:

At the 8-14-2021 annual meeting, members MSP to continue to provide the lake association directory to all members by email or mail (if email not available). Currently, about 450 receive via email. We print every three years. Directory will be sent out by end of August. Ultimately, as discussed at annual meeting, goal will be to be able to access the directory via assigned password to website. Until that time, we will continue to have extras to include in the new member directories.

MSP to increase donation to Salem Lutheran Church from \$100 to \$150. This increase is due to the fact we needed technology support added to the annual meeting.

New Business:

Communications and Technology – Kathy provided updates on the recommendations the committee has worked on so far.

- Members can choose their name and address preference to include in the directory and other communications.
- Secure web page with password (similar to recommendation made at annual meeting)
- Create member survey on ways they want to use/access directory. Board discussed the merits and purpose of a survey like this. Board agreed we would need to discuss surveys further at a later date.
- Email security of board members. Kathy shared there are a few options that could work and be more secure.

As next steps, board asked Kathy to provide these recommendations, in written form, to the board. The board can review and vote on at the September board meeting.

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Cindy Hankey and Terry Fay will follow up with Scott Kruse on his business relationship and contract with us.

MSP to re-appoint all committees and chairs

MSP to nominate Jon Stevenson to complete remaining Vice President term. Bob Riesselman resigned July 16th, 2021, which created this opening.

Discussed strategy for succession planning for President position and agreed this will be an ongoing agenda item.

Discussed need to have CGWLAA association insurance policy reviewed regarding water patrol boat and buoys in particular. Next step: Ideally, work with local attorney and have them review policy. **MSP to determine cost to hire an attorney to review our insurance policy.**

MSP for water patrol to be responsible for doing a visual check of the safety buoys and to log this in the water patrol journal.

Debriefed annual meeting. Salem Lutheran Church was a good venue. 64 members signed in – 55 members and nine board members. Members made the motion to increase dues to \$35 which was unanimously approved along with the 2019 meeting minutes, 2022 budget, and to continue with the directory as we have been doing until we have a secured password option. GTLO information and presentation by Meg Duhr on zebra mussels and AIS was well received. **Next year we should plan to have name tags available for all members.**

PayPal option for member dues and donations: Bob Hankey will present how it works at a future meeting.

Standing Committee Reports: (notes as captured at meeting). Formal detailed report was provided to members at the 8-14-2021 annual association meeting.

AIS – Rich Hess. Continue to educate and report any found zebra mussels and other AIS. Poison hemlock has been found. The flower resembles Queen Ann's lace. Don't burn it (cover with plastic). Linda will include updates in fall newsletter and good to include on Facebook, too. Survey on Starry Stonewart happening on Saturday. Rich is gathering detail on veliger study to identify everything captured in the veliger nets and board did MSP funding for this.

Fisheries – Rich Hess. Detailed information was provided to members at annual meeting along with Q/A with Rich. DNR doing survey on AIS impacts on walleyes (Woman Lake).

Membership – Cindy Hankey. 566 members. Directory going out by end of month.

Newsletter – Linda Kane. Preparations are occurring for fall issue of newsletter.

Target mid-September delivery. Ideas for articles so far include poison hemlock, starry stonewart, GTLO, beaver management on properties, zebra mussels, treasurer's report.

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Road Signs – Jon Stevenson. Ordered two new member signs and two to replace broken signs. Installed five new member signs. Removed one sign for member that moved and nine nonmember signs.

Water Patrol – Gordie Hess. Water patrol is going well. New boat motor coming in late August/September. Water patrol will check safety buoys as part of their duties. Last patrol for the season will be September. Gordie also made zebra mussel settlement plates for hanging from docks if interested.

Water Quality – Ann Stevenson. Next water quality check will be weekend of August 21st. Ann checked on our RMB trends as there showed some declining trends on Woman Lake. They reviewed the trends over the last 13 years and, upon review, noted that the first two years of testing impacted the statistics as they used different methods of testing. The last 11 of 13 years have exhibited stable trends the last 11 of 13 years are stable.

Communications and Technology – Kathy Scharmer. Updated noted under New Business

Lake Reps – Sue Meyer – Girl Lake. GTLO – received one pound of lead tackle at meeting. Handed out several samples and took box to Full Stringer to display along with sample packets. Also, provided box to One Stop (no samples).

Next meeting will be September 16th, 2021, 6:30 PM at Woodrow Town Hall.

September agenda topics to include:

- Communications and Technology recommendations (written)
- Succession planning – ongoing discussion
- Volunteer appreciation dinner (location has been finalized. September 9th at Patrick's)
- Potential - Bob Hankey – Review new PayPal option

MSP to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Schuelke on behalf of Gwen Lappin, Secretary