

**CHILD, GIRL, WOMAN LAKES AREA ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WOODROW TOWNSHIP HALL 6:30 PM SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President, Rich Hess at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Hess, Chuck Miotke, Terry Fay, Gwendolyn Lappin, Jon Stevenson, Ann Stevenson, Gordie Hess, Kathy Scharmer, Nancy Schuelke, Bill Hornung, Janis Kelley, Larry Anderson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Knox, Bob Hankey and Cindy Hankey.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Gwendolyn Lappin, Secretary) A motion was made by Ann Stevenson, seconded by Chuck Miotke to approve and accept the CGWLAA Board Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carried to accept Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Ann Stevenson, seconded by Chuck Miotke to approve and accept the CGWLAA Board Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2022. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carried to accept Board Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Terry Fay, Treasurer) A motion was made by Jon Stevenson, seconded by Ann Stevenson to approve and accept the CGWLAA Treasurer's Report dated July 1 to July 31, 2022. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carried to accept Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS: NOTHING TO REPORT

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Rich Hess has sent a letter to the DNR representative, with the hope they would consider rescheduling the August Midwest Bass Federation Tournament to every other year, due to the dead bass floating in the Girl Lake area of Patrick's Restaurant. We sent a letter last September as well with the same concerns expressed. As a Lake Association we are unable to stop these tournaments and they do bring a lot of business to the area. Our lake did not have a tournament the 3rd week of June this year. As an association our goals are to help minimize the pressure put on the Bass population.
- B. Kathy Scharmer, has suggested that as a board we purchase Swedish Towels, from the Association of Cass County Lakes, these towels are used to wipe your fishing line for aquatic species and other uses, to help assist in the stop the spread. We could use them for promotions, take to new members in our new member packets, give out to resorts, and just one more way to remind people of the importance of stopping the spread of Zebra Mussels, Spiney Water fleas, Starry Stonewort, etc. and the spread of AIS.

A Motion was made by Kathy Scharmer, seconded by Larry Anderson, to purchase Swedish Towels from ACCL, 200 towels at 55 cents apiece, for \$110.00. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carried to purchase 200 Swedish Towels to be given to new members, resorts, guides, assist the board "To stop the spread of Aquatics Species"!

- C. Kathy Scharmer has brought up that we as a board need to add ZOOM as an option to our Board Meetings. Looking into the future, we could again find ourselves not being able to meet in person with covid or flu outbreaks and just some of our board members may not have returned to their summer homes. This would give access to all the Board members making it a valuable tool. Kathy Scharmer, will set up an account and get the ball rolling with setting up logistics so ZOOM will be ready for next spring 2023.
- D. Kathy Scharmer made an announcement, with news, that the second candidate that ran for Vice President, Jamie McGregor, she was able to reach out to Jamie and has him getting involved with ACCL. He will report back to the CGWLA with updates from the ACCL Board meetings. This will be

a great way for our board to remain informed and also have Jamie McGregor involved in the Lakes Association as a liaison between the 2 boards.

- E. The subject of the entrance on the Boy River, from Woman Lake to Girl Lake, by adding or changing the entrance regarding the buoys. It was brought up at the Annual meeting, concerns of various members regarding the entrance and how to navigate the 2 buoys that are currently arranged and that boaters seem to miss the mark. We currently have 2 buoys marking the entrance. It has been suggested that we add a third buoy to help with this confusion and that next year we need to trim vegetation in front of the current sign which is now covered in vegetation and not readable.

A motion was made by Larry Anderson, second by Kathy Sharmer to add a third buoy at the entrance of the Boy River to Child Lake. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was amended to purchase 3 large matching buoys to go across the opening of the Boy River to help with the confusion of boaters going into the Boy River and hitting the rocks. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to purchase 3 buoys, which are to be installed in 2023 spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – RICH HESS

Starry Stonewort verified today in Thunder Lake. No Eurasian watermilfoil observed at the city docks and none at Austin's Swamp. PLM reported no AIS at the four boat launch ramps on our Chain.

COMMUNICATIONS/ TECHNOLOGY – KATHY SCHARMER – Nothing to report

FISHERIES – RICH HESS

Fall gill netting to start next week in Woman Lake. Tournament letters covered earlier on agenda. Electronic walleye netting will also begin in the next few weeks. Rich will report the numbers when they're available.

MEMBERSHIP – CHUCK MIOTKE, BOB AND CINDY HANKEY

Chuck Miotke has accepted heading up the membership committee. Chuck has met with Cindy Hankey covering her duties and she has handed off the files, computer, and printer. Cindy is great resource and will continue to support me when needed. The Association computer was not operating properly so it was repaired last week and now seems to be working properly. Chuck is presently learning the software and database functions.

I would welcome anyone interested in working with membership committee.

I can be reached at cmiotke@yahoo.com or 989-430-3877

NEWSLETTER – LINDA KANE

Preparations are in progress for the fall newsletter. Topics include:

Annual Meeting Summary including map donation and auction.

Zebra Mussel Update

Plants/Trees for Spring Planting

Article in June Special Meeting and Topic

Minnesota Loon Restoration Project

Blastomycosis informational article (dogs)

A couple of other inquiries on additional topics are outstanding. I expect a response by this weekend.

Please let me know if you have questions

ROAD SIGNS – JON STEVENSON

Installed one new member sign, two new members signs are being made, two members, renewed, signs are reinstallation. Jon did mention that our signs at each road have been up since roughly 1980. We possibly are

going to have to start replacing some of these, as they are over 40 years old and treated wood only lasts so long. It is just a fyi for now but they are starting to show their age.

WATER QUALITY – ANN STEVENSON

The last water test will take place in a few days. Water quality is the same without any changes

WATER PATROL – GORDIE HESS

Wow, where has the summer gone, and September is flying by. After a late ice out and less than good weather, the patrol season finally got going in earnest the first weekend in June. Weather has continued to play a role in our patrol sessions throughout the summer season with storms limiting several days of activities. To date, through mid-September, patrol volunteers have devoted 146 hours to help make the time on the lakes safe and enjoyable for everyone. Many youngsters have been rewarded with coupons for ice cream at Frosty's in Longville by having appropriate life jackets on. Handing out those coupons is probably one of the most enjoyable aspects of water patrol. The grin on a youngster's face when they learn they have earned an ice cream treat can really brighten the day. We have received a few thank you notes from the youngsters in appreciation for their ice cream treats.

In addition to safety checks on boaters, patrol volunteers monitor the condition of warning buoys, place buoys and channel markers, warn boaters of pending weather conditions, and occasionally offer assistance to boaters out of fuel or in need of other assistance.

Perhaps the biggest news for the season was the long-anticipated arrival of the new motor on the patrol boat. A shiny new 200HP Mercury outboard now propels the boat around the chain of lakes. Everyone loves the smooth performance and quiet idle that facilitates contact and communication with boaters and eliminates smokey exhaust. Plus, the motor is very easy on gas compared to the previous two stroke motor. A full patrol shift typically consumes a little over 3 gallons in 3 hours.

The patrol boat was entered in the Longville 4th of July parade on behalf of the Association. Next year we are going to add some red, white, and blue 4th of July decorations to the boat and trailer. Cass County deputies also used the boat in support of the fireworks on Girl Lake.

I am grateful for the volunteers that provide me monthly reports of their availability for patrol duties. Their willingness to devote a few hours a month to enhance the experience of boater, kayakers, paddleboarders, and swimmers is a very significant aspect of the Association's functions. We can always use additional volunteers to facilitate more patrol hours on busy summer days. Typically, volunteers are scheduled for one day a month for a two-to-three-hour shift. Patrols leave and return from All Seasons Resort. I hope you will consider stepping up and joining our water patrol group in 2023. For more information and details please do not hesitate to contact me (651-402-6258) or email drgordo@comcast.net.

Gordy did add that volunteers gave performed approximately 160 hours on the Lakes this year, Averaging 12 to 20 contacts during each outing.

DIRECTORS AT-LARGE – GARY KNOX (WOMAN LAKE), NANCY SCHUELKE (WOMAN LAKE), JANIS KELLEY (WOMAN LAKE) BILL HORNING (CHILD LAKE), LARRY ANDERSON (GIRL LAKE)

Nothing to Report

Our next CGWLAA Board Meeting is on Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Nancy Schuelke, seconded by Ann Stevenson. Motion to adjourn unanimously approved, none opposed. Meeting adjournment at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn Lappin, Secretary

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Budget Line	Budget	Expense YTD	Reimburs.	Remaining Budget Balance
Newsletter	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 502.77		\$ 1,997.23
Water Patrol	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 220.19		\$ 1,179.81
Road Signs	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 371.91		\$ 728.09
Water Quality	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 300.00	\$ 285.94		\$ 14.06
Public Relations & Membership	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,051.54		\$ 198.46
Admin. & Travel	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 2,752.43		\$ (1,477.43)
Communication Technology	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Shoreline Buffer Restoration	\$ 700.00	\$ 343.50		\$ 356.50
Contingency Fund	\$ 1,100.00			\$ 1,100.00
Acquatic Invasive Species	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,609.95		\$ 1,390.05
Navigational Safety		\$ 752.01		\$ (752.01)
Total	\$ 15,125.00	\$ 7,890.24	\$ -	\$ 7,234.76

Current month balance	Endowment Account			Total Assets
\$ 46,380.36	\$ 25,236.09			\$ 71,616.45