

## October 6, 2022 ,CGWLAA Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Chuck Miotke, VP, Terry Fay, Treasurer, Larry Anderson, Gordie Hess, Bill Hornung, Linda Kane, Jan Kelley, Gary Knox, Kathleen Scharmer, Nancy Schuelke, Ann Stevenson, Jon Stevenson

Guests Present: Jamie MacGregor, new ACCL liaison, Mike Wold, Bill Pilacinski

Board Members Absent: Rich Hess, President, Gwen Lappin, Secretary

1. Chuck Miotke, Vice President, ran the meeting in Rich Hess's absence and called the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
3. Chuck led the board and guests in the welcome and introductions.
4. Agenda additions/changes – added the following as topics under new business:
  - Gift card for Bob and Cindy Hankey for their years of service on the board - Jon
  - Navigational safety and paying for removal of remaining mooring buoys - Jon
  - Lake Access Signage - Jon
  - Milkweed – Bill
  - Zebra Mussels – Mike
5. **M/S/P – (Terry Fay/Jan Kelley)** – approved September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, board secretary's report with typo correction
6. **M/S/P – Jon Stevenson/Gordie Hess)** – approved treasurer's report emailed to board on 10-6-2022.
7. **Old Business** – buoys for the Boy River access to Child Lake have been ordered and will be placed in the spring
8. **New Business**
  - a. ACCL Annual meeting update – Kathleen covered the key points. Spencer Rettler, MN Loon Restoration Project, and Sheila Johnson, MN Loon Rescue Project, had two great Loon Restoration Presentations. **Kathleen also recommended having Spencer speak at our 2023 CGWLAA annual member meeting.** She also highlighted the MAISRC award to ACCL, shared new directors for ACCL (Nancy secretary, Jamie director) and opening for President. We will send year in review out to board and Sheila's presentation along with ACCL annual meeting minutes.
  - b. **M/S/P – (Jon Stevenson/Linda Kane) – approve monthly meeting dates proposed for 2023**

As part of this discussion, we will need to determine date for annual member meeting and, overall, board sees value of adding a planning meeting to be held early spring. Given we will have zoom access, this seems very doable. Several items were discussed that could be part of the planning meeting: Items noted so far:

    - Revamp access kiosks to ensure we are educating and providing tools to aid in preventing AIS – for example, provide reachers, brush, QR codes, etc. Dana Gutzmann, Cass County AIS technician, is working on this as part of AIS strategies and so we can tap into that work as part of this.
    - Membership strategies to retain and grow our number of lake association members. Many great ideas surfaced during this discussion such as reaching out to local

realtors and other local organizations, signage, pamphlets, signage and payment strategy, hosting events, water patrol materials to educate on AIS, etc.

- c. **MSP (Jan Kelley/Larry Anderson)** – approved a \$200 gift card for Bob and Cindy Hankey along with a lifetime CGWLAA membership as a thank you for their years of service running membership data base, communications, and several other initiatives to support the success of our lake association.
  - d. Discussed the removal of three remaining mooring buoys and board agreed, based on discussion at last meeting, that Jon Stevenson has the authority to pay for removal of these as it falls within the budget parameters. There was no need for a motion to be made on the item. Next step is that he will contact the dock removal company, find out cost, and authorize removal.
  - e. Milkweed – Bill Pilacinski joined us to remind us the importance of milkweed as one of the great pollinators. He has had a hard time finding it and so asked us to spread the word. As next steps, Jan will let garden club know, Linda will put in newsletter, and Kathleen will put a request out on Facebook.
  - f. Mike Wold, CGWLAA member, brought a picture of the zebra mussels over by his place near Lantern Bay. We discussed the increased presence of zebra mussels everywhere and the importance of continuing to raise awareness and emphasize the importance of decontamination, and thorough cleaning of boats and trailers.
9. Committee Reports (separate attachment) – item came up under fisheries; question by Bill Pilacinski on the impact of over stocking to natural reproduction (follow up with Rich Hess)
10. Next meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with follow up to determine spring planning meeting (perhaps April timeframe?)
11. **M/S/P – Gary Knox/Bill Hornung** approved motion to adjourn the meeting

Handed AIS coasters and ACCL AIS Swedish towels to members to use for new members as well as to provide coasters to local resorts and businesses.

## **10-6-2022 CGWLAA Committee Updates:**

### **AIS – Rich Hess**

Zebra Mussel reported in Girl Lake on 9-27-2022 by Gordie Hess

### **Communications/Technology – Kathleen Scharmer**

ACCL updates and Loon updates to be discussed during ACCL annual meeting update on agenda

### **Fisheries – Rich Hess**

Woman was electroshocked by the DNR on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and they continue to be amazed at the consistency the lower stocking density is having. 105 Young of the year walleye/hr with a mean length of 5.96 inches, with some up to about 8 inches. Pretty good catches at all stations, too, which was a pleasant surprise. Also 57 age 1 walleye/hr, which looks to be a strong YC in both electrofishing and gill nets. In the gill nets, 14.0 Walleye/net, 23.6 Yellow perch/net, and 4.3 Northern pike per net. And, the crayfish weren't bad this year. The strong 2021 Year class drove the high walleye catch.

### **Membership – Chuck Miotke, Bob/Cindy Hankey**

We continue to receive dues for new and existing members. Lake homes and cabins are changing owners and great to see new owners are becoming Association members. This month we signed up three new members and one renewal.

### **Newsletter – Linda Kane**

Linda will send to Chuck within the week and then Chuck will go meet with Bob and Cindy Hankey to get the newsletter sent out.

### **Road Signs – Jon Stevenson**

We will install five new member signs soon.

### **Water Quality – Ann Stevenson**

We wrapped up the 2022 lake monitoring season. All reports are normal. You can go to [www.rmbel.info/data](http://www.rmbel.info/data) for further details.

### **Water Patrol – Gordie Hess**

The water patrol season concluded our regularly scheduled patrols on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Total time on patrol by volunteers were 155.5 hours. Log sheets documented 342 public contacts for checks on safety equipment, aid to boaters experiencing problems (needed a tow, lost, etc.), and answered countless queries on where the fish were biting. Volunteers also repaired the boat lift when the lift cable separated from the drum, placed some of the warning buoys and channel markers, and put in some of the hours to break-in the new motor. Despite a late start due to late ice-out a successful season on the lakes and a good time was had by all.

### **Directors at Large – Gary Knox, Nancy Schuelke, Jan Kelley, Larry Anderson, Bill Hornung**

Nancy – we have ACCL AIS Swedish towels to distribute to new members and AIS coasters to provide to resorts and have at annual meeting.

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Budget Line	Budget	Expense YTD	Reimburs.	Remaining Budget Balance
Newsletter	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,107.73		\$ 1,392.27
Water Patrol	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 220.19		\$ 1,179.81
Road Signs	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 483.68		\$ 616.32
Water Quality	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,260.00		\$ 240.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 300.00	\$ 237.94		\$ 62.06
Public Relations & Membership	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,051.54		\$ 198.46
Admin. & Travel	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 4,634.13		\$ (3,359.13)
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	\$ 1,081.16		\$ 1,918.84
Navigational Safety		\$ 1,452.01		\$ (1,452.01)
Total	\$ 15,125.00	\$ 11,871.88	\$ -	\$ 3,253.12

Current month balance	Endowment Account			Total Assets
\$ 42,981.84	\$ 25,331.82			\$ 68,313.66