

**CHILD, GIRL, WOMAN LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WOODROW TOWNSHIP HALL
May 18, 2023 6:30 PM
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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, Ann Stevenson, Gordie Hess, Kathy Scharmer, Nancy Schuelke “via Zoom”, Bill Hornung, Janis Kelley, Larry Anderson, Gary Knox

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Stevenson

AGENDA ADDITION/CHANGES – no changes

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Gwendolyn Lappin – A motion was made by Linda Kane, seconded by Terry Faye to approve and accept the Secretary’s CGWLAA Board meeting Minutes from October 6th, 2022. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept Board Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Terry Fay – A motion was made by Chuck Miotke, seconded by Jan Kelly to approve and accept Treasurer’s report dated April 1, 2023. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Get The Lead Out - Sue Meyer will continue to work on the Get The Lead Out program. She would like to add some events for this program.

Loon Friendly Management Plan – Timeline – Kathy Scharmer will present later.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION - At this year’s Annual Meeting we will need to elect a Secretary and a President. Rich has announced that he will not seek re-election for president after his 2 year term is up. We need to start looking for a replacement. It was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter looking for anyone interested in becoming president.

CGWLAA board meeting dates – 3rd Thursday of the month May – October .

A motion to approve the meeting dates as follows for 2023:

May 18, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

June 15, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

July 20, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

August 17, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

September 21, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

October 5, 2023 – Thursday – 6:30 pm

Annual Members Meeting – August 5th, 2023, 10 AM

TBD – Recognition Dinner (We will announce date and place at a later time)

Motion was made by Linda Kane, seconded by Chuck Miotke to approve and accept the dates for Board meetings.

Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept the above-mentioned dates for Board Meetings.

BOY RIVER BUOYS - We have placed a third buoy at the entrance to the Boy River. We are hoping that this will help navigate the entrance to the Boy River from Woman Lake.

WOMAN LAKE REPRESENTATIVE – Jan Kelley has turned in her resignation as the Woman Lake Representative. Thank you, Jan, for all your years of service.

NEW APPOINTMENT OF WOMAN LAKE REPRESENTATIVE – Nancy Coughlin was introduced as a replacement for the Woman Lake representative. A motion was made by Gary Knox, seconded by Larry Anderson, to approve Nancy Coughlin as the newest addition to the board as a Woman Lake Representative. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept Nancy Coughlin as Woman Lake Representative.

LOON LIAISON – Kathy Scharmer has asked to resign as the Loon Liaison representative. Kathy Scharmer presented a replacement, Jenny Chapman. A motion was made by Gary Knox, seconded by Chuck Miotke, to approve the appointment of Jenny Chapman as our Loon Liaison for CGWLAA Board. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept our new Loon Liaison.

Jenny is working on getting speakers for our Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – Rich Hess

No new AIS reports for Cass County. No new waters in Cass County were listed as infested through March 31, 2023. Tools for removing AIS from watercraft will be available soon at the Woman and Girl Lake launch ramps.

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY – Kathy Scharmer

Kathy has 995 followers on our Facebook page.

Gala Raffle Basket – out of 39 baskets our basket was number 5 in popularity. We learned what we should put in our basket next year. Our basket was very well received.

Kathy gave a update on our new Google Work Space page. We need to educate everyone on our new emails. Kathy will address this at a later date.

FISHERIES – Rich Hess

Fall 2022 Assessment results DNR

DNR report: Young of the year (YOY) walleye electrofishing Fall 2022: Woman Lake was shocked on Sept. 22nd. and we continue to be amazed at the consistency the lower stocking density is having. 105 YOY walleye/hr with a mean length of 5.96", with some up to about 8". Pretty good catches at all stations too, which was a pleasant surprise. Also 57 age-1 walleyes/hr, which looks to be a strong Year Class in both electrofishing and gill nets.

DNR report: Gill nets, 14.0 WAE/net, 23.6 YEP/net, 4.3 NOP/net, 3.2 TLC/net. And the rusty crayfish weren't bad this year. The strong 2021 Year Class dominated the high walleye catch.

DNR report: Walleye egg take April 27 – May 3, 2023. Approximately 450 quarts of walleye eggs were collected. There are approximately 125,000 walleye eggs per quart. A small female may produce about 50,000 eggs. Older, larger females can produce 150,000 eggs.

MEMBERSHIP – Chuck Miotke

CGWAA Membership Comments May 2023

We mailed out 587 renewal notices on April 13 and April 15, 2023. As of May 10, 2023 we have received 430 memberships returned. Please continue to send in your dues. Our goal would be to have all 2023 dues collected by June 1, 2023.

On Child, Girl and Woman Lakes there are 781 homes. We have 194 homeowners that are not members. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join and participate in the Association.

Over the winter the membership email address was changed. Our new membership email is:

membership@womanlakechain.org

A special Thank You to Carol Houghton for investigating our options, and setting up the email account.

NEWSLETTER – Linda Kane –

Linda has an outline all ready for the newsletter. She will be wrapping up the newsletter by the end of the month. She will be providing an article on the voting etiquette; she has had request for this information. Linda will put together an article regarding the buoys.

ROAD SIGNS – Jon Stevenson

We have ordered two new member signs, three members renewed their signs, two members have moved, and removed their signs.

WATER QUALITY – Ann Stevenson

Sampling equipment pick up date

We will soon be doing our Water Quality Monitoring. It is done five times at four locations: Child, Girl, Woman and Broadwater Bay. I will pick up the water sampler coolers at Backus land Office on Friday, May 26 and arrange delivering to our samplers. RMB does analysis for Chlorophyll-a and Phosphorus. We've asked them to also do a once a year salt level test. Last year they said our salt level was very good.

WATER PATROL- Gordie Hess

July 4th parade – we need volunteers for the parade. We need to decorate and come up with ideas for the parade. Ice Cream coupons/log sheets

Things are ready for the 2023 season on the water. The patrol boat is in place at the resort. The Sherriff has supplied a new battery for the boat and a generous supply of boating regulation pamphlets. We have an adequate supply of ice cream coupons for the kids. We will be doing a general clean up of the boat this week.

I sent requests for available hours to approximately 24 volunteers (folks who have expressed an interest in patrol or have patrolled in the past) to plan patrol activities in June. To date I have heard from 12 and our patrol activities will formally begin on June 3, some volunteers will be out in late May to get things underway.

We have traditionally entered the patrol boat in the July 4th parade. I will not be available to tow the boat on 4th of July as I will be at a family gathering in the Cities. My thoughts are that if we want to enter the parade, we should make an effort to decorate the truck/boat/trailer with some appropriate red white and blue décor, flags, etc.

NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY – Jon Stevenson (Task Committee)

Navigational Safety will not report at most meetings.

The navigational Safety Team worked on the buoy's last fall and this spring. And they are in very good condition. The buoys are installed at their locations. We installed a third buoy at the Boy River in Bungy Bay, stay to the right when entering the river.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE – Gary Knox, Nancy Schuelke, Jan Kelley, Larry Anderson, Bill Hornung

Jan Kelley reports on the new member binders, Jon Stevenson is working on updating the binders. We really need to look at updating these binders. It has been a struggle to get the binders to new members. We need to maybe bring the binders to the annual meeting and the new members could pick up at that time.

Larry Anderson, has mentioned the bridge between the grocery store and the resort and are they going to do anything about the water control of water exiting Girl Lake. This has been a concern for Girl Lake residents, with lake levels. Rich will follow up and maybe he can find out some information regarding this property/bridge project/beaver dam.

Meeting Adjournment: A motion was made by Jan Kelley, seconded by Linda Kane to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved, none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwendolyn Lappin

CGWLAA - 4/30/2023

Budget Line	Budget	Expense YTD	Remaining Budget Balance
Newsletter	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Water Patrol	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Water Quality	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Public Relations & Membership	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 525.63	\$ 2,774.37
Admin. & Travel	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 4,530.00
Communication Technology	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 180.00
Shoreline Buffer Restoration	\$ 600.00	\$ 451.50	\$ 148.50
Contingency Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Acquatic Invasive Species	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Navigational Safety	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Webmaster	\$ 300.00		
Total	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 1,467.13	\$ 15,832.87

Current month balance	Endowment Account		Total Assets
\$ 47,522.38	\$ 25,499.57		\$ 73,021.95