

**CHILD, GIRL, WOMAN LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WOODROW TOWNSHIP HALL
JUNE 15, 2023**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rich Hess, Chuck Miotke, Terry Fay, Gordie Hess, Bill Pilacinski, Larry Anderson, Gary Knox, Nancy Schuelke, Nancy Coughlin and Jon Stevenson

A guest joined the meeting. Her name is Nicole _____.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Kane, Gwendolyn Lappin, Ann Stevenson, Kathy Scharmer, and Bill Hornung.

AGENDA ADDITION/CHANGES:

1) Jon added that he would like to discuss the “new member” books.

2) Gordie Hess is unable to attend this year’s July 4th parade. Discussion was held as to whether to participate in this year’s parade. It was decided that Dennis Sawyers or Jon would load the boat onto the truck that Chuck offered. Jon will drive the truck with Rich and Terry in the boat. Chuck will bring a step ladder. Gordy will provide the 2 banners that go on each side of the truck. It was noted that the parade route has changed this year. Staging will occur at the lumber yard behind the One Stop. (due to safety and liability concerns we will not throw candy)

SECRETARY’S REPORT

A motion was made by Terry Fay and seconded by Chuck Miotke to approve and accept the Secretary’s CGWLAA Board Minutes from May 18, 2023. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept Board Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Terry Fay explained that the spreadsheets are a continuous improvement and it’s her goal to have the spreadsheets “talk to each other”. Terry acknowledged Rich’s help in tightening the budget. A motion was made by Chuck Miotke and seconded by Gordie Hess to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The ayes have it, motion carries to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new member notebooks were discussed. It was decided that Nancy Schuelke and Nancy Coughlin will assist Jon Stevenson with creating and implementing new notebooks. It was also noted that current newsletters should be included.

Shoreline Restoration Program — Bill Pilacinski relayed that there has not been good participation in members wanting shoreline restoration plants in the past year. For the first few years, 60 to 65 members participated. However, this year 33 committed to receiving the plants

while only 22 showed up. The association has paid \$450 for these plants this year. Bill has added extra Saturdays for the past 2 years to distribute these plants. However, attendance is lacking. Discussion ensued on whether to keep this program. Nancy Schuelke pointed out the importance of Bill's articles relating to shoreline restoration, and all felt those should continue. There are other issues such as wake boats, not just plants, that relate to shoreline restoration. Chuck Miotke moved to discontinue the purchasing and distribution of the shoreline restoration trees/plants. Jon Stevenson seconded. The motion was voted upon and passed.

CGWLAA Board Meeting Dates — 3rd Thursday of the Month: May — September and October 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES — Rich Hess

No new AIS reports for Cass County as of June 7th. Discussion took place regarding the impact of the zebra mussels on the reduction of the Walleye growth rate vs the benefit to the small mouth bass, as well as the water clarity. It was discussed that AIS is part of the new membership booklets and is also on the website. It was felt that not enough people visit the website and perhaps Facebook would be a good place to put information on AIS.

COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY — Kathy Scharmer — No report

FISHERIES — Rich Hess

The walleye fry stocking totals from the DNR for Spring 2023 were: Child = 79,650, Girl = 137,700, Woman = 978,750. It was discussed that they are spread out in 5-gallon containers into 20+' of water.

MEMBERSHIP — Chuck Miotke

The second mailing was sent out on June 9th to the 97 members that have yet to renew their 2023 membership. It is hoped that everyone will pay their dues by July 15th. After July 15th, those members who have not paid will have their road signs removed and names removed from the database.

495 members have paid this year's dues, and many have paid for future years. Thank you to all that help support the association.

Facts:

495 members request communication by email,
517 members have requested road signs,
11 members have expressed interest in helping with the newsletter,
51 members have signed up for Road Cleanup; it was noted that the Association has approximately 11 miles of roadside,
24 members either volunteer or have expressed interest in the Water Patrol

If anyone is interested in volunteering, you can contact us at <https://www.womanlakechain.org>

NEWSLETTER — Linda Kane

The spring newsletter was completed and sent out. It was a great team effort. It was discussed that copies of the newsletter should be placed in the Chamber Building. Chuck agreed and will drop some off. It was noted that Linda would like copies of any photos of the July 4th parade.

ROAD SIGNS — Jon Stevenson

Two new member signs were installed. Orders for one new member sign, one replacement sign and a sign for a member that didn't have a sign were placed. It was noted that non-renewing members losing their signage has been a motivation to renew.

WATER QUALITY — Ann Stevenson

Water monitoring has begun. It is done 5 times a season from four locations. The first delivery in Longville to the RMB truck was June 5 and the next sampling is June 25th to be delivered on June 26th. Check the RMB website at rmbel.info for results.

www.rmbel.info

WATER PATROL — Gordie Hess

Water Patrol started on Memorial Day weekend. At the beginning of the year, 25 names were listed for volunteering, however, only 8 people responded. There is a mix of new and existing members that total 12 to 13 volunteers. Frosty's passes are given out and the Association has reimbursed Greg approximately \$200 to \$300 per year. It was noted that more volunteers are needed for Water Patrol.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE —

Nancy Scheulke talked of Association Cass County Lakes conduit to associations. Swedish towels which have AIS information printed on them for new member packets are 50 cents each. All agreed that they should be included in the new member packets. Discussion ensued regarding a speaker on AIS on June 30th. Nancy plans on attending

Larry Anderson found a zebra mussel at Johnson shores.

Gary Knox motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck Miotke and was passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT —

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, July 20th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Coughlin