

CHILD, GIRL, WOMAN LAKES AREA ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WOODROW TOWNSHIP HALL

JULY 20, 2023

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, Gordie Hess, Nancy Schuelke, Larry Anderson, Kathy Scharmer, Linda Kane, Jon Stevenson, Ann Stevenson, Bill Hornung, Nancy Coughlin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Knox

AGENDA ADDITION/CHANGES – No Changes or additions

SECRETARY'S REPORT – GWENDOLYN LAPPIN

A motion was made to accept Larry Anderson, seconded by Chuck Miotke to approve and accept the amended Secretary's CGWLAA Board Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2023. Motion passed, ayes have it, motion carries to accept Board Meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – TERRY FAY

Terry has continued to update all the spread sheets, she will continue to update these forms.

A motion was made by Jon Stevenson, seconded by Bill Hornung to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 6/1/2023 to 6/30/2023. The ayes have it, motion carries to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was opened regarding the October, \$500.00 donation that was made by Scott Carpenter, which he slated to be used for kids fishing (techniques, education, etiquette). Rich has been working on many ideas, but our insurance agent had many requirements for us to follow if we offer an event for children. Many ideas were mentioned, Rich will follow up with Scott Carpenter on how we will go forward.

NEW BUSINESS

LOON LIAISON – JENNY CHAPMAN

As a board, we discussed ideas of where on the lake, around the lake the association could put signs for all boaters to be aware of the Loons and their babies. A motion was made by Kathy Scharmer, seconded by Nancy Coughlin, for the Loon liaison to have a budget up to \$350.00 to have signs made for Loon Awareness. The ayes have it, motion carries to accept a budget up to \$350.00 and not to exceed \$350.00.

The board discussed possibly adding a budget for Loons or a “Wildlife Fund” (just some ideas) to the 2024 budget. At this time, we will provide the \$350.00 in 2023 for Loon Awareness signs. If this is something we go forward with as a budget item, we need clear definition and a written plan.

Jenny Chapman will bring information to the annual meeting regarding the Loons. Woman Lake had 11 nesting sites and we currently have 5 babies. We had a few abandoned nests and predators affect the baby count this year.

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We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Loon Watch.

ACCL UPDATE – Nancy Schuelke

Nancy Schuelke will replace Jamie McGregor as our representative at ACCL, and will bring updates from ACCL meetings. Thank you, Nancy Schuelke.

We purchased 2 signs from ACCL, Rich Hess will put up signs and tools on our kiosks at the boat landings. ACCL’s goal in Cass County to get the word out. The goal is to educate and stop the spread of AIS. The July 28th meeting’s speaker is by Carl Peterson. August 25th meeting is on Lake Stewardship. You are able to attend these meetings via Zoom or in person.

UPDATE NEW MEMBER HANDBOOKS UPDATE -

Jon Stevenson handed over to Nancy Schuelke the new member handbooks. Linda Kane will update some of the pages. There will be a new Loon page. Chuck will be updating the new membership directory for the Annual Meeting and the new handbooks. We will include a Swedish towel for our new members. The books will be done by the end of July. Calls will be made to new members inviting them to the Annual meeting, and giving out the updated handbooks at this time.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES –

Rich has submitted a meeting notice to the Pine Cone for the Annual Meeting, August 5th at 10 AM at the Woodrow Town Hall. Rich Hess will bring name tags, donuts, etc. Kathy Scharmer will have a need for extra tables for membership sign up, door prizes, etc. We are hoping for a nice day and those tables could be set up outside.

Kathy Scharmer will put out a post on Facebook for the Annual Membership meeting.

Rich Hess plans on not continuing as president. He will continue to serve on Fisheries and AIS. At the annual meeting we will be looking for a new president. We need someone to step up for this position. Chuck Miotke will help conduct our future meetings.

Gwendolyn Lappin would like to run again for secretary for the association.

Chuck Miotke will send out email to all current members for a reminder for the annual meeting.

Board members please plan on arriving at 9 am for help with set up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – RICH HESS

PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation completed the first of our access site surveys on Child, Woman and Girl Lakes on June 28th. No newly discovered AIS were found within the designated search areas (unimproved launch area on Child Lake, and DNR launch ramps on Woman and Girl Lakes.)

No new infested waters were listed in Cass County as of July 10, 2023.

However, the zebra mussel infestation in Woman Lake is now lake wide.

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY – KATHY SCHARMER

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We've have had a lot of activity on Facebook this season and currently have over 1000 followers. I will be discussing Google Workspace and how we can utilize it at a future meeting.

FISHERIES – RICH HESS

Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP – CHUCK MIOTKE

The 2nd mailing was sent out on June 9th to the 97 members that have not paid their 2023 membership. As of July 15th, we had 40 people respond. We are down to 53 unpaid members. Many of these members have not paid dues in 2 years or more.

Unpaid member signs will start to be removed and names deleted from the database.

We now have 531 paid members, and many have paid for future years. Thank you to all that help support the Association.

To all members of the Association can you help volunteer for one or many of the services we provide. If interested, please contact us at: <https://www.womanlakechain.org/>

As a side note our budget is based on 540 paid members.

NEWSLETTER – LINDA KANE

Preparing for fall newsletter. Usual topics such as Annual Meeting Recap, Financial Statement, Boat Patrol Report, etc., will be covered. Other suggestions are welcome.

ROAD SIGNS – JON STEVENSON

We ordered two new member signs, and a replacement sign it is broken. Installed two new member signs, installed one replacement sign and installed one name change sign. Reinstalled three signs, members have renewed membership. Will remove about thirty five nonmembers signs by the end of July.

WATER QUALITY – ANN STEVENSON

Water monitoring is being done this weekend, July 23 and delivering them to RMB at Rusty's in Longville July 24. Two of the five samplings have been done. Water at Woman Lake has been very clear for the first two samplings. If this continues it is because of Zebra Mussels. We will be doing three more monitoring's at four sites. We'll continue to check on water clarity.

WATER PATROL – GORDIE HESS

Water Patrol activities have settled in to a routine, more or less. Two new volunteers have been introduced to patrol duties and have begun volunteering for patrol days. We did get out and patrol on three days before the 4th of July. I was not at the parade but reports are that things went well. The towing vehicle was driven by Jon Stevenson with Tom Schuelke riding shotgun. Terry Fay, Nancy Schuelke and Lynn Carlin (Jon's sister) were in the boat.

A couple of patrol volunteers have indicated a preference for going out on weekdays, so we have begun to show a presence on a weekday here and there as well as weekends.

There have been a couple of association member complaints on jet skis buzzing too close to docks and also a very loud jet ski operating after permitted hours. I contacted one of the members to try and identify the location of the offending party. I have notified patrol members to keep an eye out for inappropriate operating activities. Jon Stevenson contacted the Cass County Sheriff regarding the after-hour activities.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE –

Gary Knox (Woman) – Absent – no update

Nancy Schuelke (Woman) – no update

Larry Anderson (Girl) – no update

Bill Hornung (Child) – no update

Nancy Coughlin (Women) – no update

We had a guest attend our meeting, Myles Wagner. Myles came to update the board on the conservation restoration project started in 2008 and completed in 2010. This project was a collaboration, between Woodrow Township and Child, Girl, Woman Lakes Area Association to turn the old public landing on County 5 into a conversation habitat. It is the 15th anniversary of this project. He feels it would be a great idea to promote what our dollars in the Lakes Association are doing for the Woman Lake area. Thank you, Myles. As a board we need to possibly discuss this idea of a sign on County Road 5.

Meeting Adjournment: A motion was made by Bill Hornung, seconded by Larry Anderson, to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved, none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjournment at 8:45 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Woodrow Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Lappin, Secretary