

2023 Annual Meeting Committee Reports

Communications/Technology – Kathy Scharmer

Kathy continues to maintain our Facebook page. Our page with over 1000 followers informs members and others on current lake association information and many other relevant topics. If you have important topics for our Facebook page, please contact: commtech@womanlakechain.org.

Road Cleanup – Ken Hanson

Our 34 volunteers are responsible for road cleanup on the following roadways or areas:

- On County Road 11 from Sunny Acres Dr. to the junction of 11 and County Road 5
- On Cty Rd 5 from the junction of 11 and 5 to 14th Ave
- Also, on Cty Rd 5 from the old public boat landing (fire hydrant) to Shangri-La Dr,

Yellow bags and safety vests are available from: Kenny Hanson

Water Patrol – Gordie Hess

After a cool start to early July the summer heat has built in and boat traffic has really picked up. Through the end of July, volunteers have spent over 85 hours keeping an eye on boating activities on the lake. Seems like this year lots of pontoons loaded with families are out in abundance. There have been lots of inquiries from the boating public. Number one is where are the fish biting? Anyone who can answer that should be a patrol volunteer. What does a Zebra Mussel look like? is another frequent one.

A very positive observation is that nearly all youngsters met on the lake are wearing life jackets and as a result receive the prized Frosty's ice cream coupon. We hope all the moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, and others that take the kids to Frosty's are having some ice cream too.

Patrol volunteers and Association board members were participants in the Longville 4th of July parade. Dennis Sawyers of All Seasons Resort graciously had the boat loaded on the trailer and ready for the parade. Dennis also works hard at taking care of upkeep, fueling, and maintenance of the patrol boat and the lift. Thank you, All Seasons Resort!

The number one complaint we hear is with regards to personal watercraft. Operating too close to docks and anchored boats, operating after hours, and noise levels are the typical ones. A reminder to all to be aware of the speed limitations (5 mph or less) when within 150 feet of shore, non-motorized watercraft, docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or moored/anchored boats. Also, operation of personal water craft is only allowed between 9:30 a.m. and one hour **before** sunset.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join in our patrol activities. One two-hour shift per month is the typical commitment and can be a weekday as well as weekends. This year we have had several weekday patrols. Please feel free to contact Gordie Hess (651-402-6258) or drgordo@comcast.net.

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 100 feet of 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 lakewide, and last year a zebra mussel was found in Girl Lake.

Fisheries – Rich Hess

Boy River Egg-Take 2023

The trap operated from 4/26/2023 – 5/3/2023 and approximately 450 quarts of eggs were taken from Boy River walleye. Unmarked walleye fry were distributed (stocked) as follows: Child received 79,650, Girl received 137,700 and Woman received 978,750.

Woman Lake Gill Net Assessment and Electrofishing Results.

The DNR electroshocked Woman Lake on Sept. 22, 2022, for young-of-the-year (yoy) walleye. The DNR was amazed at the consistency the lower stocking density is having. A capture rate of 105 yoy/hr with a mean length of 5.96 inches, and the largest up to about 8” in length. Fair to good catches occurred at all stations. Also

57 age 1 walleye/hr, were captured which appears to be a strong year class in both electrofishing and gill net catches. In the assessment gill nets catch rates averaged 14.0 walleye/net, 23.6 yellow perch/net, and 4.3 northern pike/net.

Water Quality – Ann Stevenson

We continue to collect water samples at four locations five time throughout our season. The lake locations are Child, Girl, Woman and Broadwater Bay. This is part of a study through RMBEL (RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc.) Reports show levels of Phosphorus, Chlorophyll-a and Secchi disk readings. Chlorophyll-a is influenced by nitrogen and phosphorus which are essential for plant growth. But when excess nitrogen and phosphorus levels enter our water supply, they tend to promote algae growth which reduces water clarity and visibility. By practicing good stewardship, we hope to have a good future. To see the data reports, go to www.rmbel.info/data. Our trend readings are stable for all our lakes.

Membership – Chuck Miotke

The Association has 534 paid members. 2023 dues are \$35.00. Membership renewal notices are mailed twice a year to assure everyone is contacted.

Linda Kane – Newsletters

Two newsletters were prepared and sent to members in the spring and fall. As reported last year, most members are receiving the newsletter electronically. This helps us save on both printing and mailing costs. Please contact membership if you would like to change from US mail to electronic via email. Suggestions for content and volunteers are welcome!

Webmaster – Carole Houghton

www.womanlakechain.org

Website updates are made when information is received from board members. I update minutes, events, pages, newsletters, posts and meeting dates when the information is received. I try to change the pictures to fit the seasons. I have a personal agreement with a wild life photographer friend for his beautiful photographs.

For the month of July, there have been 186 sessions, 344 page views, average sessions are only 40 seconds, 136 users. 54% are using desktops, 45% are using mobile devices, and 1% are using tablets. Google analytics changed their method

of data collection so July is the new beginning. Most users are from the United States, but China, Brazil, France and UK show up also.

I would like to propose a change that the draft minutes are posted with draft included in the title. This is how many of the townships do it so that the people who do not attend the meetings know what is going on. Because the minutes and budget aren't approved till the following meeting, the minutes for the previous month aren't available in a timely fashion – and I often have to remember to track them down because I haven't received the draft minutes.

I setup Google Workspace at the beginning of the year after much research in order to remove personal emails from the website. This allows everyone to have a gmail account and for non-profits that are small, there is no fee which isn't true for Microsoft. The gmail accounts all have womanlakechain.org instead of gmail. Of the 15 accounts setup, only 5 people have ever used them or even signed in. Emails I get from the board always use my home email (which I actually prefer) – and emails I send to the board are also from my personal email. Guess I am not sure what was accomplished by adding more complexity to everyone's job. I did send instructions on how to log in and change the password to something more personal. Emails from the website are forwarded from Google Workspace to everyone's personal email if setup.

CGWLAA - Q1 - Q2 2023

Budget Line	Budget	Expense YTD	Reimburs.	Remaining Budget Balance
Newsletter	\$ 600.00	\$ 604.96		\$ (4.96)
Water Patrol	\$ 615.00	\$ -		\$ 615.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 287.50		\$ 912.50
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	\$ 2,529.75		\$ 2,370.25
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	\$ 54.00		\$ 1,946.00
Navigational Safety	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Webmaster	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 17,315.00	\$ 4,573.34	\$ -	\$ 12,741.66

Checking Account End of June balance	CD Account			Total Assets
\$59,211.43	\$25,522.18			\$84,733.61

BUDGET 2024

1	Newsletter	printing, labels, printer mails to members; 2 xs year	\$1,200.00
2	Water Patrol	kid's coupons , spring meeting	\$600.00
3	Road Signs	new signs, damaged signs/standards, mileage	\$1,200.00
4	Water Quality	sample analyses costs	\$1,500.00
5	Annual Meeting	newspaper ads, refreshments, supplies, speaker costs	\$500.00
6	Public Relations & Membership	membership mailings, parade, simple solutions and any future fees from Scott Kruz & Gear Host	\$3,300.00
7	Admin & Travel	insurance, tax filing, buoy contract (spring installation and fall removal), town hall rental, post office box, membership binders, bank checks, deposit slips, partner organizations, volunteer appreciation dinner	\$4,900.00
8	Communication Technology	facebook administrator	\$300.00
10	Shoreline Buffer Restoration	education/plant purchase - TBD	\$0.00
11	Contingency Fund		\$1,000.00
13	Aquatic Invasive Species	treatments, surveys, monitoring, education	\$2,000.00
20	Navigational Safety	buoy repair/replacement	\$500.00
21	Web Master	stipend once a year in the fall	\$300.00
22	Fisheries: Adopt-a- Highway		\$0.00
	Total		\$17,300.00

Income Forecast	\$35 x 531 members	\$18,585.00
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