

CHILD, GIRL and WOMAN LAKES AREA ASSOCIATION
AGENDA

August 17, 2023, 6:30 PM
Woodrow Town Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome
4. Agenda additions/changes
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report

7. Old Business:

Annual Meeting. Thank you to everyone for the planning and involvement in making the meeting very successful.

8. New Business:

Member Appreciation Dinner

Fish Passage Structure Proposal Girl Lake Outlet

Two members Deb Schiebel and Neal Scharmer submitted their names for the Association President position. (See below for their introductions).

Kathy Scharmer proposed to add the nomination of Myles Wagner as chair of shoreline restoration committee. (Myles can attend the meeting but not till 7:15) She asked if this could be discussed later on our agenda.

9. Committee reports:

AIS – Rich Hess

No new infested waters were listed for Cass County as of August 4th. The AIS signs and watercraft cleaning tools have now been installed on the Woman Lake kiosk and the Girl Lake kiosk. Let's hope that boaters use them and return them to the kiosk when done.

Communications/Technology-Kathy Scharmer -

On August 10, Jon and Ann Stevenson and Jenny Chapman installed a Loon alert sign on the buoy at the entrance of the channel to Girl Lake. The sign is quite visible to boats entering the channel but not to those exiting. We feel we may need to add a sign on the opposite side of the buoy.

Fisheries – Rich Hess

No Report

Membership – Chuck Miotke

Final Membership count as of 8.14.23 is 544. 45 members have also made contributions to the Association. We have 46 members that have not renewed. Those names will be removed over the next month.

Newsletter – Linda Kane – no report submitted

Road Signs – Jon Stevenson

Installed six new member signs, and one replacement sign.

Removed thirty-one signs, some have moved, and some are not members. Install four renewed member signs.

Water Patrol – Gordie Hess – no report submitted

Water Quality – Ann Stevenson

Water monitoring will be done August 27 and September 24 and delivering them to RMB at Rusty's in Longville on each following Monday morning. Three of the five samplings have been done. Water at Woman Lake has been very clear because of Zebra Mussels.

INTRODUCTIONS

Deb Scheibel

To: The Board of the Child, Girl, and Woman Lake Association.

From: Deb Scheibel

Subject: Brief Introduction of Self for President Position

My name is Debra Scheibel and I go by Deb. My husband Ron and I have been married for 43 years and started living fulltime on Woman Lake in 2021. Ron and I have 5 children and 9 grandchildren and are native Minnesotans.

I was born and raised in Little Canada, MN and Ron in West St. Paul, MN. Ron worked full-time for TapeMark while I did daycare when our children were little. As our children became school age, I worked odd end jobs full-time while going to school full-time obtaining my Bachelors of Nursing Degree.

I grew up spending my summers on Little Round Lake in McGregor and wanted to give my grandchildren a similar experience. We have been avid campers since our children were little and started a yearly camping trip in 2010 which we have now shifted to our permanent residence on Woman Lake. Living here year-round has given me the unique experience of seeing the lake through all its seasons. From the busy Summer's filled with families on the lake swimming and boating to the quiet winters looking out on the small villages of ice houses on the frozen lake.

My career was as a nurse with Minneapolis Children's Hospital for almost 30 years; most of it in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. During my time at Children's, I served as Charge nurse on my unit, assigning patients and duties to the other nurses on my shift. I took care of children and their families during some of the worst times of their lives.

Through these experiences I have learned the importance of empathy and balance.

We bought the property in 2015 and started construction in the Spring of 2020. This is the third home we have built. In all our homes we did much of the finishing work ourselves with the help of our children. The major construction was completed by a local contractor because it was important to us to invest in the community where we will spend the rest of our lives.

Giving back to my community is still something I strive to do. I recently ran for Township Supervisor and lost. I am hoping to offer my experience and time volunteering for The Child, Girl and Woman Lake Association. Being a year-round resident on Woman Lake and retired allows me to give the position of President the attention it deserves.

Thank you for considering me for the position of President of The Child, Girl, and Woman Lake Association.

Neal Scharmer

I would like to introduce myself to the Board for consideration of my candidacy for President.

My wife, Kathy, and I purchased a property on Girl Lake in 2015 and have invested considerable time in protecting our property, vegetation and shoreline. Kathy has served on the Board for several years.

I retired in 2022 and we spend our summers at the lake, although with COVID-19 I worked remotely for the Summers and early Fall of 2020 and 2021. We also enjoy Winter time and outdoor activities at our cabin. We have two adult daughters who also enjoy time at the lake.

I am a Minnesota native and attended college and law school in Minnesota. I have been a licensed attorney since 1981. I was in a private practice in Bemidji for about 7 years before accepting a position in corporate law. I retired after 27 years at my last employer, serving the last 21 years as General Counsel and VP of a publicly traded insurance company.

I served in the leadership chairs for the Beltrami County Bar Association. I was a board member, VP and President of our homeowner's association when we resided in Cedar Rapids. I served several years on the Board of the Cedar Rapids Area YMCA, concluding with 2-year terms as President Elect, President, and Past President. During my time in leadership the organization had a campaign for a \$19 Million building project and dealt with the challenges presented by a pandemic.

I am familiar with Roberts' Rules of Order and have presided over many meetings. I strived to build consensus and cordiality amongst the various boards on which I served.

If selected, I would attempt to promote the mission of the association with transparency, efficiency, and cordiality. I would also strongly advocate for succession and long-term planning.

Directors At Large –

Larry Anderson

Update – Sue Meyer reported that more lead was collected at this years annual meeting than last year.

New Member Handbooks:

Delivered Heather McInerny's. Melissa and Jesse Moore: expecting to deliver later this month when they are up to their cabin. I still have one extra new member handbook that has not been assigned to a new member.

Gary Knox, Nancy Schuelke, Nancy Coughlin, Bill Hornung

Adjournment