

## **Child, Girl, Woman Lakes Area Association Minutes**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – Woodrow Township Hall**

The meeting was called to order by exiting President Rich Hess at 10:07 am. Board members present: Rich Hess, Terry Fay, Jon Stevenson, Ann Stevenson, Nancy Schuelke, Gordie Hess, Kathy Scharmer, Linda Kane, Larry Anderson, Chuck Miotke and Nancy Coughlin.

Gwen Lappin, Gary Knox and Bill Hornung were absent.

There were also 55 members present with a total of 67 in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Chuck Miotke, Vice President, (also in charge of membership), thanked everyone for coming. He also asked that we recognize Rich Hess and all that he has brought to the Board as President for the last two years. This is Rich's last meeting as President, however he is going to stay on as Chairman of the Fisheries and Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. Rich has given great service, and surely will continue to do so. Everyone gave Rich a warm applause.

Rich Hess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report was discussed. A motion was made by Dennis Nesser to accept the minutes from the 2022 Annual meeting, dated August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Brian Malloy seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Terry Fay, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. The Board is fiscally sound with \$25,522.18 in 6-month CDs. There is \$59,211.43 in checking with total assets of \$84,733.61. David Kane asked if more money should be put into CDs with the interest rates being high at this time. Terry stated that the Board will look into it. A question was asked what percentage of dues are paid in advance. Chuck Miotke answered that it's about 20%. There is a more detailed report that breaks down membership dues and donations. Those in attendance were asked if they are comfortable with the 2024 budget.

A question was asked regarding AIS and the \$2,000 that was spent previously and, if there's any more that can be done regarding the Zebra Mussels. Rich stated that there has been no

recurrence of the Milfoil at the city docks for the last 2 years and this has saved us \$2,000. Regarding Zebra mussels, there is nothing more that we can do. The best thing is get your boat decontaminated if you are going to another lake.

A motion was made by Fred Hagge to accept the 2024 budget and Treasurer's Report. David Kane seconded this motion and it was passed.

A discussion took place regarding the reason Rich is ending his presidency. Rich explained that he's receiving treatment for a health condition and he is also taking into consideration his age. When members were asked if there is any interest in nominating someone as President, no names were suggested.

Rich stated that the Association is always looking for more volunteers. There are many Task Teams that need help such as:

1. Adopt a highway -- Ken Hanson is in charge.
2. Jon Stevenson is in charge of navigational safety and the buoys.
3. Bill Pilacinski has been doing the tree and shrub program. However, the Board is re-evaluating if this will continue due to lack of showing.

Lake Representatives were introduced as Larry Anderson (Girl Lake), Bill Hornung (Child Lake), Nancy Coughlin, Gary Knox and Nancy Schuelke (Woman Lake).

In charge of the website is Carol Houghton.

Kathy Scharmer administrates FaceBook.

Loon Liason, Jenny Chapman is the newest member and was introduced.

The position of Secretary was discussed and no additional names were added to nominees. Joyce Humphreys moved that Gwen Lappin continue serving as Secretary for the next two years. Ann Stevenson seconded this motion and it unanimously passed.

The open spot of Presidency was again discussed. No nominations came from the floor. Rich explained the responsibilities and it was noted that they are posted on FaceBook and the website WomanLakeChain.org. Chuck Miotke will fill in as President until a permanent one is in place.

Chuck reiterated that we are always looking for volunteers, i.e., road signs, newsletter, stuffing envelopes, etc... and the Loons are getting to be a greater responsibility.

Pamela Golenzer moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Joyce Humphreys. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Coughlin  
CGWLAA

### **Invited Speakers**

Jaden Jech from the MDNR Restoration Project discussed their four objectives:

1. Acquire loon habitat.
2. Augment natural nesting habitat with artificial nesting platforms.
3. Promote stewardship with the loon friendly lake registry program.
4. And, monitor our efforts and loon activity.

For more information visit: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/ec/nongame/minnesota-loon-restoration-project.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ec/nongame/minnesota-loon-restoration-project.html).

Natasha Bartalotta, the Stewardship and Outreach Manager from the National Loon Center in Crosslake, MN discussed loon mortality factors, their large shoreline restoration project, loon calls, nesting, and diet. For more information visit [www.nationallooncenter.org](http://www.nationallooncenter.org)

Jenny Chapman, CGGWLAA, provided information on her loon liaison position and gave an informative presentation on our local loon population that followed.