

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association Meeting

August 12, 2017
(Updated 9/8/17)

Meeting Called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of guests

Guest Speaker – Amery Fire Department

Representatives from the Fire Department, Chris Frazen and Joe Sattre, gave a presentation on the Rescue Airboat. Highlights from the presentations were:

- Thank You for Donation. Doug Rinehart donated \$1000.00, Amery Hospital donated \$3000, WBT Association donated \$5000. This is the first time they received a donation for equipment.
- They cover 8 bodies of water and **more than 2500** acres of water.
- Airboat can be used 365 days a year
 - Water/ice rescues
 - Snow mobile rescues
 - Flood, debris, shallow water, grassy hill rescues
 - Airboat can go just about anywhere
- Saves a lot of time, previously they had to do manual rescues which was time consuming depending on the location of the rescue
- In 14 years they've had 52 calls that could have used the airboat. There were 7 deaths.
- Boat arrived late April, training involved for staff. First call for airboat was on 6/21/17.
- This is the 1st rescue airboat in Polk County. Typically the airboat can hold 4 people in a rescue but can probably hold up to 8

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

2016 Annual Meeting minutes and July 2107 Meeting minutes were presented. It was noted there was one change to original July 2017 minutes sent to members, new law for bass limits starting in 2018. Revised Minutes were handed out at the meeting.

Motion was made to approve 2016 Annual Meeting and July 2017 Minutes/Seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

Financial Report handed out and presented at meeting:

- Financial Report Sept. - Dec. 2016
- July 2017 Financial Report - Discussed major expenses.
- Proposed 2018 Budget - Discussed changed as highlighted on handout

2016 Financial Report and July 2017 Financial Report - Motion was made to approve reports/Seconded, Approved

Proposed 2018 Budget - Motion was made to approve proposed budget/Seconded, Approved

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan

1. Photo Contest Winner: Josh Gould
2017 Directory will be distributed with the September Lake Scene
2. Outstanding Volunteer Selection Committee for 2017 - 4 members of the current committee are retiring after many years of service. Karen Ohm will continue serving on this committee. New members must be past recipients of the Outstanding Volunteer Award. Marty will send request out to the recipients and will see if there is any response. No Outstanding Volunteer Award will be presented for 2017. Jerry will bring all the procedures to the September meeting to pass along to the new committee members.
3. Balsam Lake Ski Show, August 26, 2017 - Show will be in front of Waterside. Safety area will be marked by buoys/rope. Best view will be by boat. Limited parking so people are encouraged to come by boat. Marty will ask Waterside if they need volunteers to help with parking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

Key for Dam area was found. Now located at Sanitary District office in the WBT Association file. Key is for padlock to keep boards in place. However, no need to change boards. No formal annual inspection is required because it is considered a small dam. Ten-year inspection is required and the Association is required to maintain the dam.

Purchase of Pontoon - Mary and Ralph Peterson's pontoon was damaged in the storms. Tree landed on pontoon and destroyed the steering console but otherwise the pontoon is in good condition. The Peterson's would like to donate the boat. It was proposed the Association could use the pontoon to install/remove the buoys, which has previously been done by volunteers on the own boats. WBT Association cannot accept donation so it was proposed the pontoon be donated to the Water Sanitary District. Dave Nelson and Mary Noonan have requested to be able to present the pontoon donation to Water Sanitary District.

Motion was made to discuss the pontoon donation with the Sanitary Water District/Seconded, Approved

A. Harvester - Barry Eklund

It was a strong year for Curly Leaf Pondweed caused by a warm winter and little snow. Numbers for 2016 and 2017 are:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total Loads	101	46
Tons	293	133

Equipment will go into winter storage within the next two weeks.

There will be procedural changes in the operation for 2018:

- They will start earlier if weather permits. We have learned it is a short harvest season.
- There will be multiple crews but each crew will work an entire day versus the split crew approach. They will be working day on/day off. Operations will still be Monday - Friday.
- Equipment will not be at the landings during the July 4th Holiday.

The naming of the Weed Harvester is expected to be announced in the near future. More than 100 names have been submitted.

Please see Barry with any suggestions as to how we can improve the process. Thank you for your support in 2017 and we look forward to a successful 2018.

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

Tables/Displays were available for people to view in front entry way. There were 3 tables with displays and Information on: Zebra Mussels, Invasive Weeds (Eurasian Milfoil, Northern Milfoil, Curly Leaf and Clasp Leaf Pond Weeds), and other information about protecting the lake. There were samples and handout material for everyone to take with them.

Lee Rickard and Mark Jacobson attended the Invasive Species training. Very Informative. Looking for 4 volunteers to inspect the lake next summer (June, July and August 2018). One day training will be provided to the volunteers.

- The following people volunteered: Martha Funke, Rick Bazille, Marty Noonan, Lee Ann Overman, Wendy Jo Miller

Zebra Mussels Samplers Plates - Installed on June 29th and have been monitored by Mark Jacobson and Rick Bazille. No signs of zebra mussels. However, they did find other unknown creatures which have been sent out to be identified.

1. Clean Boats/Clean Waters - Rick Bazille

Sanitary District obtained grant funding which will reimburse us 75% of total costs. Requirement for grant is to work minimum of 200 hours at a landing.

Probable Expenses by end of season

200	Hours Worked
<u>x 13/hour</u>	
\$2600	
<u>x 25%</u>	(Association and Sanitary District Share)
\$650	
+ \$710	Boat Landing Stencil
+ \$45	Sign Post
\$1405	Total Expense Shared by Association and Sanitary District
<u>x 50%</u>	
\$702.50	Total Association Expense 2017

Sanitary District will apply for funding again if funds are available.

Boat Landing Stencil will be used on 3 out of the 4 landings. (Cannot be done at Waterside landing due to gravel). Stencil will read "CLEAN IN/CLEAN OUT"

Our CB/CW program participated in two DNR sponsored events this summer.

- a. "Drain Campaign", June 10 & 11 - Designed to encourage anglers to drain live wells and ice their catch before leaving the landing. Twenty-five ice packs with the message printed on them were provided by the DNR.

- b. "Boat Landing Blitz", Weekend of July 4th - Designed to encourage all boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry boats and equipment to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. 50 towels were provided by the DNR with this message printed on them.

YMCA Invasive Species Training - YMCA received a grant from Americorps for training. In the process of planning the training session, date will be in October. More information will be presented at the September meeting. WBTA members are invited to the training.

- 2. Neighborhood Watch - Jerry Tessman
Signs - Waiting to hear back from Polk County Sherriff's office. Neighborhood Watch is a National Organization with local contacts, usually Sherriff's Department in the area. Several attempts have been made to contact the representative at the Sherriff's office. An update will be given at the September meeting.

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

- 1. Volunteer Thank You Dinner, September 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m. social, 6:00 Dinner at the YMCA Camp.
- 2. Sunshine (Gail Tessman): Sent several cards out lately. Gail needs to retire from her position and is asking for a replacement. Lee Ann Overman volunteered to fill the position. Gail was thanked for her dedication and years of service.
- 3. 300 Club (Vicki Ziglinski):
No Report. Drawing will be at end of meeting.
- 4. Membership (Doug Drake):
 - Members Numbers for 2017
Gold – 88
Silver – 87
Bronze – 88
Basic – 206
TOTAL – 469 (9 more than last year)

There are five neighborhoods at 100% membership.

Communications - Jim Andersen

2017 Directory Update -

2017 Advertisers	34
Paid Members (as of 8/8/17)	469
<u>External Distribution List</u>	<u>29</u>
Total Directories	532

Directory will be distributed with the September Lake Scene.

Jim provided a handout with Directory Information: Directory Printing Quantity, Estimated Advertiser Revenues, Costs Comparisons from 2017/2016 (PaperWorx)

Nominating/Audit - Dave Nelson

Nominations for WBT Improvement Association Board for 2018 and 2019 was proposed:

President	Marty Noonan
1 st Vice President	Dave Nelson
2 nd Vice President	Mark Jacobson
Secretary	Michelle Buron
Treasurer	Doug Drake
At Large Executive	Barry Eklund
At Large Executive	Jim Anderson

Motion was made to approve the WBT Improvement Association Board for 2018 and 2019 /Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Audit: Vicki Ziglinski reviewed Association accounting books for 2016. All books were “Clean as a Whistle.” Formal report will be sent to Executive Committee. It was noted we only have one source/person maintaining the books which is normal for an Association our size. Suggestions from Vicki were as follows:

- Currently using Quick Books and Excel which creates extra work. Suggested going to one program.
- Recommended to have annual review added to procedures.

Motion was made to approve the Audit and Suggestions/Seconded. Unanimously approved.

300 Club Drawing

Sue Guanella	\$100.00
Bob Whitman	\$100.00
Chris Olafson	\$100.00
Doug Drake	\$100.00
Sandra Noonan	\$100.00
Kristin Hanson	\$100.00
George Aalto	\$500.00
James Huppert	\$500.00

Old Business

No Wake Buoy at Garfield Landing - Not sure we can put a buoy at that landing. Danger buoy already exist. It was discussed to put a posting at the landing.

New Business

- Fire Numbers Lakeside for Amery Fire Air Boat - It's a huge expense (\$35,000 minimum). County possibly changing numbers so no action should be taken now. Alternative actions were discussed: Individual home owners to take care of on their own. The suggestion will be added to the Lake Scene and website. The Fire Department also suggested people be as descriptive as possible about the location when calling in an emergency.
- WBT Association Membership Dues - It was suggested no changes be made to Association Dues/keep the dues the same as current year. Motion was made there be no change to the Association Membership Dues for 2018/Seconded. Unanimously approved.
- WCCO Lake Visit - No update. Marty will touch base with WCCO.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50 a.m./Seconded. Unanimously approved.