

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association Meeting

July 8, 2017

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

Welcome and introduction of guests

Guest Speaker – DNR Conservation: Warden Peter Wetzel

Warden Peter Wetzel presented information on common complaints with laws potentially being broken:

- a. Aqua Thrusters: Legal when connected to dock. Cannot be free standing in water. Thrusters may NOT point down at lakebeds causing dredging (called Mechanical Dredging). \$1500 - \$1700 fine.
- b. Bass Size Limit:
Current law – Must be a minimum of 14". 5 bass/person. After 5 Bass fish have been caught that person must stop fishing for Bass. They are NOT allowed to help someone else in their boat reach their 5 Bass limit.

New Law (Effective April 2018) - (Correction)

Length: Up to 14" – ~~Unlimited~~ - Limit: up to 5 per person

Length: 14" – 18" – Limit: 0 (Not allowed to keep)

Length: over 18" – Limit: 1 per person

- c. PWC (Personal Water Craft): PWCs must apply the "Slow/No Wake Zone" within 200' from shore and 100' from swimmers, other vessels, docks, etc. Definition of Slow/No Wake Zone – As slow as possible while keeping steerage. No Wake Zone applies to all boats and PWCs.
- d. Questions Asked:

Who to Contact if you see someone violating laws –
Sherriff's Department – Non-emergency line
DNR Tip Line – 1-800-TipWDNR (800-847-9367)
Warden Peter Wetzel – 715-245-3727

Fish Disease - If you see spots on Pan Fish it is a natural parasite only affecting fish and birds. You can cut out the parasite and eat the fish. In regards to spots on Crappies there was a discussion on whether it was safe to eat. Erin, biologist, informed Mark Jacobson it was a cancer and not to eat the Crappie. Peter was going to check with Erin.

Boat Slips – Property owners need to keep in mind the property line ends at the lakebed and therefore anything in the water is considered public. Lake Property owners can have up to 2 boat slips for the first 50 ft. of shoreline owned and one for each additional full 50 ft. of shoreline. More information can be found on the DNR website -
http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/recreation/pier_FAQ/pier_FAQ.html

Weed Killer – Refer to DNR for any questions on lake weed killer.

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

Motion was made to approve Minutes/Seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

a. Financial Report:.

Handed out at meeting (ending June 30, 2017)

Bank Balance on 6/30/17 - \$16,836.09, as of today's meeting - \$17,607.09

Expenses for June was just over \$6000

Aquatic Plant books – Books received, Rick B. has the books pending decision on distribution.

Expense of books was \$880 due to the YMCA request to also order them a case. YMCA will reimburse the Association.

Treasurer's Report – Motion was made to approve report/Seconded, Approved

- b. Wisconsin Lakes Membership – Contact information sheet was send around room. If interested in receiving their newsletter please complete the contact information on the sheet.
- c. 2018 Budget – Still looking for input from members.
- d. Flares – Please get money and forms to Doug ASAP. Sold more flares this year which caused a shortage. Kathy received several last minutes orders that could not be filled. Better communication next year to have trustees bring Kathy any unsold flares earlier.

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan

a. 4th of July Festivities

- 5K Run – Over 140 Runners
- Light up the Lake – Marty and Kevin Buron flew over the lake and took photos of "Light up the Lake"

b. 2018 Fireworks – Need to determine the date – Possibly send survey to members. According to Lake Scene the years 4th of July was on Wednesday:

2001 - Friday After 4th of July

2007- Saturday After 4th of July

c. Annual Meeting, August 12th – Notification will be going on soon. Email will be sent ASAP

d. WCCO Filming – August 17th and 18th, Mark Rosen and Ali Lucia. The show will be aired the following weekend. Paul Schaeffer from Amery is trying to get 5 lakes involved.

- Facts about Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap – 2nd Oldest Lake Association, 1st lake to have Sanitary District in Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

Aquatic Invasives Training has been rescheduled for July 18th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Katelin Anderson through the Polk County Land and Water Resources organizes the training class. Mark Jacobson, Lee Rickard and Marty Noonan will attend the meeting.

- a. Harvester - Season just ended
 - 2016 Season 5/31 - 7/5, 46 loads, 133.4 Tonnage
 - 2017 Season 5/15 - 6/26, 101 loads, 292.9 Tonnage
 - Climate Factors - Warm Winter and not much snow, Weed growth was heavy

This is the final report - Next meeting discuss recommendations. Please see Barry with your suggestions.

- Suggestion was made to have Harvester taken out of lake during weekends since it's not in use and there is heavier boat launch activity. It was reported there are issues with trespassing on properties next to launch area due to harvester taking up so much space at launch area.

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

Water Temperature 78 degrees.

- a. Clean Boats/Clean Waters - Rick Bazille
 - Drain Campaign, Week of June 10-11
 - Saturday - Very Windy - Very Few Boats
 - Sunday - Severe Thunderstorm - Very Few Boats
 - Boat Landing Blitz - Passed out towels
 - Clean In/Clean Out Stencil
 - Could be used at 3 landings
 - Costs \$600 (\$465 + 35 tax + 100 Shipping)
 - 1/8" HTP Plastic - 3 pieces, rolls for storage, 8 ft x 10 ft., reusable
 - Ed Gullickson (Garfield) will paint
 - Zebra Mussels Samplers Plates (13 Total) have been placed on June 29th. US Fish and Wild Life helped guide where to place plates.. A map was passed around with the location of the Plates. If Zebra Mussels are found the only thing that can be done is to place notification that the lake has Zebra Mussels.
- b. Neighborhood Watch - Jerry Tessman
 - Request to add unused 2016 budget (\$250) be added to the 2017 budget. This would bring the budget to \$500 to use on the new signs needed. Jerry requested help to put up signs when they are received.

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

Fourth of July Activities:

Saturday - Music on the Lake - Well received and attended. Possibly look to have more dates.

Sunday, July 2nd – Fireworks and “Light Up The Lake”

Tuesday, July 4th

- 35th Annual 5K Run/Walk – Stower Seven Lakes Trail (Deronda), 149 Runners, 10 dogs, 10 strollers.
- Kids’ Dash, Turtle Races and Cake Walk at Garfield Park starting at 11:00 a.m. - Over 100 kids ran the 100 dash, many participated in the cake walk and turtle race had many participants with small/medium/large races.
- Boat Parade – Harvester led the parade. Judges at Waterside. Results of Race:
 - 1st Place - World Peace (Zwakman/Birt)
 - 2nd Place - Pirates - (Julie Antotak)
 - 3rd Place - Crazy Train - (Gackstetters)

- Other Participating Boats - Crazy Train; Fun in The Sun; Titanic; Rub-A-Dub Ducky Sundae; Weed Harvester; Beauty Queen; Jungle; Our Star Spangled Banner; Hats Off to the Red, White and Blue; Suds in a Bucket
- a. Sunshine (Gail Tessman):
Reminder to contact Gail as soon as possible when a card needs to be sent.
- b. 300 Club (Vicki Ziglinski):
All tickets were sold. July Winners are:
1. Pat Teiken
 2. Craig Cook
 3. Joe Schult
 4. Tom & Deb Campbell
 5. Lee Ann Overman
 6. Doug Drake
 7. Ramona Huppert
- c. Membership (Doug Drake):
- Directory listing updates. Deadline to email Doug with updates is July 15th. Language on new form is in accordance with bi-laws. States to send in forms by May 15th, Deadline, July 1.
 - Members as of 7/7/17
 - Gold – 82
 - Silver – 83
 - Bronze – 85
 - Basic – 194
 - TOTAL – 443 (At this point last year – 429)
- Over half of the members paid more than basic membership

Communications - Jim Anderson

- Facebook/Website continues to be updated
- Lake Directory:

Ads - 17 renewals, 2 new. \$3.41/directory. If add color price would double.

Only current members receive directory. To receive directory membership dues need to be paid by July 15th

- Lake Scene
 - July 19 - Information to Kathy
 - July 24 - Deadline to Printer
 - July 29 - Ready for Distribution

Nominating/Audit - Dave Nelson

Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Improvement Association Slate of Officers 2017-2019

President - Marty Noonan

1st Vice President - Dave Nelson

2nd Vice President - Mark Jacobson

Secretary - Michelle Buron

Treasurer - Doug Drake

At Large Executive - Barry Eklund

At Large Executive - Jim Anderson

Any other nominations need to be reported to Dave Nelson

Audit:

Looking for someone to review books. If you or someone you know is interested please submit names to Dave Nelson.

Old Business

- Fall Social/Outstanding Volunteer Recognition- Evening of September meeting (September 9). Karen Ohm will coordinate event. Still need volunteers to take over Volunteer Recognition committee. It was noted that Volunteer Recognition does not need to be done every year.
- Balsam Lake Waterski Show - August 26th, 2017 - Discuss at next meeting
- Membership Decal & Flag Proposal - Discuss at next meeting

New Business

- No Wake Buoy at Garfield Landing - 100 Feet from launch pad - Needs to be discussed with Sanitary District.
- Dam Maintenance - Was inspected last year. Discuss at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:12 a.m., seconded and unanimously approved.