

## Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association Meeting

June 10, 2017

Meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of guests

### **Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron**

Michelle emailed everyone changes to the May minutes. Changes were in the following sections: Zebra Mussels, Nominating/Audit. Motion was made to approve changes/Seconded- Changes were approved.

Extra copies of the minutes will be brought to future meetings.

### **Treasurers Report – Doug Drake**

Financial Report:. Handed out at meeting (ending May 31, 2017)

May Expenses – Chains for Buoys, Watermans, Fireworks and Ski Show

Bank balance was \$16,656.24 on 5/31/17

Current Bank Balance is \$16,838.10

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

Flares:

Pick-up at Larry Karlson's storage units right after meeting (802 County Road C). Otherwise, available at Morts. 2017 – Purchased 50 cases. We have 4 cases left from last year (2016 – purchased 60 cases). There are forms for people to complete when picking up flares. Also, there were forms handed out at the meeting to those people with extra flares from last year. Forms need to be completed and turned in with money so we can keep track of how many flares are available and purchased. Flares are \$2/each. It is easier for the treasurer if each trustee can deposit the flare money into their own account and then write a check for the total, payable to the Lake Association. All money should be turned in on or before the July meeting. Any discrepancies, please contact Doug.

### **Presidents Report- Marty Noonan**

New Meeting Time Discussion:

It was requested to change the start time of the monthly meetings later to get more members to attend meetings - 8:00 Coffee, 8:30 Call To Order, 1/2 hour later than recent meetings. Marty went back to previous years to reflect start times of the meeting and there was no set time. During the discussion some members voiced agreement and others suggested keeping earlier start time. Motion was made to try the 8:00 Coffee, 8:30 Call to Order start time/Seconded. Approved by majority. Website needs to be updated with new start time.

#### Spring Social at Waterside:

Great Turnout - 175 attended event  
Waterside did a wonderful job with food.

#### Membership Decal Proposal:

A recommendation was made to have a WBT Lake Decal for paid members to put on their boat, home, etc. This is another way to promote membership. Another suggestion was made to have a boat flag. Marty will research Decal and Boat Flag cost and discuss at next meeting.

#### Balsam Lake Water Ski Team Show:

Event will take place on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. New Start Time – 3:00 p.m. (Original time was 7:00 p.m.). New time will also allow for bad weather delay. Pam at Waterside is concerned about parking. We will promote “Come By Boat”. Help will still be needed to direct traffic/parking. Website for Balsam Lake Water Ski Team: <https://blwsst.com/>. Their mission is to promote water skiing with the younger generations. We received a discount for the show – Total Cost of Show is \$1000 (Association paid \$750, Waterside paid \$250).

#### Clarification on Buoys:

Buoys are meant for NO WAKE ZONE. We have Buoys at the following locations:

Narrows – 4  
Dam – 2  
Garfield – 1  
YMCA Camp – 1  
Bear Trap - 1

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### **Lake Management – Mark Jacobson**

###### Promoting Healthy Lakes:

There are grants available for lake home owners for protecting the lake through Healthy Lakes practices. Grants must be submitted through Lake Association. For more information about Healthy Lakes and Grants visit their website: <http://healthylakeswi.com>. Marty also sent email to everyone with the link to Lake Tides Newsletter (UW Stevens Point).

###### Aquatic Invasive Species Education:

There is a meeting regarding Aquatic Invasive Species on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Lake Management Committee is trying to get someone to come educate residence of Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap. Steve Scheiffer (Fresh Water Biology Teacher) may be available in August.

*Through the Looking Glass: A Field Guide to Aquatic Plants* – Educational Book provided by UW Stevens Point. Cost – 11 books for \$230. Recommended to purchase enough books for all Trustees. Trustees can share with members interested in learning about different plants in lake – good plants and invasive species. Another recommendation is to give to those members who attend the Invasive Species class in August. Motion was made to purchase 33 books (Total of \$660)/Seconded, Approved. Rick ~~Rickard~~ Bazille will give Doug Drake information to purchase books.

There were questions regarding the large amounts of Algae/Moss seen in the lake. Unsure of why the lake has so much algae/moss this year.

**Harvester:**

64 Loads of weeds were harvested as of last week. Currently the harvester is in the Bear Trap area. They are continuing the southern loop and expect to be on the west side of Lake Wapogasset in the near future. The work staff has increased to 6. The YMCA camp loading area is working fine. Many thanks to them for letting us use the area. Steve Schieffer has done more mapping and we should have the data at our next meeting. The equipment is working as expected. No issues. Weather (wind and rain) affect the operation more than expected. Recently, the truck got stuck in a farmer's field when they were unloading the weeds. (Unusual things happen!) Be patient. It is a big area and only one harvester.

There were concerns about how many weeds were coming to the lakeshore. It will be brought to the attention of the Sanitary District. Most of the weeds should be going into the conveyor but some of the operators are new and still learning.

Harvester Naming Contest – Looking to name the Harvester. Any name ideas should be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Lake Monitoring – Lee Rickard**

**Zebra Mussels:**

Found a place to purchase Zebra Mussel Samplers. Cost: \$12/each + tax and shipping. Total cost for 12 is \$167.50. Mark Jacobson and ~~Lee Rickard~~ Rick Bazille will install and monitor. Polk County Land and Water has put us in touch with Fish and Wildlife (Dan Wedan). He will meet with us to instruct us on placement and monitoring. Information was emailed to Executive Committee and Lake Monitoring committee for opinions – Of those who responded, all were favorable.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters:**

Started Memorial Day Weekend – Handing out Ice Packs with “Stop Aquatic Hitchhiking” information. Sign at Waterside was down. Replacement is needed. Someone suggested having “Clean In, Clean Out” written on asphalt at boat landing. Will look into.

**Swim Platform:**

It was mentioned some swim platforms are out farther than usual. Unsure of Legal Limits. Info is on DNR website. However, lakeshore owners need to know property stops at shoreline which means swim platforms and docks are public property.

**Water Testing:**

Lake Monitoring Committee: Mark Jacobson, Ryan Hanson, Lee Rickard, Alan Walker, Phil Smith. First test of summer was done on 5/19/2017.

<b>Lake Wapogasset</b>	<b>5/19/2017</b>	<b>6/1/2016</b>	<b>5/22/2015</b>
- Temperature (Fahrenheit)	58.9	67.6	61.1
- Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)	9.2	8.8	9.8
- Clarity-Secci Disc (Feet)	18	11	21

<b>Bear Trap</b>	<b>5/19/2017</b>	<b>6/1/2016</b>	<b>5/22/2015</b>
- Temperature (Fahrenheit)	59.3	68.9	60.6
- Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)	9.4	9.8	9.3
- Clarity-Secci Disc (Feet)	18	9	19

### **Community Relations – Karen Ohm**

#### WBT Water Ski Club:

The WBT Water Ski Club is starting back up (Originated in the 1950s and then re-created in 1970s). First get-together is June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. for anyone interested in skiing, wake boarding, wave boarding. Wapo Lodge – 764 Cty. Rd. F. Gaylen and Kristen Paulsen will host first meeting. Information is in the May 27<sup>th</sup> Lake Scene

#### Fourth of July Activities:

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fireworks and “Light Up The Lake”

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

- 35<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk – Stower Seven Lakes Trail (Deronda), 8:00 Registration, 9:00 Race, Awards to follow, T-shirts for sale
- Kids’ Dash, Turtle Races and Cake Walk at Garfield Park starting at 11:00 a.m. Awards in multiple categories.
- Boat Parade – Judging station at Waterside (North End of Lake). Parade starts at 3:00 p.m. and will end at Waterside around 3:30. Any members interested need to contact Karen Ohm, 268-5735. Leave message with family name, theme, call back #.

#### Sunshine (Gail Tessman):

Jane Anderson – Knee Surgery

Mike Kohlrusch – 5 by passes

John Manning – In hospital with infection/fluid in lungs.

Gail has been notified of all 3 members. Please send Gail information on any life events.

#### 300 Club (Vicki Ziglinski):

All tickets have been distributed. Thank you for selling tickets quickly. We only have 55 tickets not paid for yet.

#### Membership (Doug Drake):

Goal is 100% membership (lake properties only). Ideally would like back lots to participate in membership but not counted in the 100% membership goal. Also, multiple property owners only need to pay for membership once.

Membership Dues – Change in due date from July to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made to change the Due Date for membership to May 15<sup>th</sup>/Seconded, Approved.

(Please Note: Doug sent out an email on June 12, 2017, with the following information regarding the By-laws regarding Membership Due Dates - *Section 4 Annual dues not to exceed \$25.00 shall be established by the Board of Trustees and announced at the Annual Meeting. Dues shall be paid on a calendar year basis due on or before July first. Special recognition may be provided for members who contribute in excess of the established annual dues. Discussion to take place at July Meeting*)

Membership Numbers:

Gold 76

Silver 75

Bronze 80

Basic 172

TOTAL Membership - 403 (Last Year we were at 395)

Total Dues Received - \$15998

### **Communications - Jim Anderson**

Lake Scene:

Kathy appreciates all the input and information sent to her for the Lake Scene. Thank you. Next distribution, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to get information into Kathy is Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

West Shore (Jerry Klasen)– Lake Scene has not been distributed. Joel Anderson has volunteered to distribute. (Jerry no longer lives on lake and board is currently looking for trustee on West Shore area)

Lake Directory:

Committee has started the process of gathering and organizing the information for the directory. Mailer to advertisers is going out this week. Deadline to get directory to Paperworks for print is mid-July.

### **Nominating/Audit - Dave Nelson**

Nominating:

Dave is in the process of asking current Executive Board/Committee members/Trustees if they will be continuing their commitment for 2018. Will have a report ready for next meeting.

Audit:

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

### **New Business**

Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Committee:

Marty received letter from current committee members –After many years on the committee they are all stepping down from the position to allow other members the opportunity to serve on this committee. We need 5 new members.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 a.m., seconded and unanimously approved.