

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association Meeting

September 9, 2017

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

Welcome and introduction of guests

Guest Speaker – Steve Schieffer, Amery Biologist – Curly Leaf Pond Weed

Steve gave a power point presentation on Nutrient Reduction and AIS in Lakes. Attached is the power point presentation.

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

One change to the August meeting minutes – Amery Fire Department covers more than 2500 acres of water.

Motion was made to approved August minutes with the correction/Seconded, Approved.

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

August 2017 Financial Report was handed out and presented at meeting:

- Checking account balance on 8/31/17 was \$18,444.
- Main Expenses for the month were CBCW stencil and printing of the directory

Motion was made to approve August 2017 Financial Report/Seconded, Approved

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan

1. Balsam Lake Water Ski Show in 2018 – Due to inclement weather the ski show scheduled for Saturday, August 26th, has been postponed until the 2018 season. Date is still TBD but ski show will be early in the season.
2. WCCO Amery visit on August 17th and 18th – Was a success. Positive PR for WBT and Amery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

Zebra Mussels – No zebra mussels were found on the plates. It is advised for lake owners to check docks for any signs of zebra mussels when pulling out their docks this fall.

Healthy Lakes Project – So far only one person is interested in helping. Please contact Mark Jacobson by next spring if interested.

AIS Monitor_ - Divide into 3 groups. 1st meeting is next spring.

A. Harvester - Barry Eklund

- Maintenance is completed and the harvester will be going into storage soon. The final report will be submitted to DNR. Steve Schieffer maps the lake for CLP.
- Heidi at the Water Sanitary District will submit permit request for both lakes for 2018.
- Heidi will also submit a permit for the Balsam Branch area and see if DNR will allow the Harvester to drive in that area.
- Harvester Name Contest – SS Curly Cutter. Winners are Mark Jacobson and Dave Nelson.

2. Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

Data is available for people to see. Please contact Lee if interested in data.

1. Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille

Completed 200 hours at ramp. Rick will get everything entered on DNR website and take info to the Sanitary District. Heidi Erspamer will apply for our payment and apply for next year's grant.

Boat Landing Stencil – Cannot be done until use of landings slow down. Hoping to have completed by later October.

2. Neighborhood Watch – Volunteer position still needs to be filled. Please contact Marty Noonan if interested.

3. Community Relations – Karen Ohm

A. Volunteer Thank You Dinner –

- a. September 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner at the YMCA Camp. No Outstanding Volunteer recognition awards this year. Trustees and one guest – Free. Otherwise \$20/person. Menu is set. Marty will send invitation out through email and Nextdoor website.

B. Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman

- a. Two cards were sent this month –
Roger Goff (Rita, his wife, passed away)
Mark Bezek had knee and shoulder surgery.

Additional cards sent since meeting:

Dorothy Christenson - Thinking of you
Deb Worthington - Thinking of you
Vicki Ziglinski - Sympathy card

C. Membership (Doug Drake):

- Members Numbers for 2017
Gold – 88
Silver – 87
Bronze – 88
Basic – 211
TOTAL – 474 Members

4. **Communications - Jim Andersen**

16 pages were added to the directory this year.. There were 545 Directories printed.

\$2923.00 – Total costs (includes \$50 Photo Contest Winner)

\$2245.00 – Directory Ad Income

-\$678.00 – Shortfall

Barry Eklund wanted to acknowledge Jim’s hard work and the additional information added to the directories

5. **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**

No Report

6. **300 Club - Vicki Zigliński**

\$100 Winners

- Don Anderson
- Dave Gackstetter
- Tracy Caffrey
- Steve and Nancy Ulrich
- Betty and Gary Faust
- Jim Andersen
- Rob Stevens

Old Business

- Americorp Grant for Invasive Species Training at YMCA Camp, October 2017 – Exact date has not been set yet. Michelle from YMCA will notify Marty Noonan of the date when determined.
- DNR “Through the Looking Glass” Aquatic Plant Identification Field Guide – Available for members. Please bring to training.
- Ralph and Mary Peterson Pontoon Donation to WBT Association – Donation is no longer available to WBT Association.

New Business

- Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Committee – Marty recommended 3 members to form the committee:
 - Bob Goodman
 - Dave Nelson
 - Karen OhmMotion was made to approve the above candidates for the Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Committee/Seconded. Approved.
- Painted Turtle – Lee Ann Overman – Lee Ann Overman noticed an unusual turtle near her shoreline two years ago and then again this summer. She contacted the DNR and they have categorized it as a Painted Turtle. The markings are very rare. Lee Ann passed around photos of the turtle. If anyone sees this turtle on their shoreline please take a photo of the underneath part of the shell and send to DNR.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:27 a.m./Seconded. Unanimously approved.