

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2018

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

Welcome and introduction of guests: Ken and Kathy Betzold, Dean Christenson

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

- July 2018 Minutes submitted via email prior to meeting. No corrections. Motion was made to approve July minutes, Seconded/Approved
- Name tags were printed for all Executive Board/Committee Members/Trustees. Please submit any corrections to Michelle. After each meeting name tags should be placed back in the appropriate slots.
- 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes - Motion was made to approve minutes, Seconded/Approved.

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

Financial Reports:

- Fiscal Financial Report from December 2017 was presented. Checking Account had \$17,030; All Accounts total \$89,739. Motion was made to approve last year's financial reports, Seconded/Approved
- July 2018 Financial Report: Checking Account has \$23,101; All Accounts total \$105,899. Motion was made to approve financial report, Seconded/Approved
- Proposed 2019 Budget Report - Budget changes and project priorities are highlighted in report.

Changes in Expenses for 2019

- Neighborhood Watch - \$1,200.00
- Education & Communication - \$2,850.00
- Fireworks - \$1,200.00
- Social Events - \$2,250.00
- Tax & Legal - \$40.00
- Raffle Expense - \$90.00
- Directory - \$3,000.00
- Flares - \$4,500.00

Changes in Income for 2019

- Dues and Donations - \$18,500.00
- Directory Ads - \$2,200.00

2019 Project Priorities

1. Runoff Control
2. Healthy Lakes
3. Clean Boats/Clean Water

Motion was made to approve Proposed 2019 Budget Report, Seconded/Approved

Flares - Sold 2,006 this year, 1,982 in 2017, 1,964 in 2016, 1,779 in 2015, no records for 2014, 1,585 in 2013. Cost of flares currently cost a little more than the \$2 members are charged so association is absorbing the extra cost. Once the flares go up in price again the board will be re-evaluated if the additional cost will be passed on to the members.

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan

- **2018 Photo Contest Results** - Jim Andersen gave the following report: 58 Photos submitted, 20 Finalist. Winner of the Photo Contest - Mark Elsbernd
Honorable Mention Awards - Mary Beth Chirico, Jim Andersen, Alain and Joyce Holt, Pat Wentz, Hannah Smith

Photos will be in the directory this year and the winning photo will be on the cover. The photos will also be sent to the website committee.

- **Outstanding Volunteer Selection Committee for 2018** - Dave Nelson gave the following report - The committee has selected the following people to be recognized for their contributions/service to the Association:
 - Julie Selle (Sanitary District)
 - Paul Halverson (Retired Maintenance/Care Taker at Bible Camp)
 - Bob Gagner (YMCA Camp)
- **Association Items for Sale** - Marty brought Association items to meeting: Hats (\$10), 100 Year Lake Association History Book (\$15), Card Decks (\$4), Lake Maps (free). These items will be brought to the Association meetings if anyone is interested in purchasing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

- PCALR Meeting - Wednesday, August 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake. Discussion includes curly leaf pondweed management, Aquatic Invasive Species and Black Crappie Sarcoma. Flyer will be emailed to lake association members.

Email from Aaron Cole - Still on same stocking regime, 15 large fingerling walleye during even years and 0.5 large fingerling musky during odd years. St. Croix tribe has also periodically stocked small fingerling walleye. Wapo and Bear Trap are up for comprehensive surveys next year. They will be determining the walleye and Muskie population. St. Croix Tribe did a fall shocking survey last year. They had 2 age-0 per mile of shoreline shocked which is fairly low for that age group. Also found 4.8 age-1 walleye per mile which is a good catch rate. ***The DNR is still advising people not to eat Crappies infected with Black Crappie Sarcoma*** and are encouraging people to keep and dispose of infected fish in the trash or compost. Removing infected fish should help to decrease the spread of the virus to other crappies.

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Harvester - Barry Eklund

- The curly leaf pondweed harvest season began in late May and concluded in late June. More acreage was harvested but there was less tonnage than last year. Here are the revised numbers from the last report.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Truck loads	46	101	87
Tons	101	293	255

The crews worked longer shifts (usually 12 hours) and cut the weeds in the areas of greatest concentration. It was effective. Most of the off-loading issues were resolved from last year and the operation was more efficient. Currently maintenance is being completed and the equipment will be transferred to storage in the near future. Early training and prep will be done next spring and we expect to be ready for another successful year. As we stated in the last report, we appreciate your input to make it a more effective operation.

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

- Weather is hot, and water is green. Standard for this time of year.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille

- Stencil Signs - Still need to complete Bear trap landing. Dave Nelson is available to complete the job after the meeting if someone is available to help.
- Report was distributed at meeting - Sanitary District obtained WDNR grant funding which will reimburse us 75% of total costs. Requirements for grant is to work minimum of 200 hours at a landing. We completed those hours this year. Labor cost this year should be around \$650. Only added expense was for the stencil signs. Total expenses for the year are \$798.26 which is shared with Sanitary District. Association costs should be a little under \$400. CB/CW participated in two DNR sponsored events this year - Drain Campaign (June 1-3) and Boat Landing Blitz (Weekend of July 4)
- Sanitary District will not apply for a grant for the 2019 season since we do not have a new Committee Chair as of yet.
- Last weekend committee looked for Eurasian Milfoil and found nothing. Also, no signs of Zebra Mussels on the plates placed in the lake at the beginning of the summer

Neighborhood Watch – Joel Anderson

- The Neighborhood Watch Committee met and recommends Re-Branding the Neighborhood Watch program with twenty-three 18X12 inch Blue Eye street signs, reducing the number of signs from sixty-five (65) signs. See map for locations. Each sign should be on its own steel post rather than on trees, mail boxes, utility poles, ATV signs, speed limit signs, fence posts, houses, or house number signs. The 18x12 inch size signs rather than the larger 18X24 inch signs may have a better chance of survive snow plows. The Neighborhood Watch Committee also recommends that all existing Neighborhood Watch signs be removed. Most signs are in poor condition and signs in good condition may not survive relocation.
- Signs are planned for the entrance to each neighborhood from both directions. The committee will contact Garfield and Lincoln Townships and Polk County for Sign placement approval. Signs will be placed next to an existing street signs so mowers do not have an additional obstacle to avoid. The committee will contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office about the WBT Neighborhood Watch plans. Diggers Hotline will be contacted before posts are driven into the ground. Sign placement is planned for the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019 when driving posts is easier.
- The cost is \$28 per sign plus \$12 per post for a total of \$1,200, including seven (7) extra signs and posts.
- The committee also recommends incorporating the Neighborhood Watch Logo into the annual membership placard so each Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association member displays the logo.

Motion was made to approve additional funding for new signs, Seconded/Approved.

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

- Fall Social/Recognition Dinner is September 8th. Location will be at the YMCA Camp. Cost are covered for Board Members and Trustees. All others the price will be around \$10 - \$12, still need to figure out the exact cost. 5:00 dinner, 6:00 Recognition program. Bring your own beverages. Information will be submitted for the August Lake Scene and the event is open to everyone.

A. **Sunshine** - LeeAnn Overman

LeeAnn could not attend the meeting but sent the following report: Cards were sent to Lon Van Gemert, Janis Odegard, Dave Mueller, Janet Nichols, Matt Blakney & Jamie Reznicek

B. **300 Club** - Vicki Ziglinski

\$100 Winners

- Rod Buck (#90)
- Julie Dalton (#140)
- Chris Olafson (#154)
- Mary Erkenbrack (#1)
- Tracy Anderson (#95)
- Eric Broich (#207)

\$500 Winners

- Bev Pieper (#61)
- Larry Barenbaum (#126)

C. **Membership** - Doug Drake

- Membership Numbers:

Gold – 89

Silver – 92

Bronze – 99

Basic – 213

TOTAL – 493 Members for 2018

- 2017 membership was 469, 2016 membership was 460
- 100% membership trustees: Jim & Julie Anderson, Joel Andersen, Merle Gust, Ed Hagen, Mark Jacobson, Bob Whitman, Juanita Seidl, Marty Rickard

- **Communications - Jim Andersen**

- The committee helped Mark Jacobson create information to send out for a Polk Co. Citizen Lake Monitoring Class scheduled Aug 9th at Polk Co. Thanks to Don Springer.
- **Lake Scene** - We supported the Lake Scene breakdown and distribution for August. All input for the September Lake Scene is due on or before Aug. 20-24. Pick up will be Friday Aug. 31 and will include the Lake Directories.
- Ongoing work to add and update the WBT web site and Facebook page continues by Hanson's and Drake's.
- **Lake Directory** - We lost a couple advertisers: Indigo Iris, Little Falls Farm Stand and Amery Farm and Home. We picked up some new ones: Waterside, Crickets, Miki Jo's, and Lawrence's Pest Control. The revenue from the advertisements has increased to an estimated \$2,700. Sally Kelvgard has taken on the job of layout and creative design. I picked up the proof yesterday and will have it reviewed and ready for her to print. Planned delivery date is on or before Aug. 24th. We will set a time (target date Aug 27 before Friday Aug. 31 to breakdown the Trustee bundles and then add the Lake Scene when they are back from the printers.
- Thanks to all who have helped with these efforts.

- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**

- Nominating - Still looking for 1st Vice President and one Trustee on the West Shore. If anyone is interested, please contact Dave Nelson.
- Audit - Vicki Ziglinski completed the audit. A full review of the balance sheet and financial reports was done, including testing and sampling of checks issued and deposits. Doug has done an excellent job. Per the recommendation of last year's audit Doug is using one system. All the reporting and testing

turned out wonderful. Only recommendation from this year is to consider adding a provision for a dual signature on checks being issued. Recommendation is to have dual signatures for any checks over \$5000.

New Business

- Question on regulations for Night Fishing/Hunting - Per sheriff unfortunately there are no regulations about how late they can be out or how bright their lights can shine.
- Question on limits for trolling - 3 fishing lines per fisherman.
- Question about clean boats/clean waters education at Waterside landing - There is a sign posted but we no longer have volunteers at the landing. Discussion about putting a post and holder for brochures to educate boaters.
- Violations on Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap. So far 9 citations have been issued. Most were given on July 3rd after fireworks due to incorrect lighting requirements. Some concerns mentioned were:
 - People putting red, green or blue lights around their pontoons. Those colors should not be used around boats.
 - Any operator born after 1989 must present a boater certificate. Certificate class/testing can be done online or through the sheriff's office.
 - Personal watercraft needs to be 200 ft away from the dock or shore
 - Wide mirrors are legal now to pull water skiers
 - Must have an empty seat in the watercraft for the person you are towing.
- Buoys near Garfield landing. Pat Teiken had questions regarding the legal and proper signage. She is currently researching this information and will present to the executive committee.
- Harvester Parking - Concerns were mentioned in previous meetings. Topic will be postponed until September meeting.
- Tornado Siren Installation - Concerns are still being discussed about payment responsibilities.

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