

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2018

Meeting Called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of guests: Terry Guanella, JR (John) Rannikko

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron (Vicki Ziglinski)

June 2018 Minutes submitted via email prior to meeting. No corrections.
Motion was made to approve June minutes, Seconded, Approved.

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

Financial Reports:

June 2018 - Expenses were Spring Social \$750, Fireworks \$1,200, July 4th events \$941, flares \$4,303 Liability insurance \$1,656

- Wisconsin Lakes Dues \$750 – circulated contact list to all present to add and/or delete
- Bank Balance as of June 30, 2018 - \$ 20,612 as of today \$22,800
- Investment Project List reviewed

A small group of WBT trustees Jan Anderson, Dick Armbruster, Doug Drake, Ed Hagen, took the time to meet and discuss potential beneficial uses for funds which have been accumulating in the lake association treasury for the past few years. Some of the items discussed would be regular budget items and others are “unbudgeted” items which require specific approval by the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees. The following is an outline of funding possibilities identified (in no particular order):

1. Healthy Lakes support – provision for a \$500 grant (or loan) for every Healthy Lakes project which is part of an approved grant from the state.
2. Clean Boats / Clean Waters – funding of a paid part-time position to direct and manage the CBCW program, plus funding of payroll expenses for additional days and hours of program operation during the summer.
3. Revival of the “Milfoil Patrol” which was previously organized by the Sanitary District. While this could be strictly a volunteer activity the association could cover any expenses (including training) necessary to get this valuable activity going again.
4. Diversion and Control of Water Runoff to the Lakes – in general we should work with the Conservancy and the Sanitary to identify areas of uncontrolled storm and snowmelt runoff, and devise solutions for these problems to improve the health of our lakes. Specific actions could include:
 - Pledging a contribution to the Conservancy to support their next purchase or project (to be paid at closing or at project completion).
 - Identifying potential diversion projects, and educating and communicating with interested parties regarding such projects.
5. Support purchase of a rescue boat by YMCA Camp Icacahowan.
6. Neighborhood Watch signs – could be as much as several thousand dollars if all signs were replaced.

A straw vote ranking ballot was handed out and will be tallied and reviewed at the next trustee meeting and taken into account in development of the 2019 budget.

- Please let Doug know if there is any other input on the 2019 budget. It will be presented at the annual meeting in August
- Flares – Please turn in your flare money and sheet ASAP if you haven't already
- Motion was made to approve Financial Reports/Seconded, Approved

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan (Dave Nelson)

- Light up the Lake – quantity of flares were down, potentially due to being in the middle of the week. Would like to work with Sanitary District to consider moving to a weekend to have more participation in the future.
- Invoice of \$2,088.36 for repair of the Siren was paid for by the Town of Garfield. The hole was drilled on the top of the box and was not sealed appropriately, and therefore water leaked in. The town has paid the bill, and discussion around that we should pay the bill and pursue the installers as it was installed incorrectly originally. American Signal arranged for an installer out of Milwaukee to repair. Additional paint bill \$148.26 was also presented. Motion to approve and pay invoice, second/approved.
 - Need to evaluate next steps and what agreement was in place for the signal with the Town of Garfield, warranty and install. Barry Eklund, Vicki Ziglinski, Linda Lawrence and Dave Nelson will be part of obtain paperwork and review with former President Joe Ziglinski.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

- Mark Jacobson and Marty Noonan attended the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Association Meeting on Friday, June 22nd, in Spooner, WI. Many goo sessions including Zebra mussel breakout, projects to help the lake shore and lake shore restoration.
- Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring or AIS monitoring will begin again, Dave Millard (chair), Rick Bazille, Martha Funke, LeeAnn Overman. Katelyn Anderson, Polk County Parks would like to do an aquatic species training session for us. Time to be determined at a future date.

Harvester - Barry Eklund

- The late ice out and spring prompted later than normal Curly Leaf Pondweed growth, but when it started to grow it was massive and highly concentrated.
- There were fewer loads than last year in a much shorter harvest season.
- Weeds harvested in a shorter period of time because crews worked longer shifts (usually 12 hours) and they targeted the areas of greatest concentration. Also, the off-loading was more efficient allowing less wait time for the harvester.
- The harvest season ended as o the 26th of June.
- Procedures this year were effective and with additional training for the crews next year, we expect it to be another successful year. As always, we appreciate your input to make it better.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Truck loads	46	101	88
Tons	101	293	estimate: 250-270

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

- Water clarity this year is good. Seechi Disk Report from June 22, 2018: Secchi disk is at 15 feet
- Currently there are five people involved - Lee Rickard, Alan Walker, Mark Jacobson, Phil Smith, Ryan Hanson.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille

- Things are going great, currently at 130 hours
- Boat Landing Stencil and Boat landing pavement signs painting complete at Sunrise. Bear Trap still needs to be completed.
- Suggested hiring a person at last meeting to lead this. After further review withdrawing the recommendation as a paid position.
- Rick Bazille is retiring from this position this year and needs a replacement. Replacement does not have to be a lake resident. Rick will train and help transition the new person. Please contact Rick if interested.

A. Neighborhood Watch – Joel Anderson

- Jim Andersen and Joel Anderson took an inventory of the Neighborhood Watch Sign around Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap, Monday and Tuesday July 9 & 10. Neighborhood Watch car door signs were used to identify the vehicles used during the survey. We located 65 signs and noted their location and condition. The committee will meet to discuss recommendations for sign placement.
- Polk County Investigators would like anyone with rented storage sheds in the area to be alert to recent burglaries to these sheds. Investigators have discovered some sheds which have had padlocks cut off, and less expensive padlocks put back on in their place. This allows the thieves to return and re-enter those sheds at a later time.
- Consider using the highest quality padlock you can on storage sheds. Some are extremely difficult to defeat. Contact local law enforcement if you observe suspicious activity around storage sheds, and report immediately if you find your padlock has been replaced. Citizens are asked to check their sheds at their earliest convenience to make certain they have not been victimized.
- 65 signs found, 20% are in good condition, committee will recommend in future for new signs
- Joel's email: joel.anderson.wapo@gmail.com

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

- 4th of July Information:
 - July 3rd - Light Up the Lake went off at 9:45
 - July 4th Events
 - 5K run/walk event had 141 runners down by 3
 - July 4th Garfield Park kids activities were Postponed until July 5th
 - Boat Parade delayed until July 5th – Began at Mort's Marina/Porter's Bay,
 - 13 originally registered, 7 ended up participating.
 - Winners will be announced in the next Lake Scene
 - T- shirts still available – children's \$10 each
 - Communications were difficult or unavailable for rain delay. Will look at working with the social media to ensure clear communications in future.
 - Music in the Bay was July 7 for Mort's Marina 40th celebration - very successful!
 - Planning September Social and recognition dinner – more to come.

A. **Sunshine** - LeeAnn Overman

- Please contact Lee Ann about any surgeries/hospitalizations, deaths, new neighbors or appreciation cards to be sent to one of our members.
- Sympathy card sent to Darlene Larson, her husband Ron passed away
- Sympathy card sent to Gary and Mary Davis, they lost their son Peter
- Thinking of you/support card sent to Todd Knipping, he had a stroke
- Sympathy card sent to Kathy Jacobson, her husband Conway died of throat cancer
- Congratulations card sent to the Marina – Kathy Mortensen for the Marina's 40th anniversary

B. **300 Club** - Vicki Ziglinski

All tickets have been sold and turned in!

First drawing winners:

#51 – Dave and Suzanne Boll

#190 – Ron Karon

#271 – Bev Kohn

#213 – Dan Dahms

#129 – Craig Heusinkveld

#277 – Todd Knipping

#11 – Paula Schmid

C. **Membership** - Doug Drake

- Membership forms and cards are still available if needed
- New Members should get a card with their next Lake Scene
- Updates for changes in the Directory due – July 15
- Membership Numbers:
 - Gold – 89
 - Silver – 91
 - Bronze – 99
 - Basic – 206
- TOTAL – 485 Members, last year at 474, this time last year 443
- Email list of members is at 285 members
- 100% membership trustees: Jim & Julie Anderson, Joel Andersen, Merle Gust, Ed Hagen, Mark Jacobson, Bob Whitman
- Membership dues revenue is \$19,000, \$2K over budget

• **Communications - Jim Andersen**

- 2019 Directory Advertisers still being worked on near completion
 - Have started the Directory Review
 - All Updates due by July 15
 - August 24th deadline for delivery with the lake scene to be distributed over labor day weekend
- Photo Contest - Instructions to submit a photo can be found on the back page of the directory. One photo per email, jpeg format, send to wbt lakes@gmail.com. Deadline is July 15th. Photos may also be used by the lake association to promote the lake. Have received 35, organizing and turn over to judges,
- Facebook/Website - Nancy Drake/Ryan Hanson

- Flares - Next year will develop a one page insert instruction sheet with tips and details. Need to try to collect ashes for the Flares, use wood to anchor and more ideas to come.
- Lake Scene support for 700 Lake Scenes plus inserts:
Committee Members: Jim Anderson, Doug and Nancy Drake, Ryan Hanson, Jerry Haug, Judy DiMartini, Paul & Marilyn Collins, Kelly Hogen.
Advisors: Tessman's, Marlys Nelson
- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**
 - Nominating - Dave has one more year left on existing term. If interested in moving into an officer position, please contact Dave Nelson.
 - Audit - Vicki Ziglinski confirmed that the audit will be completed and reported at the annual meeting.

New Business

- Discussion regarding the need to move a buoy to Garfield Park (didn't happen per last meeting discussions) Consensus is education is needed, take boat number down and call the DNR (in directory). Proposal suggested to put a sign at the dock. Pat Teiken to research and present at next meeting.
- Guest Speaker Karen Odegard and Greg Rochester, friends of the Amery Dog Park presented information on how a site has been identified on 8.06 acres of the Northeast corner of Minneapolis/Griffin Street. Park is free and open year round. 2 areas, 1 for small and 1 for large. In need of fencing/gate, Pavilion, Landscaping, picnic tables, water fountain, benches, bag dispenser, trash/recycle bins, signage. Seeking Donations, donors will be honored, and have photo in the Amery Free Press. Donation to Amery Dog Park discussed. Motion to donate \$2500, seconded, discussion, tabled until next meeting.
- Bob Whitman retiring from Trustee, Ryan Hanson will be taking over
- Recommendation was to have Waterside patrons discuss directly with owners if there are suggestions and/or concerns.
- Fall Recognition Dinner - Avoid having the same date of the Fall Festival. 2018 should not be an issue.
- Lake Improvement Committee - Will get together to discuss proposal for grant.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:01 a.m./Seconded, unanimously approved.