

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2018

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

Welcome and introduction of guests

Mark Johnson

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

May 2018 Minutes -

- Correction - Under President's Report - Misspelling of Peter Wetzel's name. Correction made.

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

Treasurers Report – Doug Drake

Financial Reports

- May 2018 - Expenses were PCALR Dues (\$25) and Waterman's (\$96). So far expenses in June have been Spring Social (\$750) and Flares (\$4303)
- Bank Balance as of May 31, 2018 - \$21,436 (as of today \$17,269)
- Still looking for ideas to invest in our lake and setting budget for next year, no feedback yet.

Motion was made to approve Financial Reports/Seconded, Approved

Presidents Report- Marty Noonan

- Spring Social - 182 in attendance, Biggest turnout ever. Waterside did a great job hosting the event. Only recommendation is to have more assistance with check-in, possibly do a sign-up sheet to work at the sign-in desk next year.
- Flares - Ready for pick up today at Larry Karlson's warehouse. Those trustees who had flares remaining from last year should have received a form before the meeting. Blank forms were passed around to the other trustees. When picking up flares please add to sign-up sheet your name and # of boxes taken. Return completed forms after the 4th. Ordered 60 cases this year since we ran out last year. We also provide one case for each camp which Karen Ohm will distribute. \$2/flare (same price as last year). After today flares can be picked up at Mort's Marina.
- 4th of July Schedule - Fireworks in Tuesday, July 3rd. May think about changing in the future to always have fireworks on the weekend to accommodate the out of town owners. Needs to discuss with our Liaison at the Water Sanitary District. Last fall Doug had done research on the previous fireworks dates as it was discussed at another meeting. Water Sanitary District does not make their decision until December/January, so Association can discuss making the change to weekends fireworks for future years. Waterside will be open 12 consecutive days and they are currently hiring. 4th of July event information is on the website and in the Lake Scene.

- Recognition Committee - Met this morning to discuss Outstanding Volunteer. Suggestion was to add Ray and Pam to the list of nominees. Currently there is a list of about 20 people. Other nominations are welcome as well. There is a criteria that is followed for selecting the Outstanding Volunteer. Nomination can include people that live on and off the lake as long as they have done things for the lake. Winners will be recognized at the Fall Recognition dinner. Committee members are Karen Ohm, Bob Whitman and Dave Nelson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Association - Meeting on Friday, June 22nd, 9:00 a.m. -3:45 p.m., in Spooner, WI. Speakers talk about Lake Management, Projects, Clean Water. Mark will be attending on behalf of the Water Sanitary District. Looking for someone to go as a representative for the Lake Association. Attendance fee is \$45 which association will pay. Contact Marty if interested.

A. Harvester - Barry Eklund

Mark Johnson works on the Harvester and is here to help answer any questions. Harvester was put into water mid-May, but no weeds were found at that time. Since the beginning of June there has been 43 loads. Crew work shift is 12 hours, Monday through Friday. Three guys are working the harvester. New this summer is that each week the lake is surveyed to find out which areas have more weeds. This method has helped the crew concentrate on those areas which results in utilizing the Harvester more efficiently. They are looking for more people to be sure the Harvester is running the full shifts every weekday. Harvester has made its way through whole lake. Not much on Bear Trap at the time they were there. Currently on Sunrise and will most likely be on Northside of Wapogasset next week and start the loop again. During the nice weather Curly leaf can grow about 6 inches a day. They are having a little trouble with monitoring equipment. First round through there were some areas missed so you may see strips of curly leaf. They will try to get those areas the second time around. Some residents have concerns about nesting issues. Curly leaf does not usually grow on shoreline. Distance of Harvester is limited. Mark is also a Safety Officer of Amery Fire Department and would like everyone to take a look at the clearance of their driveways as it's difficult for the fire truck to get through some of the driveways. Airboat is operational again. Dummy has not surfaced. Mark is also the Chairman of the Lincoln Planning Commission so please see him with any questions or suggestions. Results of Harvester usually can be seen after 5 years. Getting Curly Leaf before seeding is important. Weeds are being dumped at 2 different properties.

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard

Water clarity this year is good. Sechi Disk Report from May 22, 2018:

- Wapogasset
 - Temperature - 61.7 degrees
 - Clarity - 15 feet
 - Dissolved Oxygen - 10.5
- Bear Trap
 - Temperature - 62.9
 - Clarity - 19 feet
 - Dissolved Oxygen - 9.1

Reports are showing consistency, no deteriorating

Currently there are five people involved - Lee Rickard, Alan Walker, Mark Jacobson, Phil Smith, Ryan Hanson.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille

Program started Memorial Day weekend this year. We participated in the June 1st - 3rd - Drain Campaign. Saturday was a complete rainout, Sunday was cold and windy with only a few boats. We were only given 25 ice packs this year to pass out to fishermen emphasizing the importance of draining live wells and placing fish on ice before leaving a landing. This number is less than previous years due to the growing interest and participation of other lakes in the program.

- June 29th - July 4th - Boat Landing Blitz. Free CB/CW towels will be passed out to emphasize the importance of cleaning boats and equipment to prevent the spread of Aquatic Species.
 - Thanks to Karen Ohm we were able to bring on an additional person (new school teacher in the area). We now have two employees working the program, returning college student and Brian Anderson, and we should have no problem getting the 200 hours required to receive the grant money
- Boat Landing Stencil - Boat landing pavement signs should be painted in the next couple of weeks at Sunrise Beach and Bear Trap. Garfield will provide the paint and some training. Painting will be done before 4th of July.
 - Mark Jacobson and Rick Bazille put the Zebra Mussel plates in the water June 1.
 - 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. Brian Anderson, new school teacher, may be interest. Please contact Rick if interested.

A. Neighborhood Watch – Joel Anderson

- Jim Andersen and Joel Anderson meet with the former National Neighborhood Watch chair, Jerry Tessman, on May 31. Jerry related the history and current status of the Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association National Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch material Jerry had in his possession was handed over to Joel Anderson. The three men agreed it is important to revitalize the Neighborhood Watch program on Wapogasset/Bear Trap which was started in 1987 and may be the oldest Neighborhood Watch program of a Lake Association.
- Joel Anderson called the National Neighborhood Watch office at the National Sheriffs' Association to inquire about registration of our Neighborhood Watch. Our group had not been registered in the past, but an on-line registration was completed June 5, 2018 by Joel Anderson. Registration is free, and many resources are available with the basic registration. More resources are available with a paid membership. Membership costs \$7.50 per person, which could incur an expense of \$4,500 for the Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association National Neighborhood Watch of 600 homes. Joel does not know if it would be worth the cost.
- The purpose of a Neighborhood Watch program includes:
 - Promote the well-being of the lakeshore neighbors
 - Secure property
 - Discourage criminal activity such as vandalism and theft
 - Report suspicious activity to law enforcement and the Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Association.
 - Recover stolen goods

The National Neighborhood Watch program encourages participants to be the ancillary eyes and ears for law enforcement. National Neighborhood Watch program is not a citizen patrol or vigilante group.

The most effective Neighborhood Watch groups are those that are involved in many community activities, not just crime. The Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association National Neighborhood Watch group is a good partner with the Lake Improvement Association which is concerned with water safety and water quality. Communication tools such as the summer meetings of the Lake Improvement Association, Lake Scene Newsletter, Nextdoor social network, and social activities of the Association help build a caring community.

- Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Association National Neighborhood Watch agenda/goals
 - Recruit committee members
 - Connect with law enforcement, Captain Dale Hall, 715.485.8323
 - Learn about crime rate around the lake
 - Assess the structure of the Watch group
 - Discuss branding for the program; continue with Boris or switch to Blue Eye
 - Inventory National Neighborhood Watch Street signs
 - Develop placement plan for street signs
 - Purchase new street signs 12x18 \$33, 18x24 \$43
 - Contribute articles to the Lake Scene Newsletter
 - Provide leaders with training
 - Consider special circumstances of a lakeshore neighborhood with many seasonal residence
 - Talk about new technology and its impact on criminal reporting
 - CODE RED Alerts - Polk County Sheriff's website. Landlines receive the CODE RED alerts. If you want to receive CODE RED alerts on your cell phone you can register online.
 - Nextdoor website - information of activity will be noted on website as needed.
- Neighborhood Watch Signs - Need to establish where signs are and condition of signs. Looking into a standard for posting signs. Currently signs are posted on speed limit signs, utility poles, houses, trees, etc.
- Any issues should be called into the Sherriff's office and submitted to Joel so he can notify the lake residences through Nextdoor website. There was discussion of several issues and suggestions.
- Joel's email: joel.anderson.wapo@gmail.com

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

- 4th of July Informatn:
 - July 3rd - Light Up the Lake
 - July 4th Events
 - 8:00 a.m. - 5K run/walk event (8:00 registration, 9:00 Race Begins) - Stower Trail, Deronda
 - 11:00 a.m. - Kid's Activities: Kid Dashes, Turtle Races & Cake Walk - Garfield Park
 - Donations are welcome for the cake walk
 - 3:00 p.m. - Boat Parade - Begins at Mort's Marina/Porter's Bay, Route is in Main Bay Wapo, Judges Station is at Ohm Home/Hawley House (750-746 130th St.)
 - Other discussion was to include event info and donations for cake walk in the Lake Scene and add to Nextdoor website.

- Renting Turtles - A request was made for turtles to be available for rent. This has been done in the past. There are plenty of turtles in the YMCA bay area. Some residents concerned about catching of turtle when it's not turtle season. Since the turtles are not being kept and are released it is not an issue. Also, if turtles are not placed back where they were found, which is considered their home, they will die. Michel Tigan from the YMCA will write up an article for the Lake Scene.
- A. Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman
- 6 cards were mailed out in May.
 - Please contact Lee Ann about any surgeries/hospitalizations, deaths, new neighbors or appreciation cards to be sent to one of our members.
- B. 300 Club - Vicki Ziglinski
- All tickets have been handed out. 60 tickets still outstanding. Please turn in any unsold raffle tickets as we have several inquiries for tickets.
- C. Membership - Doug Drake
- Blank Membership forms are available. Membership forms can also be printed from our website. New members should receive their card with next Lake Scene. Trustees should keep track of paid members and should bring blank membership forms with them when distributing lake scene to offer to nonpaid members.
 - 100% participation - Ed Hagen (Wallace Addition).
 - 100% includes all residence on the lake (not those members/houses off the lake but part of the association.
 - Doug is keeping track of vacant lots on the lake so it will not count toward the 100% participation goal. If you have a vacant lot in your area please confirm it's on the list with Doug.
 - Membership Numbers
 - Gold – 85
 - Silver – 86
 - Bronze – 89
 - Basic – 183
 - TOTAL – 443 Members
 - (10% ahead of last year's # at this time. As of September 2017, there were a total of 474 members. We are approximately 30 members short of this number.
 - Email Communication List - Don Springer maintains the list. The email list is up to 285 households. This email list helps promotes events and other information we need to get out to members.
 - Total residences in association is just over 650.
 - **Communications - Jim Andersen**
 - 2019 Directory - Existing Advertisers have received their renewal forms. Raised the price 15% this year. Small ad price raised from \$40 - \$45, Full page ad raised from \$225 - \$270. July 15th is target date for production. If you have a prospect for advertisers, please contact Jim Andersen or anyone on the Communication Committee.
 - 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.

- Lake Scene
 - May Issue was put together at Jim Anderson's home. Drakes, Collins and Andersens assisted. Amery Tourism pamphlet was included. Committee will come up with a policy/procedure to determine guidelines as to what can be distributed to the lake association residence.
 - June 30th Issue
 - June 18th-22nd - Articles due to Kathy
 - June 29th (Friday) - Pick-up
- Burning Permit - Process to receive a burning permit is somewhat complicated. Jim Andersen will research the process and put an article in the Lake Scene.
- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**
 - Nominating - One more year left on existing term. We have several new trustees. If interested in moving into an officer position, please contact Dave Nelson. Six-year term limit.
 - Audit - Dave recommended audit be done by August meeting. Vicki agreed to complete the audit by that time.

New Business

- Garfield trailer park residents are requesting a "No Wake" buoy for the boat launch area. One buoy by dam could be moved to Garfield. Legal issues were discussed. Buoys can be placed in areas as a reminder. DNR and Water Sanitary District can be contacted regarding rules and regulations.
- YMCA needs rescue boat - Can association purchase boat? Will be added to ideas for budget committee. Michel Tigan will send request to Marty.
- YMCA Camp - Many trees fell from storm. Wood available if interested. Need volunteers to help cut trees. Recommended for Michel Tigan to add information to Nextdoor website.
- Need Technical Support for Nextdoor. Deb Worthington created the website and is the contact person.
- Concern about jet ski issues on lake - DNR rotates among lakes in the area. Lake association does not have authority to give violation tickets out. Tickets must be given out by County or State authorities. If resident has a concern or complaint they need to contact the sheriff's office. If resident sees a violation, it's recommended to take a photo or video to show the sheriff's office
- Reminder - Bob Whitman will be retiring as a trustee after this year. Needs a replacement. Ryan Hanson was recommended.
- Lake Improvement Committee - Will get together to discuss proposal for grant.
- Fall Recognition Dinner - Avoid having the same date of the Fall Festival. 2018 should not be an issue.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m./Seconded. Unanimously approved.