

**Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2018**

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

**Welcome and introduction of guests**

August - Bible Camp

Courtney - YMCA Camp

**Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron**

- September 2017 Minutes - Correction
  - Under New Business - Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Committee
    - Bob “Whitman” is the correct nameMotion was made to approved September minutes with the correction/Seconded, Approved.
- 2018 Trustees & Executive Committee List - The updated list was sent around the room for people to review and correct any contact information.

**Treasurers Report – Doug Drake**

- 2018 Reports - New format per recommendation of Audit last year
- Financial Reports
  - September - December 2017 - Only expense was Member & Association Expenses
  - January - April 2018 - Biggest expenses were YMCA Donation (\$1000) and Spring Mailing (\$343)
  - Bank Balance as of April 30, 2018 - \$16384 (currently \$19450)
- Revenue vs. Expenses
  - In January 2018, \$10,000 was transferred from checking to savings (Checking balance in January was \$16K, now \$19K despite transfer)
    - In January 2016, \$25K was transferred from checking to savings. The transfer in 2016 dropped the checking to \$9K
    - Basically, in the last two years our revenue has exceeding expenses by over \$40K
    - We need to start looking at options to spend the money to meet our goals of improving the lake.
- Budget Committee - We need to form a committee to allocate funds for lake improvement projects. Discuss at June meeting.
- Flares will be ordered next week and can be picked up after the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion was made to approve Financial Reports/Seconded, Approved

**Presidents Report- Marty Noonan**

- Spring Social - June 2, 2018, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Waterside. Need Trustee and Executive committee members to help at check-in table. Marty to discuss menu with Brian at Waterside. Same type of set-up with Buffet style menu. Last year the event cost approximately \$750.
- Polk County Healthy Lakes Project - As a lake association we can submit paperwork on behalf of our home owners for the Healthy Lakes Grant. The paperwork can only be submitted through the association. Marty suggest forming a committee to organize the efforts and complete the necessary paperwork for lake home owners to receive the grant for their lakeshore improvements. Karen Ohm has several families interested in receiving a grant from Polk County. The following members has agreed to form the committee:
  - Mary Noonan (Chair)
  - Karen Ohm
  - Ed Hagen
 Motion was made to form a committee for the Healthy Lake Grant/Seconded, Approved
- Balsam Lake Water Ski Team Show - July 14, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Ski show will take place in front of Waterside. Best view will be from your boat in the water. In case of inclement weather show will be delayed until 7:00 p.m.
- Peter Wentzel was invited to speak on fishing regulations. He had a previous obligation and could not attend the meeting. Reminder of fishing regulations:
  - Walleye - Minimum length is 15", 20"-24" may not be kept and only 1 fish over 24" is allowed, daily bag limit is 3.
  - Muskellunge - Minimum length is 40", daily bag limit is 1.
  - Bass - No minimum length, 14"-18" may not be kept, only one fish over 18" is allowed, daily bag limit is 5.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Mark has taken a new position with the Sanitary District and needs to step down as the Lake Management Chair. Search for a new chairperson is needed. This position includes:
  - Responsible for strategic activities related to shoreline, in lake and watershed water quality research and improvement projects. This would include fishing improvement and phosphorus inactivation projects. This committee oversees the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. The Committee Chair shall serve as liaison with the Department of Natural Resources, Polk County Water Resources and Polk County Lakes and Rivers (PCLAR).
- Volunteers are needed for the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. The responsibilities include inspecting the lakes and monitoring the zebra mussel plates.
- Zebra Mussel plates will be put in as soon as the docks are in.
- 2017/2018 Fish Stocking for Wapogasset and Bear Trap -
  - 2017 - Muskellunge Stocking - 105 in Lake Wapogasset, 22 in Bear Trap
  - 2018 - Both lakes are scheduled for stocking of Walleye
- South Shore Farm Area Issues - These issues are the #1 priority for the Lake Conservancy Water District. They are working with the owners of the farm. They are in the process of purchasing the land near the lakeshore and plan to put in a holding pond to stop the run off from going into the lake.
- Incidents on the Lake - Please contact DNR regarding any incidents on the lake. There is also a phone number you can call if you prefer the call to be anonymous.

##### A. Harvester - Barry Eklund

- SS Curly Cutter is having maintenance done on it this week and will be out on the lake cutting weeds the following week. There will be one 12-hour shift, Monday - Friday. The harvester will start on the northside. Barry and Neil will evaluate the lake, determine the most concentrated weed areas and direct where the harvester is most needed each week.

### **Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard**

No report this month (Rick out of town) - Testing will be done in 2 weeks.

#### A. Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille (Out of town - emailed report to Marty for meeting)

- Sanitary District has obtained a WDNR Grant to fund our CB/CW program. We will participate in two WDNR sponsored events.
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Drain Campaign. Ice packs will be passed out to fishermen emphasizing the importance of draining live wells and placing fish on ice before leaving a landing.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> - 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.
- Steve and Sam Schieffer are no longer able to assist in recruiting and training our paid help. Unfortunately, they have lost the support of the City of Amery, which handled the payroll, insurance, etc. Steve feels he will be too busy keeping his Amery programs running and will not have the enough time to help the association with our programs.
- Currently we have one returning employee from last year. He should be able to work approximately 100-120 hours. The grant requires 200 hours therefore, additional employee(s) are needed to complete the Grant requirement. If anyone know someone who would be interested in working for our program this summer, please contact Rick. (715-268-2916). Karen Ohm has offered to put the word out to her students.

#### B. Neighborhood Watch – New Chairperson: **Joel Anderson**

Joel Anderson offered to be the new Chairperson for the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

- New signs need to be ordered as we do not have any extras in storage. Before signs can be ordered Joel will check with the Sheriff's office and Polk County for sign restrictions.
  - 115<sup>th</sup> Street sign is down
  - Longwood Neighborhood sign is down
  - Trustees - Please take a look at the signs in your neighborhood and report any issues to Joel Anderson.
- A suggestion was made to educate the trustees on their responsibilities so any issues can be addressed as soon as possible.

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Information:
  - July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Light Up the Lake
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>
    - 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
    - 3:00 p.m. - Boat Parade - Begins at Mort's Marina/Porter's Bay, Route is Main Bay Wapo, Judges Station is Ohm Home/Hawley House (750-746 130<sup>th</sup> St.
- Music in The Bay - July 15<sup>th</sup> in front of Mort's Marina (Time TBD)

#### A. Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman

- Approximately 30 cards were sent to members/families over the last 8 months ranging from Thank You, Sympathy, Get Well/Thinking Of You and Welcome cards. Lee Ann received a nice card from Jeanne Reiter (Bill Reiter's family) thanking her for the cards sent when Bill was in the hospital and after he passed away. The family wanted Lee Ann and the association to know how much the cards were appreciated.
- Please contact Lee Ann about any surgeries/hospitalizations, deaths, new neighbors or appreciation cards to be sent to one of our members.

B. Membership (Doug Drake):

- Membership Numbers  
Gold – 72  
Silver – 77  
Bronze – 69  
Basic – 148  
TOTAL – 366 Members  
(Last year the total number at this time was 313)
- Blank Membership forms are available.
- List of owners/membership status will be distributed to trustees with the Lake Scene on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Placards will also be available for trustees to deliver to the paid members.

- **Communications - Jim Andersen**

- Lake Scene 2018 Schedule
  - Memorial Day Issue (May 26<sup>th</sup>)  
May 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> - Articles Due  
May 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Pick-up
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> Issue  
June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Articles Due  
June 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Pick-up
  - July 28<sup>th</sup> Issue  
July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - Articles Due  
July 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Pick-Up
  - Labor Day Issue (September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
August 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - Articles Due  
August 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday) - Pick Up (Delivery of Lake Directory with Lake Scene)

Articles Due each Month

- Membership Totals
- President's Report
- Trustee Meeting Highlights
- Upcoming Events
- Lake Monitoring Report (Sechi Disk Readings and general information)
- Clean Boats/Clean Water Report
- 300 Club Report
- Sanitary District Report
- Any Other Association Article Ideas
- The Lake Association website and Facebook have been updated. We changed servicers for the website. You can find a calendar of events, the lake association Board, committees and Trustee

information and lake protection information on our website. Beautiful photos were added to the website as well. Thank you Ryan and Nancy for such a wonderful job.

- 2019 Directory - Same publisher most likely. Ad cost may increase a little to cover the cost of the directory. There are a few remaining 2017 directories if anyone is interested or has a new neighbor that needs one.
  
- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**
  - Nominating - No election needed this year for board members
  - Audit - Vicki Ziglinski agreed to perform the audit again this year.
  
- **300 Club - Vicki Ziglinski**

Tickets are in and ready for pickup from trustees. See Vicki for tickets. Please turn in completed tickets and money to Vicki.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- The D.D. Kennedy Dam has a seepage leak on the south side of the dam in the earthen portion. Dave remembers seepage there when he was a kid some 65 years ago. The DNR wants the leak repaired. In order to fix it, a drawdown has to take place. The drawdown began late April. They figured they could lower the mill pond six inches a day. It is going much slower and as of today it was down only about 18 inches. Our lake will see very little affect. When the dam breached in 2001, our lake went up about six inches for a day.
- Memorial Donations - We received two donations:
  - \$30 - Cindy Schultz, in memory of Myron Hesselink
  - \$175 - Jeanne Reiter, in memory of her deceased husband
- Tornado Siren - Circuit board needs to be replaced. Warrantee voided because when the siren box was installed there was a hole drilled on top of the box which allowed water in. The association is responsible for replacing the circuit board or purchasing a new siren box if needed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 a.m./Seconded. Unanimously approved.