

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2018

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

Welcome and introduction of guests: Dean Christenson

Secretary's Report – Michelle Buron

August 2018 Minutes submitted via email prior to meeting. Motion was made to approve August minutes, Seconded/Approved

Treasurer's Report – Doug Drake (Doug was not present at meeting - Marty Noonan gave report)

Financial Report for August 2018 was submitted via email prior to meeting. Account balances as of 8/31/18: Checking account - \$19,494.53; Total for all accounts - \$102,300.33. Expenses for this month: Directory - \$2700, Waterman - \$96, Conventions - \$45.00, Printing - \$91.15 (annual meeting handouts). We are over budget on income and under budget on expenses. Motion was made to approve financial report, Seconded/Approved

President's Report- Marty Noonan

- **Honorees at Fall Social** - Association will be recognizing 3 Honorees tonight at the Fall Social
 - Julie Selle (Sanitary District) - Members of her family will be there to accept the award
 - Paul Halverson (Retired Maintenance/Care Taker at Bible Camp)
 - Bob Gagner (YMCA Camp)

- **Kyla Boyd, UW Stout Black Crappie Sarcoma Disease Funding** - (Marty posted on Neighborhood website - see website for more information.) Students at UW Stout Biology Department are undertaking a project to further explain black crappie sarcoma. The study is focusing on identifying the pathogenic cause of the apparent tumors and hemorrhaging. Researchers on this project will be identifying the cause of BCS by looking at the proteins being expressed by sick individuals compared to healthy individuals and looking at genomic DNA of black crappies. The current estimation of this project's cost is \$7,000 to sequence DNA and purchase supplies. The UW Stout Biology Department are asking for donations from individuals and lake associations as the university cannot fund the project.
 - A request has been made to match Bone Lakes donation, \$2000. Motion was made to donate \$2001 to the study/Seconded/Approved.
 - It was also requested to set aside money for signs. Motion was made to set aside \$500 for signs/Seconded/Approved.

- **YMCA Camp Rescue Boat Donation** - Right now YMCA's pontoon is in running condition after putting a lot of money into it. However, they are still in need of a newer boat and our requesting funds for a rescue boat. Marty researched the costs of a newer pontoon boat and the cost ranged from \$10,000 - \$25,000. Marty discussed with the YMCA possibly putting \$5,000 into their current boat and purchasing sea legs, which would be less expensive. In the past we donated \$5,000 to the fire department for their airboat. We have the funds to donate \$1000 to the YMCA toward a rescue boat but we already donate \$1000 each year and they give us the use of this room for our Association meetings. Ed Hagen has spoken to Michele on several occasions regarding a rescue boat. What they have right now is not suitable enough for a rescue boat. Need more specifics on exactly what the YMCA is requesting. After further discussion it was decided to defer the decision until Spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

Moment of silence for John Kugler. John passed away on September 2nd. Funeral services will be on September 10th.

- **Harvester** - Barry Eklund
Season is completed, and harvester is stored. Improvement for next year will be the GPS system. GPS training will be provided to the operators. There were more hours worked, less curly leaf. One reason could be in 2017 curly leaf was more robust. This is the 3rd year of the harvester on the lake.

Lake Monitoring - Lee Rickard (Report given by Mark Jacobson)

Lake Monitoring is now completed. Not a lot of lake algae with the exception of a few areas. No Zebra mussels found on plates. Dave Millard was not able to attend the meeting but reported the AIS Monitoring Group completed their survey and also found nothing.

- **Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille**
No Report this month. However, we still need chair for this committee since Rick will not be returning as the chair. Karen Ohm has approached Brian Anderson. He would be interested in being the coordinator as well as continue to work the hours at the launch areas to educate the boaters. Several boaters asked if association would provide a power washer. Thank you, Rick, for your time and commitment to this program and the association.
- **Neighborhood Watch – Joel Anderson**
The Neighborhood Watch Committee met with town of Garfield and Sheriff’s office and both support our plans to put up new signs. New signs will be put up in the spring.

Community Relations – Karen Ohm

Fall Social/Recognition Dinner - 82 people are signed up for this evening. Name tags will be provided. An enlarged map will be display and everyone can mark where they live on the lake. Door prizes will be given out at the end of the evening. Bring your own beverages. Appetizers will be from 5:00 - 6:00, Dinner at 6:00.

- **Sunshine** - LeeAnn Overman
Three cards were sent out this month. This year a total of 49 cards were sent out, sixteen cards were sympathy cards for deaths. During the winter if you hear anything please call or email LeeAnn. Thank you, weddings, anniversaries, welcome new lake owners, etc. It was asked if we have a welcome packet. Currently we do not have a welcome packet.
- **300 Club** - Vicki Ziglinski
\$100 Winners
 - Lon Van Gemert
 - Ed Gubman
 - Jerry Moehnke
 - Michelle Buron
 - Lowell Aske
 - Paul Halverson
 - Gene Meyer
- **Membership** - Doug Drake (Doug was not present at meeting - Report submitted to Marty)
Current membership is 498. Last year at this time it was 474.

Communications - Jim Andersen

- **Lake Directory** - Directories are finished. Printed 560 at a cost of \$4.73/book. The directory consisted of 60 pages. Total costs was about \$2600, revenue \$2800. Posted photo contest winners to WBT website and the WBT Facebook. The trustees list has been published in the directory, along with a list of trustees serving at least 10 years. Jim passed around a list for everyone to verify/add names and years of service. Additional directories are available.

- **Bags for Lake Scene/Directory** - Several homes do not have coverage from inclement weather conditions and a question was asked if bags were provided to deliver the lake scene to these members/homes. Jim will look into coordinating the purchase and the availability of bags for delivery of the lake scene/directory. Concern was addressed about using plastic. Only use bags if absolutely needed.

Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson

Nominating Committee - Still looking for 1st Vice President

Old Business

- **Polk County Healthy Lakes Grant** - Marty needs help submitting the applications. We have several people interested in applying and applications must be submitted through the Lake Association. Application deadline is February. Marty can chair the committee but needs help.
- **Signage at Garfield Park Landing** - Pat Teiken has been in contact with Mark Little from the county. Because the signs will be on public land the signage design requirements are different than private land. Motion has already been approved to go forward with the signs. Final price needs to be submitted to Executive committee.
- **Amery Dog Park Donation** - Association has been approached about donating toward a fence for a dog park in Amery. Dog park will be 5 acres. Concerns were brought up about the need and the size of the dog park. Motion made to table until spring/Seconded/Approved.

New Business

- **Renaming of Streets** (Dave Nelson) - The Zoning Department is proposing to change current street names into numbers. This would take the uniqueness out of the street names and the cost was a concern. Fire/Police departments do not need it. Jim Anderson is on the Board of Adjustment for Zoning. His understanding is the Zoning Department crafted a plan that if an address cannot be googled what is the best way to get emergency responders to the address. They determined it would be better to use a GPS coordinate to identify any spot in Polk County. Zoning Department are concerned about addresses like 101A/101B Southshore Drive and the addresses not located on google. They are suggesting grid numbers would be the best option to locate these types of addresses. Jim is unsure of the impact or current status. Ryan Hanson, who is also familiar with the Zoning Department, feels it would take away from the uniqueness and history of our lake/community. We are asking for support of lake residents to attend the meeting regarding the renaming of the streets. Meeting information will be posted on Nextdoor and WBL website when available.
- **House numbers on lakeside for Emergency Responders** - No requirements by county and it would be very costly. If done it would be at the cost of the residents. Marty to find out specifics and put something out on Neighborhood Website.
- **Annual Wanderoos Ice Fishing Program** (Don Springer) - Wanderoos has their annual fishing contest the 1st weekend in February each year. This program promotes kid's ice fishing with gifts/prizes. 80-100 kids usually attend the event. Don is reaching out to the community to find funding. Motion was made for a \$200 donation from Association/Seconded/approved.
- **Ice Fishing on Lake** - Fisherman are not cleaning up after themselves. All the garbage floats to the lake shores. It was suggested someone speak to the tournament directors about clean up the day after the contest.
- **Yoga of 12-Step Recovery (Y12SR)** (Ed Hagel)- Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Old Chapel, Wapo Bible Camp, for more information contact Denise Watson, 612-998-9527, or call Ed Hagel. Although the program is for those dealing with addiction recovery it is open for anyone. Class is free, donations are appreciated.
- **Lake Scene** - Last issue for 2018 was distributed this month. Thank you, Kathy, for all hard work putting together the Lake Scene for all our members.

- **Music on the Lake** (Kathy Mortensen) - Music on the Lake has been a big hit. Kathy has suggested added more performance for next summer and for the association to help pay for the performances. Motion was made to approve 3 performances next summer for a total of a \$1200/Seconded/Approved. Performances in June, July, August. Exact dates TBD. 4th of July weekend is recommended for July performance.

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