

Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2025

President George Hauser began the meeting at 8:32am with 33 people present. He thanked everyone for coming and was pleased with the turn out as this is our first “early” spring meeting. He asked for guests to introduce themselves.

Secretary’s Report - Mary Kupfer presented the secretary’s report from the September 2024 meeting. There were no questions or comments, motion to accept by Dave Nelson, second by Ed, all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report -

Pat Teiken went over the highlights of the treasurer reports that were previously sent out. She also mentioned we ended the year very well, there were no questions on the reports. Linda motioned to approve, second by Ed, all in favor.

Presidents Report -

George Hauser reviewed the 2025 meeting dates and confirmed them. September 6, 2025 will also be the fall appreciation dinner at South Shore Supper Club.

Georgia took a moment to review safety and housekeeping items.

Liz Boys from Mixed Up Waterside was a guest in attendance at the meeting, she mentioned the full menu will be available buffet style for the Spring Social. She wants to showcase the menu and this is a nice way of showing it to the Association. She will work within our pre approved budget for cost.

George then spoke of Doug Drake’s sudden passing, and the fact that we will have to get his role(s) filled. Doug was a Trustee and spearheaded the CB3 cleaning machine. These positions will be advertised in the May Lake Scene.

Committee Reports -

George asked for a motion to accept the committee reports excluding items 2 & 3, before a motion, Mark Jacobson elaborated/explained his request to address the yellow iris treatment again this year. The details are in his report. He is making a motion to spend up to \$2000 on yellow iris treatment. The motion was second by Marty Noonan. The process will be the same as before. The 16 sites we know of so far are a combination of new and repeat iris. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mark.

Sandy Noonan was in attendance, and introduced herself as the new *Communications Representative!* She mentioned the Lake Scene deadlines are in the meeting reports, and asked we be respectful of them. Kathy Morentson then chimed in and went over the in’s and out’s of the Lake Scene publication. Kathy mentioned if you have something you would like something published, please send the information by the due date **or** before would be very much appreciated!

George's motion to accept the Committee Reports except line items 2 & 3 was second by Mark Jacobson. All in favor.

Sanitary District Treasurer, Mark Trygsted gave a brief update on the Sanitary District current status mentioning one of the tanks is beginning to leak, they have already hired a company to address the issue. The minimum repair could be a new liner in the cell, They are hoping for nothing monumental. Mark noted as the population of year round residents increase as the size of the homes, the lift stations are currently under capacity. Mark reported the Sanitary District is currently debt free and has about 1 million dollars in reserve. He will keep us informed as the diagnostics progress.

The Lincoln Township planning committee reports the Bear Trap boat landing is landlocked, and they are asking the lake association for ideas to remedy the crowded parking situation. No trailer parking, taking away parking all together, or leaving the space for residents and their guests only were some of the suggestions as well as pushing/redirecting the launch traffic to the Garfield Boat Launch as it has the CD3 Cleaning machine as well as the attendant on duty. There was some discussion regarding the parking...we went over a few options for parking restriction signage, who would enforce etc.

Dave Millard spoke of the zebra mussels. Veliger tow results for 2024 were 95/Liter on Wapo and .207/ Liter on Bear Trap. Tow results for 2023 were .002/Liter Wapo and not performed on Beartrap 2023. We have a significant Zebra mussel infestation in our lakes. Dave says they attach themselves to hard surfaces. He suggests if you have a structure in the water that you do not use to leave it on land. This may help a bit.

Fishery & Dam - John Mahoney

John says the Dam condition is fine. The water is at an all time high. In the summer the dam water level is at 3 inches and right now it is 4.2 inches. He talked about his shore line buckling and his repairs and costs he has spent. He says the water level is to blame for this. After a bit of discussion, Jim Andersen said the DNR should be involved with this as they review the shore land ordinance. Jim and John will work together on this.

Neighborhood Watch - Joel Anderson

There is nothing to report at this time.

Social Committee -Karen Ohm

Karen's first news is the family that has been coordinating and carrying out the 4th of July 5K is ready to pass the baton, if anyone is willing to step up and coordinate please talk to her.

The 5K will be on July 4th in the morning and we have the YMCA camp available for kids activities after that. We are open to and looking for kids' activity ideas.

The boat parade is scheduled and will have 3 winners. The Balsam Lake Water Ski show will be July 12 at 3pm in front of Mixed up Waterside.

The fall social is scheduled for September 6th (same day as the meeting) we will gather at Shoreview Supper Club as we have in the past with a similar menu and schedule. The Spring

Social at Waterside was discussed at length, mostly how to handle paid members, and how to handle guests of members, family members as well as those that step in that are not with the association but rather than a Mix Up customer...we will speak with Liz and see how she wants to handle it. Closing to the public and a note on the door saying "private event" was also an idea. Bottom line, paid members and guests will be wearing a nametag, so servers will know they are part of the group. Two paid members per address are admitted, guests are \$10 per person, kids are free. Walt motioned Marty 2nd, all in favor. Kathy Mortenson asked the purpose of the Spring Social.

The purpose of the Spring Social is simply to get the members together. 88 people attended last June.

400 Club - Linda Belland - Pat Teiken

Pat spoke on Linda's behalf as Linda is not at the meeting. We have secured the license and the tickets are being printed. 400 Club tickets will be distributed at the May meeting and money is due at the June meeting and the drawings will begin in July.

Membership - Don Springer

Don says memberships are coming in nicely. At this time, we have 232 members. 43 Basic, 52 bronze, 46 silver & 90 gold. He is pleased as he has seen an increase in membership donations. Two buoys are ordered and we are waiting on shipping. Once they arrive they will be placed in the lake.

Old Business: Marty Noonan reports the Polk County Sheriff's Department would like a schedule of when we want the lake patrolled, what days and times. They are looking for another watercraft and need more officers. We are hoping for as much coverage as possible. Marty said every lake resident should know the regulations for the lake. It was also shared that the fire chief would like residents to review their driveways, being sure there is a 12 x 12 foot canopy of space. The fire trucks will not be able to access and will not drive through if there are obstructions/obstacles. There are 400 lakes in Polk Cty, only 20 are monitored fortunately WBT is one of them. Purchasing additional hours of coverage/monitoring was discussed and will be addressed again at a future meeting. Boating safety reminders will be included in the upcoming Lake Scene. Jim reports lake maps were hand delivered last year. We printed 2000 copies and have exhausted the supply. Maps will be updated and reprinted again this year, Jim asked if we want the same size paper again (which was a printing error) or 8.5 X 11. Whatever is less expensive was recommended. Sandy suggested boaters taking a picture of the map or better yet a QR code available rather than passing them out at the boat launch. That idea will be looked into!

Bible Camp - Karen Ohm reports no new news. They are still open to fixing the shoreline that is about to break away.

New Business:

Clarity on donations for the Amery Historical Society was the first talking point. We have a number of issues we need to support and what is the criteria for supporting those...What is standard protocol is it a standing approval/budget item?

Linda clarified we did donate for the purchase of the new Amery Historical Society building, we need to decide who and what clubs we will be a member of. Right now we are members of the Amery Community Club and the Amery Community Center...

Marty suggested we have a representative at the meetings to the centers we are members of as well. George and Linda will meet separately to discuss our donations and membership criteria...subject is tabled.

Ryan reported we were asked to present at a conference in June regarding our lake map. Jim and Ryan will present. (thanks guys)

Shoreline Ordinance - Jim spoke of the paper clipping he submitted in the Committee Reports.

Mike McBrayer - George said we will postpone this discussion until the next meeting when Mike is back.

The Sand Beach Trustee position is open if anyone is interested in helping out!

After a brief reflection of Doug Drake and all of the work he has done for the association, Bob motioned us to name the outstanding volunteer award after Doug. Pat Teiken second, all in favor, motion carried. Jim will be sure this is mentioned at the remarks at Doug's visitation on April 25th. Jim will also work with Nancy on this.

Jim suggests advertising the CBCW and Trustee open positions be sent out to the "opt in" email resident list. Jim will attend the CBC training on the 15th of April.

Motion made by Marty Noonan to adjourn, George second all in favor, the meeting ended at 10:32am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kupfer