

June 14, 2025

Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association Meeting Minutes

President George Hauser began the meeting at 8:30am with 43 people in attendance. He asked any guests to say hello and introduce themselves. A few guests said hello.

Secretaries Report - Mary Kupfer

Ed Hagen made a motion to approve the May minutes as written, Marty Noonan second. All in favor.

Mary mentioned she will not be at the July 2025 meeting and is looking for anyone to help with minutes.

Treasurer Report - Pat Teiken

Pat went over treasury highlights. The WBT subscription renewal for Quickbooks is due in the sum of \$569, we will be renewing that as it is a needed system for budget operations. Pat also asked where we should store the previous treasury documents. We have a couple banker boxes of old bank statements etc. The sanitary district has storage space. Motion made and second to accept the budget as presented by Pat all in favor.

George, Ryan, Marty, and Mark attended the Lakes and Rivers Meeting on Thursday May 29 at the Polk County Government Center. There will be a few ordinance changes coming with the language. George suggests contacting them (www.polk-county.net/) with your thoughts. Lake resident John Mahoney stepped up and mentioned he paid \$3000 to repair his shoreline this spring as there was damage from heaving in the winter. He is asking if we can remove a board from the dam to lower the lake level in the fall hoping this will alleviate the ice heaving damaging the shorelines. George then mentioned the lake level has not really changed over the years. Marty suggests lowering the lake level 1-2 feet in the fall and raising it in the spring.

Secretaries note - this is a conflict from the May minutes as it was mentioned that someone had already unlocked and removed a board from the dam.

Spring Social - Don Springer

Don reports 249 guests registered at the Spring the Social. Many registrations were taken at the door, most of those joined at the lowest \$20 membership. There was much discussion on the \$1,800 fee we paid Mix Up Waterside for the Social. George suggested adding more money to what we previously agreed to pay for the social. There was a motion made to pay Liz \$2500 total, an additional \$700 already planned. Rick motioned to accept, second by Sandy, motion carried.

Weed Harvester - Denny Badman

Denny reported we have 75 known weed pods in the lake. The curly leaf dies back when the water temperature reaches 75 degrees. He says we have been harvesting for 10 years and he

feels there is an improvement. Marty asked how the weed cutter is running, Denny reports it is a tough start but once started, it runs well. There are currently 5 harvester operators.

Outstanding Volunteer Award - Karen Ohm

Karen announced the outstanding volunteer award recipients are Dick Armbruster *and* Ryan Hanson! Both men will be recognized at the fall social on September 6th. Kathy Mortenson suggested we announce the volunteers early in the season so recipients can be congratulated and known all summer. The 4th of July events can be found on the WBT website. All events are on the 4th of July with a rain date of July 5. <https://lakewapogasset.com/lakeassn.html>

Bob Sorenson has resigned as first Vice President, we will nominate a replacement at the annual meeting in August. Thank you very much for your work with us Bob.

Membership - Don Springer

Don Springer reports we have 505 members at this time.

Clean Boats Clean Waters - Ryan Caffrey

New volunteer committee member Ryan introduced himself. He stated 242 boats were inspected at the Garfield launch on Memorial Day weekend.

Communications - Sandy Noonan

Sandy thanked all who helped out with the social. Mark your calendar for June 27th, it will be the Lake scene sorting. If you have a great lake photo to share, July 16 is the deadline for photo submissions for the Lake Directory. Send your photos to wbtlakes@gmail.com

Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman

Lee Ann asks us to remind her if we know of anyone needing a note or card from the association it does not have to always be sympathy or get well...happy news is welcome too!

Motion made to accept committee reports second and approved.

400 Club - Linda Lawrence

Linda says all but two books of tickets have been sold.

Old Business

-Membership Policy

The membership policy was distributed at the May meeting for review, today Ed Hagen motioned to approve and Ryan Caffrey second. Membership policy approved.

-Online Membership Payments

Don said there are a few options for online payments, he will work with the bank and find a way to streamline online payments once he/we have made a choice the information will be shared.

Flares are ready for pick up today. Flares are \$3.00 each.

Pat Teiken mentioned the Canada Geese are growing in population on the lake and are causing a problem driving away the loon population. We would need a permit to place porcelain eggs or painting the real eggs were suggested remedies. Lee Ann suggested a loon nesting platform to attract loons.

Ed Hagen motioned to adjourn, Marty Noonan second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:48am

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kupfer