

Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2025

Marty Noonan (standing in for George Hauser) called the meeting to order at 8:30am with 33 people present welcoming all and asking for any guests to introduce themselves. Bill & Barb a (Century Cabin family..per Karen) Ann Marie and Paul (both from Hickory Point), & Doug and Amy (new trustees...)

Georgia had a few announcements, the YMCA Camp will soon be a nature based school offering programming for youth. If you know of or are looking for work, positions are also available at the camp. She reminded us to be mindful and careful as we boat on the lake and to keep an eye on the island as you go by, if you see something that does not look right please reach out to camp.

Secretary's Report - Mary presented the secretary's minutes from the April 12 meeting, there were no comments/questions. Dave Nelson motion to accept the minutes as written, John Mahoney second, all in favor.

Treasurer Report - Pat Teiken
Pat was not in attendance.

Presidents Report - Marty recapped the details on the presidents report, especially noting that we received two thank you notes of appreciation for all we do.

Committee Reports - The committee reports were sent within minutes, there were no questions on the committee reports.

Ryan Caffrey accepted the CD3 cleaning machine responsibility, Brian will start distributing the kit info at the launch when the materials are available.

Karen Ohm mentioned a sampling of the menu items will be the buffet at the Spring Social. There is a limit of 2 members per address admitted to the social, other guests are \$10 each or can donate towards a membership of their choice.

LeAnn Overman read the thank you note from Nancy Drake and family. (flowers were sent to Doug's funeral)

Don Springer happily stated we have 401 members at this time that is really good! Trustee, John Mahoney has a 100% membership way to go John! Don read a few of the notes/comments that were sent in with membership forms. Online payments were suggested as checks are going away. Don and Pat and George will be looking into this. Drafting email lists of the neighborhoods for Trustees was suggested for communication purposes. Don will send the email addresses to the Trustees.

Dave Nelson spoke of the past when there were several members outside the lake area (in town). There was some back and forth discussion about allowing outside businesses to be a part of the association, nothing came of the conversation.

Ed Hagen suggested offering some sort of an incentive to the membership levels so members get something for their membership, he also wondered what are the benefits of the different membership levels.

Dave Nelson updated the group that Sunrise Beach Landing will be paved soon; about \$300,000 has been spent towards improvements thus far.

Craig DiLorenzo reported there is grant money available for lakeshore improvement to control runoff. He himself received \$4000.

Communications - Sandy Noonan

Sandy reminds us of these Lake Scene Dates:

Issue #: Article Input is first date. Second date is Stuff: 9am / Pick Up: (after 3pm).

1. May 12 / May 23
2. June 16 / June 27
3. July 24 / July 25
4. August 18 / August 29

The Spring Social is Saturday June 7th 1:00-4:00pm at Mix Up Waterside

Nominations & Audit - Marty noted there are no nominations this year, John Perendy's son will do the audit come fall. (after the meeting there was an email sent that this is indeed an nominations year)

Linda Belland distributed the raffle ticket packages to the attending trustees. There are 4 books available for additional sales if anyone needs them All raffle ticket money should be brought to the June meeting. Drawings will begin at the July meeting.

Old business:

Linda Lawrence read the Membership description from our bylaws. She asked us to take the information home to think about before discussion at the June meeting.

Outstanding volunteer award was voted on at the April meeting. Marty suggested we leave the name of the award as the "Outstanding Volunteer Award". He reminded us of the numerous outstanding volunteers over the years and naming an award after a person. We will do something to honor Doug rather than naming an award after him. This will be an agenda item at

the General Meeting in September. Marty asked for a motion to leave the name as the Outstanding Volunteer - all in favor 1 opposed.

Lifetime memberships were suggested, there was some discussion and the idea died.

Kathy Mortenson said the Lake Scene will be going to the printer on Monday. She also mentioned she has space reserved for Clean Boats - Introducing Ryan Caffrey as the new CB3 representative. Marty offered to write something to say about Doug for the Lake Scene.

Ed Hagen brought up the fact people filling watercraft gas tanks on the water can be damaging to fish and other vegetation. Marty will draft something in his safety message about spilling gasoline in the lake.

Northwest Communications says fiber optic will begin installation in June. 30 miles total.

Flares have been ordered and will be for sale for \$3 a piece. Pick up time will be announced

The Spring Social at Waterside Mix Up is Saturday June 7th from 1:00-4:00pm.

Dave Millard told his story of recently being woken in the middle of the night hearing someone struggling/screaming for help while they struggled to swim in the water near the Mix Up Waterside Dock. Dave and his wife helped the person out of the water into their boat and rescued them to safety. Dave is concerned for the patron's safety at the Mix Up Waterside.

John Mahoney stated in the recent past, (since the April 12 meeting) someone unlocked and removed one of the flashboards from the dam. The lock has been on the dam for a very long time however we do not know who holds the key. If you or someone you know is holding the key please let John know. He also told us his shoreline (as well as many neighbors) was damaged from destructive ice heaving last winter and this is an expensive repair for him.

Dave Nelson motion to adjourn, motion second, Meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kupfer