

**Wapogasset Bear Trap  
Lake Association  
May 16, 2026  
Meeting Minutes**

President George Hauser opened the meeting at 8:30am with 35 people in attendance, then asking if there were any guests, Don Springer welcomed and introduced Mike and Roxanne Callan as the new Membership Committee chairs (Don will be retiring from this position and has been working closely with the Callans transitioning). Cheryl Baden and Elmer Lease introduced themselves as the new co- owners of Cast A Way RV Park, Cheryl will also be Co-Trustee along with current Trustee Pat Teiken.

**Secretary Report - Mary Kupfer**

Mary commented she had sent the April 2026 meeting minutes shortly after the meeting and again earlier this week asking if there were any who hadn't received the notes. She will update the distribution list as such. A motion made by Mark Jacobson to accept the April 2026 meeting minutes as presented, second by Walt Ogburn, all in favor.

**Treasurer Report - Pat Teiken**

George (reporting for Pat) asked for approval on the report, Mark Jacobson motioned to accept, Dean Christenson second, all in favor. More conversation on this to follow.

**Presidents Report - George Hauser**

George reported on May 5th the group met regarding the Comprehensive Lake Plan. The committee will be meeting again on Tuesday May 19th, the plan is on schedule and should be available mid summer.

George also reminded us that we need some new volunteers for some open volunteer positions. Many have held volunteer positions for several years and are ready to retire from them. Please pass the word on the opportunities LWBT has available.

**Committee Reports**

Groege asked for a motion to accept the committee reports as presented.

Jim Andersen motioned to accept Linda Lawrence second. All in favor.

**Linda Belland - 400 Club**

Linda stated in the past the association has addressed raising the number of tickets from 400 to 500. (initially it was the 300 club) She said she hesitates to increase to 500 because of the number of returned unsold tickets at the end of the selling period. She asked us to address the topic again next year after we see how sales went in 2026.

Raffle tickets were distributed to Trustees.

George then went on to share a conversation he had with Liz, (Mix Up Waterside owner) regarding the Spring Social, we have agreed to pay a minimum \$1800 (including tip) for the

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social, the Association will be charging \$10 per person (wristband) for admittance to the social. If we sell over 180 wristbands we will pay Liz up to a \$2500 (including tip) cap. It is strongly suggested to send your membership in ahead of the date. Admittance is \$10 per person the wristband includes buffet and chosen beverages. Those coming to simply socialize will not need to pay nor will they receive a wristband. This will help identify the public guests as well, this is not a private event, doors will not be closed to the public. Ryan Hanson motioned to pay Liz according to the revised plan, Mark Jacobson second. All in favor.

### **Budget Revisions -**

George visited the budget suggestions on Pat's report. The fall recognition dinner yielded much conversation on who we include at the dinner and why, who it is for, how many people attend, and should the guests pay a fee for attending. The Appreciation/Recognition is for Trustees and Committee Chairs award recipients and 1 guest. George asked for a motion for the award recipients, Trustees, Committee members and a guest be paid for by the association budget. Mary Kupfer made a motion for Trustees, Committee members and the award recipients and a guest to attend the recognition dinner free of charge. Mark Jacobson motioned, Oralee Schock second all in favor.

### **Music on the River - Linda Lawrence**

Linda reminds us, this donation is currently a non budgeted item. The Ways and Means Committee deems all financial requests to the Lake Association be made on our formal request form/application. We did not receive a request from Music on the River this year. Next, was discussion on the Amery Community Center. Shall we continue to support the center? Linda also mentioned the Amery CC is expecting/anticipating the donation as we have always done. If we were to discontinue, it would be nice to give them a year heads up. A comment came from the floor suggesting a "financial number" to donate to "Amery" in general and dividing that between the centers/clubs. George suggested leaving things as is for this year and then looking into budget changes on these donations for next year. Linda Lawrence did mention when we donate we do "vet" the request once, then it brings it to the Association for voting.

George asked for a motion to keep the budget regarding the donations as reflected in the budget. Mark Jacobson made a motion to maintain the budget as amended (Spring Social) Ryan Hanson second, all in favor.

### **New Business -**

A group of stakeholders met and looked at what could be done to maintain/improve the membership database. Purchasing multiple software options were looked at. Mike Callan (new membership co-chair) shared a few topics that helped narrow down the choices, *communications and online payments* are some of the key features they looked for. The annual cost of the software is \$1,200, in addition to the computer we approved to purchase the Callans for the database work. Ed Hagen motioned to purchase the software package including the anti virus for Pat's budget computer as well, Mark Jacobson second, all in favor.

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**Flares** - George will get in touch with Pat about the flares.

**(update- 30 minutes after the meeting we heard the flares are ordered and will be available for pick up immediately after the Association meeting on June 13, 2026 at Karlson Farming same location as in the past.**

**Lake Scene - Kathy Mortenson**

Kathy reminded us of the upcoming Lake Scene needs for the May publication and asked for some clarification on the Spring Social.

**Membership- Don Springer**

Don reported the following membership levels:

LWBT Lake Association Membership Totals as of May 17th: 423

Basic: 107

Bronze: 51

Silver: 98

Gold: 167

**Social Events Committee -**

LeeAnn Overman reminded The Kayak Club that meets at the narrows at 9am on Thursday mornings. All are welcome. Paddling directions depend on the wind and weather.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:44am by Walt Ogburn, second by Ryan Hanson. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Kupfer

WBTLA Secretary