

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2020, ZOOM Virtual Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan and Ed Hagan

Call to order by Marty Noonan, President at 9:12 am.

Marty hosted the 1st part of the meeting on Zoom due to the technical issues at YMCA Camp. Marty thanked Ed Hagan for hosting the 2nd part of the Zoom event. We will continue this until large group meetings will be allowed. This meeting we grew up to 34 people that "Zoomed" with us!

He called for any guests to be introduced and welcomed the Trustee's and other attendees. Agenda's, Financial Reports, and other committee reports were sent out via e-mail to the list of lake residents who signed up to receive e-mail on this year's membership forms.

Guests introduced: No guests attended. Marty mentioned that Walt Ogburn was the "New" Trustee for the Florence Park area.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer and was moved to be approved by Mark Jacobson and seconded by Jerry Haag.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Doug Drake. Motion to be approved by Mark Jacobson and 2nd by Brian Stugelmayer.

Doug mentioned that the money transfers from Bremer bank to Westconsin went well. He also spoke about the budget for this year and last year. He emailed out all the forms ahead of time. Nobody had any questions or issues. Motion made by Mark Jacobson to approve both budgets and 2nd by Ed Hagan.

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

Marty discussed doing the Balsam Lake Water Ski Show for 2021. Motion made by Brian Stugelmayer and 2nd by Doug Drake. Flotilla schedule for the rest of 2020 will be coming out soon. Marty will talk to Betty Buck to confirm dates and times.

Committee Reports

Lake Management update was provided by Mark Jacobson who said the run off issues at Ox Lake don't have much progress at this time, but he will have more next month. He said there is some details if anyone wanted them to contact him, but nothing as far as what's actually happening or if it is running into Balsam Branch as of yet. Others have gone to look at it and Mark is going to meet with Wisconsin DNR agents soon to go over it all.

Barry Eklund provided an update on the Lake Harvester. The harvesting is all done for this year and updated totals were given today. They are 97 loads vs 87 loads last year and 281 tons vs 254.4 tons last year. Total loads were 81 from Wapo and 16 from Bear Trap.

Ryan Hanson presented the Lake Monitoring activities and he explained some of the data. The July monitoring of the full lake properties took place on 7/28, a nice calm & sunny day. The lake level at the dam was 4.18, up from 3.90 in June. The water temperature is only a couple of degrees warmer over last year at the same time. Thanks to Mark Jacobson and Alan Walker for assisting with the monitoring. Secchi disk readings:

Wapogasset:

7/28/20 - 7/30/19 - 7/17/18

Temp at 3' 77.8 75.5 80.0

Temp at 30' 63.7 62.0 56.8

Temp difference 14.1 13.5 23.2

DO at 3' 10.4 8.8 10.2 - DO at 9' 9.9 8.4 9.6 - DO at 15' 8.3 7.8 4.1 - DO at 30' 0.4 0.2 0.1

Secchi disc (ft) 6 (2020) 5 (2019) 5 (2018)

Bear Trap:

7/28/20 - 7/30/19 - 7/17/18

Temp at 3' 78.3 75.6 79.8

Temp at 20' 69.8 66.2 62.6

Temp difference 8.5 9.4 17.2

DO at 3' 10.2 7.3 8.3 - DO at 9' 10.1 7.3 8.0 - DO at 15' 6.4 7.3 3.4 - DO at 20' 0.5 0.3 0.3

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Rick Bazille reported on Clean Boats / Clean Water and said there was nothing going to happen this year due to Covid 19.

Joel Anderson gave a report on Neighborhood Watch. As COVID-19 continues to impact the United States, scammers have seized the opportunity to prey on consumers. There are reports of scam text-message campaigns and robocalls offering free home testing kits, promoting bogus cures, selling health insurance, and preying on virus-related fears. He mentioned about the Lake Associations Neighborhood Program and how it is posted online and around the lake. He has a pdf version of the program if anyone would like to have it emailed to them.

Community Relations had nothing to report since Karen Ohm wasn't able to attend.

Lee Ann Overman reported that the Sunshine Club sent out 10 cards (5 sympathy, 3 Get Well, and 2 thinking of you cards).

Doug Drake reported membership numbers for each category. 490 paid / 115 Gold, 92 Silver, 86 Bronze, 197 Basic

Jim Andersen spoke about Communications Report:

1. Thanks to Don Springer, Michel Tigan & Doug Drake assisted our committee in getting out the ZOOM meeting notifications.
2. Lake Scene breakdown, Mary Davis, Sally Studtman, Paul and Marylin Collins, Jerry Haug, Judy DeMartini, and Julie Andersen all assisted.
3. Lake Scene details: Information due Kathy Mortensen on or before August 26, 2020, Breakdown on Friday September 4 th to include Fall 2020 Lake Directory to paid members, and ready for delivery for on Saturday September 5 th .
4. Fall 2020 Lake Directory is being done in color! We have 40 advertisers which have generated approximately \$5,600 in revenue from the ads due to higher cost color ads, new advertisers, and larger ads. Most of the money has been collected and is at about 4,500 with the remaining invoiced and checks being sent in. To fit the publisher request, I had to eliminate a page and chose the Church listing which my thoughts were this is published in the papers, Facebook, etc. and some do not offer in person services this year. I ask that when you receive your new directories please support those who advertised with us. If you have any suggestions, please send to me. I will have the financial breakdown for our next meeting. I feel that we will end up with all our costs covered and a little extra money.
5. Photo Contest Results:

Thank you to PaperWorx for judging the contest. We had approximately 75 photo entries. It was an extremely hard decision for the judges as there several great photos of all types. First place is going to be on our Fall 2020 Lake Directory and is awarded a \$50 gift certificate for Waterside, second place is going to be awarded a \$25 gift certificate for Mort's Marina and finally Third place is going to awarded \$10.

We will start with those selected for Honorable mention which are as follows:

Honorable Mention Stacy Gregg on the dock's fireworks photo

Honorable Mention Michael Johnson Sun over lake looking through trees

Honorable Mention Betty Most YMCA shoreline near bridge to camp

Honorable Mention Thomas Campbell Sunset on lake

Our Third-place winner is Sarah Johnson Pair of dogs on the dock \$10

Our Second-place winner is Betty Most Pontoon on shoreline \$25 Mort's Marina

Our First-place winner is Mark Elsbernd flowers on the lake shore \$50 Waterside

Linda Lawrence spoke about the Charitable Donations Committee. She mentioned that they had met twice in July 2020 and the committee was made up of Pat Teiken, Mary Davis, Michel Tigan, and herself. They studied the history of the association's book, "For The Love Of The Lake" that helped them "fill in the blanks" of information needed to put together a purpose to protect and promote the lakes improvements needed. It became clear that the desires of the lake residents and the objective of the Lake Association are to solely benefit the lake.

They then created the following criteria recommended for charitable donations:

- 1) Enhance water quality
- 2) Social activities
- 3) Public safety for recreational use, recreational users, and the general public
- 4) Education / communications relating to the lake
- 5) Fishery

The next steps will be to develop a "Donation Application"

Nominating / Audit was talked about by Dave Nelson as to which he mentioned that Brent Harms was working on the Audit and the final will be coming out at the September meeting. Brent has everything from Doug and says it all looks good so far.

Dave then spoke about the Volunteers of the Year award. Barry Eklund & John Mahoney were this year's chosen recipients. The presentations will be at the Spring meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions and not having fall meeting. Motion was made to move to spring meeting by Marty Noonan and a 2nd was made by Dave Nelson.

Pat Teiken held the drawings and the winners are (\$100 each): Tom Schult, Rod Buck, Brian Schouveillier, Joyce Jensen, David Gackstetter, & Wendy Jo Miller. The 2 winners for the \$500 each, was Wendy Jo Miller & Merl Gust. Next and final drawings will be at our September meeting.

Old Business:

Amery HS Scholarship Review was brought up and will be talked about at the September meeting once there is more information available to decide on for what we want to have as qualifications, how much, and how many to do.

Ox Lake runoff into Balsam Branch has no culvert installed. Marty is working with Garfield township as to if there is any damages and if so, how to fix the issues at hand. Others are involved and will continue to update us as they find out more.

New Business:

Wake Boats was brought up on how they are destroying the shorelines, along with the rules and regulations. We spoke about the pros and cons of the boaters and how to figure out ways to control it. There are studies in Minnesota and Wisconsin on these issues and they are looking into it. There will probably be nothing done this year in those studies, but they know it is a concern on many lakes. Links was sent out in emails if anyone is interested in keeping up to date on these studies.

Mike and Nancy Lynen spoke about the 5K Run and the Stower Trail Signs. There was 34 participants that got medals. The Lynen's had paid 2 donations of \$30 each to the Stower Trail signs and to the medals. The Lake Association discussed that we should donate those monies and to reimburse them for the \$60 total. Doug Drake made a motion to donate the \$60 to the Lunen's to pay them back for money they spent and a 2nd was made by Martha Funk.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am by Marty Noonan, Dave Nelson made the motion to adjourn & Brian Stugelmayer 2nd it.