

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2023

Date: August 12^h, 2023, YMCA Camp Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan

Call to order by Marty Noonan, President at 8:30 am.

Marty hosted the meeting in person at the Y Camp with 72 people present.

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

Guests introduced: Chuck Williamson from the Amery Historical Society

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer & was approved by Mark Jacobson & 2nd by Ed Haglund.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Mary Kupfer gave the reports of: Total Checking was \$26,349, \$76,388 Money Market, & \$31,650 in The Dam Fund. Brian Stugelmayer made a motion to approve and a 2nd Mark Jacobson

President's Report

Marty had nothing to discuss this month

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Mark Jacobsen reported the following: Currently the Yellow Iris mitigation project is underway. It is expected to be completed in the next week or so. The cost of this project for the Lake Association will be \$1,750.00 as quoted by Bay Area Environmental Consulting LLC. Steve Schieffer, of Ecological Integrity Service, is currently conducting an AIS meander survey as part of our Aquatic Plant Management Plan. The survey so far is showing no new invasive species plants or animals. He has encountered yellow iris, narrow leaved cattail, and reed canary grass (as well as curly pondweed). Some Chinese mystery snails were floating around here and there as well. No Eurasian watermilfoil observed thus far. Zebra mussels are showing up more and more around the lakes. Be sure to inspect your boats, docks and lifts when you take them out this fall. The First Phase of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan is also underway. This portion of the plan will be to monitor the tributaries to Wapogasset and Bear Trap lakes. This will also include an analysis of our watershed. Last September the Lake Association pledged to support the updating of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. The share for the Lake Association for this portion of the update is \$4,874.77. The Sanitary District will issue an invoice for this amount. At the August 7th meeting of the Lake Sanitary District the fireworks for the 2024 July 4th celebration will be Friday July 5th with a rain date of Saturday July 6th as suggested by the Lake Association at last month's meeting. People are now to call George instead of Marty to report if they find Zebra Mussels and where at.

AIS Monitoring: Dave Millard reported that AIS monitoring teams continued with lake surveys bimonthly. Each team surveyed 6-7 different areas on Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap. The only invasive weeds found were Curly leave pond weed, which is currently being managed with weed cuttings. A fisherman left a note at Garfield landing, stating that he thought he had found Milfoil and left a map pointing out the area. We did significant weed raking in the area and found Native milfoil, which is probably what he had found.

Zebra mussel plates were inspected and found to have several small ZM on 4 different plates scattered throughout Lake Wapogasset. One ZM was found on ZM plate in Bear Trap. It was removed and taken to Polk County Environment services for positive identification.

Clean Boats / Clean Water:

1. We had two employees working the Garfield Park landing during July - Brian Anderson and Marcus Bosley. Ella Gould moved on to a higher-paying job. We covered the full July 4 weekend from Friday evening June 30 through Tuesday July 4. We covered Saturday and Sunday of the remaining July weekends. We plan to cover the landing through the Labor Day weekend.
2. During the July 4 Holiday, we participated in the Great Lakes Landing Blitz. We gave away stickers, but they were not as popular as the towels.
3. For the month of July, we worked 112 hours, and screened 554 boats with 1,130 people. Of the 554 boats, 44 had been used on another lake in the previous five days.
4. For the season to date, we have worked 231 hours, and screened 1,065 boats with 2,196 people. Of the 1,065 boats, 75 had been used on another lake in the last five days.
5. For next year, with the Sunrise Beach landing upgraded, the Garfield Town Board expects it to be busy like the Garfield Park landing. We should probably expand our program to cover that landing as well. We can get \$4,000 for a second landing for a total of \$8,000, and the local cost would be split between the Association and the Sanitary District. I have started reaching out to recruit additional employees. I would also need approval from both the WBT Trustees and the Sanitary District.
6. Regarding the CD3 decontamination stations, I am distributing a separate document with attachments for the Trustees' consideration.

Lake Monitoring: Ryan Hanson reported that As part of the Association's APM Plan, lake monitoring was conducted every week in July. The following data is from the July 26th monitoring date. Wapogasset has taken on a green color tone while Bear Trap appeared to be more of a brown tone. The water temperature was 77*, nearly identical to the same time last year. The Secchi disc reading in Wapo was 4.0' (3.5' on 7/25/22) and in Bear Trap it was 8.0' (5.0' on 7/25/22). The lake level at the dam was 3.82, compared to 3.76 on 7/25/22 and 3.78 on 7/21/21.

Fishery & Dam: John Mahoney reported that the dam spillway is extra slimy. He is looking into this to see why and if anything can be done about it.

Neighborhood Watch: Joel Anderson reported the following:

A neighborhood watch program is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. The Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Association continues to build relationships which leads to improved safety and security.

Disaster Preparedness

When an emergency happens you may have to decide what to do very quickly, while you are worrying about what might happen. By planning ahead, it will be easier to make the right decisions.

Evacuation

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate. Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are often not allowed in shelters.

Community Relations: Karen Ohm said that she was taking signups for the Fall Recognition Dinner that is being held on September 9th at Shoreview Supper Club.

Sunshine Club: Lee Ann Overman said she had sent out 7 cards since our last meeting. Trustees need to let her know if you have anyone new moving into your neighborhood, anyone with illnesses, sickness, and life changes, or anything that you would think they would need a LWBT Association card.

400 Club: Pat Teiken did the drawings and checks was given to the Trustees to deliver to the winners. Next and final drawing will be at the September meeting.

Ways & Means Committee: Linda Lawrence reported that The Ways and Means Committee On August 9 the committee met to review a donation request from the Amery Area Historical Society. The attached request meets the criteria of Education/ Communication relating to the lake. It will be presented at the August 12th meeting.

Membership: Don Springer reported as of as of 8/5/2023 we had Total: 492 members (Basic: 168, Bronze: 85, Silver: 86, Gold: 153). The Trustees that got 100% signed up are: Ed Hagan, Marty Noonan, Don Springer, Mark Jacobson, & Juanita Seidl. Great Job All!

Communications: Jim Andersen spoke about Communications;

Jim Andersen, Chair

Members: Don Springer, Paul and Marilyn Collins, Judy DiMartini, Jerry Haug, Kelly Hogen, Wendy Jo Miller, Nancy Drake, Sally Studtman, Mary Davis, Betty Buck, Ryan Hanson, Julie Andersen

Photo Contest

Kelley Hogen ran this contest and did an outstanding job! Thank you.

53 entries were received this year and all of them were great photographs. The winners will be announced at today's meeting.

We are open for you to send in photographs throughout the year to our email: wbtlakes@gmail.com and please fill in Photo Contest in the subject line of your email. Include the photo, name, your email, and any other contact information. The close date is mid July 2024.

Lake Directory

We are in the final proofing phase for our 2023 Fall Lake Directory which will be distributed over the Labor Day weekend period. Our sales of advertising was \$5,570 and estimated costs of less than \$4,000. We were challenged with many changes this year with address changes from Lincoln township to changes to those involved in the WBT data bases, Treasurer, Membership and Communications that all work together to keep our data up to date. I have made the decision to eliminate the Directions to House section as it became too difficult to put it all together with the address changes. When Garfield township upgrades their addresses to conform to the new protocols, we can consider it again.

Kathy Mortensen, Editor Lake Scene

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Information to Kathy Sends to Printer Breakdown Distribution Prior to Wed, August 23 Monday, August 28 Friday, Sept. 1 Sat. Sept. 2 Trustees, this will be the last distribution of the Lake Scene for this year, and you will also be receiving the Fall Lake Directory for each paid member to receive as well. A special thanks to Don Springer for the Trustee Distribution lists throughout the year.

Social Media

Ryan Hanson, Nancy Drake, Wendy Jo Miller for their help in posting our news and helping us to provide information for our lake residents.

Nominating Committee: Dave Nelson reported that we will have Elections of 2 officers in 2023 – 2024 terms. The new positions will be: President: George Hauser / 1st Vice President: Bob Sorenson / Secretary: Mary Kupfer / Treasurer: Pat Teiken / Jerry Haag said he will stay on as 2nd Vice President.

Old Business: No Old Business to discuss

New Business: No New Business to discuss

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am by Marty Noonan, Mark Jacobson made the motion to adjourn & Brian Stugelmayer 2nd it.