

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of guests:

- Marty Noonan asked if any 1st time guests and Vicki Ziglinski had brought her new neighbor Dale Freyereisen.

Secretary's Report – Brian Stugelmayer

- Only change to June minutes was that all forms and left over flares need to be turned into Doug, not Mort's Marina that was stated in the June minutes
- Motion was made to approve minutes as changed, Seconded/Approved

Treasurer's Report – Doug Drake

• **Financial Reports**

- Doug emailed out the report to all and also brought copies to pass around to those that didn't see or read
- June expenses were Water Ski show, the Spring Social, our \$1,200 fireworks contribution, Karen's July 4th expenses, Liability Insurance was \$1,600. Checking account balance at the end of June is \$15,961 and all our cash accounts were \$107,000.

- **Flares**

Get all flares and forms to Doug today would be nice to close the books on this year's sales. You can store any leftover flares if you have them and store them in a garage or a shed, don't need to be in a climate controlled area since they are in a baggie. The Marina ended up with 9 boxes left over and a couple people mentioned they ran out and couldn't get flares since Marina closed at 5. Options was spoken about where to have extras at once the Marina closed or give certain trustees some extras next year.

- **Wisconsin Lakes newsletter**

We are up for renewal. We belong to the organization and several people receive this newsletter. A signup sheet was passed around for those that wanted to continue to receive it and if you wanted to start receiving it, you put down your information to receive it.

- **Draft Budget**

Doug created a Draft Budget and is looking for ideas, input, thoughts, and feedback to the budget. Right now it shows a deficit of \$1,500, but Doug said he could make that 0 out by just adjusting the income and expenses. Please let Doug know your thoughts after the meeting or email him.

- Motion was made to approve minutes, Seconded/Approved

President's Report- Marty Noonan

• **Balsam Lake Water Ski Show**

- Tonight is the ski show at 7pm. There is a possibility of some bad weather. There is some time for a delay if it gets rain, but not much. The start time is later because the team is at a competition event most of the day. The cost is \$1,000 and it don't cover the costs and that is why they come around with the tip cups. It is best for them and their program to do it during the 15 minute break they have planned into it. It was mentioned to do an email blast about the ski show and if there was a time start delay. A text went out, but didn't get to all, so there are talks about a better communication means that all get it or most.

- Also discussed about the lighting of the flares, the fireworks starting, and such, so it was mentioned about using email, texts, and the Neighborhood site. It was hoped that the Trustees can reach all their people in their areas and keep them updated.

- **Lake Harvester Emergency Contact Phone Numbers**

- Marty is still trying to get the phone numbers from all the drivers of the SS Cutter. Even though the cutting season is over, Marty is moving forward to get them together for next year. The issue was that the drivers don't want to have their numbers out there in the open so that people would call them to complain.

- **Dam Crossing and Trespassing onto Doug & Linda Belland's property**

- People are crossing the dam and fishing on their property. They asked Marty if the Association could post signs about not allowing people to cross and fish on their property. They could put a sign on their property, but the DNR has designated the High Water Mark as the property line. In which if they are fishing in that high water mark, they wouldn't be trespassing then. There is a floating easement on both sides of the dam and that is ok to fish on those areas also. Putting a sign on it would increase our liability and we need to look into this more before making a decision on signs and such.

- **Annual Meeting on August 10th**

- The annual meeting requires 21 days prior to the annual meeting for notification for all members to be at the annual meeting because that's when we do the voting for next 2020 – 2021. There is 2 openings right now, 1st Vice President Dave Nelson is stepping down and 1 At Large positions are stepping down. President, Secretary, & Treasurer are staying the same. It's a 2 year term and we need people to think about the 1st Vice President, the duties are to assist the President and step in if he / she aren't available. We can nominate from the floor in the August meeting. Jim Anderson is taking the 1 At Large position now as Bob Whitman steps down. Dave mentioned that this is the best group he has seen in his 20 years of being involved in. Bob Turek – Shay self nominated himself for the 1st Vice President position and mentioned all his qualifications and experiences in committees and organizations. Also was mentioned that Ed Hagen & Jerry Haug are nominated for the position.

Committee Reports

- **Lake Management – Mark Jacobson**

- Couple weeks ago there was a committee meeting for the Wisconsin Healthy Lakes Implementation Plan and we are trying to get people interested in that. The first thing we need to do is approve a resolution. Jim has put together a resolution for us that we need to listen to and vote on it today. Jim read the resolution that was taken from a sample they used and made it fit for our Association. We need to first have a plan and then the paperwork and plans follow that. We need to keep track of the vote in favor and against. It was then mentioned that this should be voted on at the Annual meeting in August. It will be sent to all Trustees so they can read it and vote on it at the annual meeting.

- **Harvester - Barry Eklund**

- The harvest season for Curly Leaf Pond Weed started much later than normal and just concluded. More acreage was included this year, 89 acres versus 76 acres last year. The load counts have been: 2016 (46), 2017 (101), 2018 (87), & 2019 (56). The Tonnage was: 2016 (101), 2017 (293), 2018 (255), & 2019 (162). According to Neal at Sanitary District, the weed beds were less dense and most of the weeds we collected before reaching the surface. The crews worked 12 hour shifts and cut the weeds in the areas of greatest concentration. They had the help of the efficient GPS system. Final report will be at the next meeting.

- **Lake Monitoring - Ryan Hanson**

- Ryan gave the report o the Lake monitoring results from 6/25/19 and comparison numbers from 6/22/18 Wapo

6/25/19 - secchi disc 14', 71.3*, 8.8 dissolved oxygen

6/22/18 - secchi disc 15', 74.2*, 9.2 dissolved oxygen

Bear Trap

6/25/19 - secchi disc 16', 70.5*, 8.8 dissolved oxygen

6/22/19 - secchi disc 12', 74.5*, 10.3 dissolved oxygen

The July readings should be interesting and better than normal.

- **AIS Monitoring - Dave Millard**

- Dave attended Polk County Water Aquatic training along with Jan Anderson. Dave was amazed how far along we are in so far ahead of the other 20 lakes that were just getting their kits. We have been doing ours for many years. Curly leaf, coon tail, and zebra mussels are down. There is some new forms and paperwork that Dave will have to fill out for the DNR. It's a monthly thing now, Karen is doing Bear Trap, while Rick is helping Mark monitor on Wapo. They are testing 6 different areas monthly and going good.

- **Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Rick Bazille**

- There was a discussion about how clean the boats that ski team uses and others that come into our lakes and what do they do to clean them to make sure. Marty will talk to Grant and others about this.

- All is well at the boat ramps from Memorial Day thru June 30th, they have worked 120 hours, all weekends and holiday hours. They checked 627 boats and talked to 1384 people. By the annual meeting they should

have the 200 hours worked in. Brian Anderson is doing an amazing job and it was discussed about hiring him for more than 200 hours next year. The more hours he works is well worth our money.

- **Neighborhood Watch - Joel Anderson**

- All the new neighborhoods watch signs have been installed except Joel Anderson area sign. All old signs have been taken down. If you see one still up, let Joel know so he can take it down. Thanks to Jim Anderson & Rick Bazille for helping Joel. Lincoln and Garfield supplied 4 posts needed, but they used all the old posts.

- **Community Relations - Karen Ohm**

- Fourth of July events were awesome. It started with the 5K race and water was filled out at the 1 mile mark. Over 100 cups was filled, so there were over 100 in it. There were Lots of strollers, dogs, and families. Weather was perfect. Next, there were the kid races, turtle races, and kid dashes. All results were turned into Kathy to be in the Lake Scene. Boat parade started, but got rained out very quickly. 16 boats registered, but only about ½ showed up. Awards and Trophies were handed out the next day when weather was better. Please send pictures to be posted online. All names will be mentioned in the paper.
- Karen mentioned that she hasn't spent all her money in her budget and would like to buy a mega phone. She is currently borrowing one from the school that isn't that good of quality. She has about \$100 left and was told that it is her budget and if needed to go ahead and buy it.

- **Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman**

- 5 Cards were handed out or mailed out since last meeting – 1 Welcome, 2 Deaths, 1 Thinking of you, & 1 Stroke. Please contact Lee Ann of any activity with residences on the lake that would benefit from a card/acknowledgement that you think would need or like to receive one of her cards.

- **300 Club - Vicki Ziglinski**

- We had the 1st drawing and Vicki announced the winners. The winners were (243) Jeanne Reiter, (149) Cathy Loverude, (184) Sandy Noonan, (81) Dewey Shultz, (255) Greg Pratt, (138) Paul Collins, & (28) Jerry Tessman. All received \$100 check that the Trustees get from Doug at end of meeting to deliver to the winners. All tickets have been sold and all money collected.

- **Membership - Doug Drake**

- 2019 Membership Total Membership as of today: 485 (last year in July we had 485)

 - Gold - 103

 - Silver - 92

 - Bronze - 91

 - Basic - 199

- There is a few green signs left and a few forms left if needed, see Doug.

- We have some Trustees with 100% !!!! They are Merle Gust, Ryan Hanson, Juanita Seidl, & Stan Kulbitski.

- **Communications - Jim Andersen**

- Photo Contest, to date we only have 25 submittals so far, entry and deadline is July 19th. It was brought up that if anyone wants to offer a prize along with Watersides prize, to get ahold of Jim. All photos and captions are to be emailed to Jim, all this is in the instructions.

- Lake Scene Volume 3's deadline is July 21st and will be distributed July 27th, and the final one, Volume 4 has a deadline of August 23rd and will be distributed August 31st.

- Lake Directory is going good and we are continuing the advertising solicitation. Directory advertising cutoff date is July 12, 2019. We have new prices established and thus far we have two full page color advertisers. Four color pages are needed to go color. Budget buffer of \$800 was asked of Doug to add to accommodate the costs of color.

- Other things happening are the Flotilla monthly and information can be obtained from Betty Buck. The Kayak group has set dates thru the summer and is headed up by Elsie Rivard. Please contact them for info.

- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**

- Vickie will do the audit and have available at the annual meeting. The slate has been mentioned. They are accepting nominations for outstanding volunteer award. They want to announce the recipients at the annual meeting. Karen, Bob and Dave are on the committee. They are forming a committee for the fall dinner. The fall dinner will have to be on September 7th so it doesn't interfere with the Amery Fall Festival. Call or email Dave any outstanding volunteers you can think of.

Old Business

- **Polk County Healthy Clean Lakes Project**

- We will have the resolution plan at our annual meeting to vote on. This is ongoing thing and we now have 2 interested residences that are signed up for this. They are Derik Williamson and Marty Noonan. There is certain things you must do ahead of time for the application to be submitted and it must be approved to get your \$1000 grant.

- **WBT supported Charities**

- Marty said we need to set up a committee for this to handle how we help others and support charities. We need to discuss the ones we want to help and expand to other. The committee also would figure the best way to use our budget that we have and use it all yearly to help as many as we can.

- **Lions Club Golf Tournament – August 5th**

New Business

- **Wake Boat Discussions**

- It was mentioned about how they go close to shoreline and destroy the shores. Is is possible to talk to DNR about how they are doing more wrong than good. Maybe come up with a little note or a hand out about making them aware of what they are doing and damaging the shorelines. These could be handed out when loading and unloading. Marty will be talking to the Sheriff and also writing up a note in the Lake Scene about this and the to do's and not to do's.

- **Ethan Bergstrom** will be performing on July 20th at 3pm – 6pm.

- George & Kathy Hauser are sponsoring this event for their Anniversary

- **Barry gave Kudos to the Sanitary District** for the phenomenal fireworks display!

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 a.m. / Seconded, unanimously approved.