

Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2019

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

Welcome and introduction of guests: No New Guests

Marty Noonan complimented all for wearing the name tags and coming to the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Brian Stugelmayer

Marty Noonan mentioned that there was a mix up in who to send the minutes out to and they didn't go to all Trustees, only to Marty from Brian. Will be sent out to all going forward. No changes to May Minutes
- Motion was made to approve minutes, 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
- May expenses were flares \$4,364.20, printing supplies & nametags (Doug's 1st in years) \$114.38, Waterman's \$96.00, PCALR membership \$25, & postage \$22.00
- Checking balance May 31st was \$18,795, all cash accounts \$109,964
- Cost of spring social was \$1250, budget was \$1000, Doug gave a check to Brian & Waterside for \$1250.00

• **Flares**

- Flares can be picked up after June 8th, 2019 meeting (Doug went thru the list of Trustees to pick up today)
- Trustees with flares left over from last year should have received a form before the meeting. When picking up your flares, make sure you add to sign up sheet, your name and # of boxes taken. Return completed forms and any leftover flares to Doug after the 4th of July. You can hold onto left over flares till next year if you want to, just note that on your form when turning into Kathy at Mort's Marina
- Cost per flare is \$2.02, we will be selling them at \$2 (same price as last year), we are keeping it at the \$2 for the ease of not having to carry quarters or other change.
- We ordered 60 cases this year. We provide 1 case to each camp
- We sold approximately 2000 flares in 2018

• **Fireworks**

- Doug has \$1,355 on hand, he received \$80 from Castaway, along with the \$1,250 coming from Sanitation District, the cost that will pass thru the Association will be about \$13,000, that is the same as last year.
- Motion was made to approve minutes, Seconded/Approved

President's Report- Marty Noonan

• **Spring Social at Waterside results**

- Marty said it was an extraordinary success and weather was great! There was 232 guests that signed in, but we think that there was around 275 + that showed up. There was lots of discussion on this during meeting. It was stated that this is for Lake people and some brought alot of extra people and some non lake people they invited in too. Some didn't sign in. Was mentioned needed to come up with a way to monitor better or plan for the extras. Even though we went thru all the beer and root beer needed, Brian took care of us with all we needed from his extra supplies and the staff made sure to portion so all could get fed and drank. That is what acquired the extra \$250 in costs. Everyone agreed to keep it at Waterside going forward. Doug mentioned that it was very reasonable per person and that there was no reason to complain. Pat Teken & others brought up about tipping the staff at Waterside, which all agreed on and a check was given to Brian that he was to give to his staff. Appreciation from Waterside and all our staff at how well this went and how much it was appreciated to be able to help any way we can. This is most of the topics discussed in general.
- Motion was made to approve minutes, Seconded/Approved to adjust budget to \$1,250
- Motion was made to approve minutes, Seconded/Approved to adjust budget to tip of \$250 to staff

- **All Club/Association Picnic - Garfield Park, Monday, June 10, 2019, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

- Community Club/Lions Club are sphere heading the picnic to promote all the clubs in the area. It is a BYOB event. Marty said we need to get the word out. Many Clubs are using this as a recruiting event, but we are not, because we don't recruit. We will have a table there with Rick Bazille, Dave Millard and Marty Noonan handing out Information at table to promote safety and clean lakes/clean boat.

- **Balsam Lake Water Ski Team Show, Saturday, July 13, 2019**

- Marty tried to get the show to start at 4 instead of 7 pm, but couldn't because they have a big water skid competition in White Bear Lake that gets over at 3pm and the team will be coming from there to our show. This is the only day they can do this show on our lake, so there was no other make up dates. Grant will get ahold of Brian to address the parking issue. Marty also asked to make sure the music and announcer can be louder and Grant said he wasn't aware that this was a problem and would definitely be louder so all can hear it. They will expand the boat parking area this year so more boats can get in to watch. Grant also spoke about the tipping in between the breaks, in which he stated the tipping covers uniforms and such for the kids, plus the normal charge for a show is \$2000.00 and we only pay \$1000.00. They will do it quicker and make sure it won't affect the show. It was asked how much do they make in tips and if we could just pay that amount so they don't have to go around and collect tips. Marty will ask Grant about this all.

- **Lake Harvester Emergency Contact Phone Numbers**

- 6 Individual have agreed to volunteer to help tow Harvester if it breaks down while working on the lake. They are all available Monday - Friday. The following volunteers have offered to be on call: Dave Nelson, Marty Noonan, Ryan Hanson, John Springer, Joe Ziglinski, and Mark Jacobson. A list has been put together with cell phone numbers and is posted on the truck, the harvester and also given to the Sanitary District in case it breaks down. Marty also gave locations where all 6 live so the drivers know who to call to get to them the fastest. It has only broken down once, but it is best to be prepared if it ever happens to break down again.

- **The Dam Sign is up**

- A big thanks to John Mahoney! It is larger and on aluminum. The old one was on wood and didn't last as long as this new one will. John waded out to the middle of the dam and installed the sign. Big round of applause for John was done!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Lake Management – Mark Jacobson**

- There was 1 report and it was about the preliminary DNR Walleye & Muskie survey report. It was the highest population since 2007. This was due to the stocking from 2014 & 2016. The caught about 120 muskies and found that most was in the 15 - 20" range. They also caught crappies ranging from 9 - 11". There was 6 that was found with Black Crappie Sarcoma and they sent them to the DNR vet in Madison and hope to get report back soon from them. They caught a good amount of bluegills and small mouth bass.

- **Harvester - Barry Eklund**

- This is a late spring and the curly leaf is in slow growth and is 2 weeks behind schedule. A survey was done on June 3rd, which heavy growth was seen in north end of Wapo and light growth everywhere else. There is 71 acres on Wapo and 18 acres on Bear Trap that is part of our program area. There was gps and machine training on June 3rd. There was 6 operators attending along with Barry & Mark. Harvesting will be done Monday thru Friday during daylight hours Late season this year so will run until sometime in July. When people see the harvester on the lake please GIVE THEM SPACE.

- **Lake Monitoring - Ryan Hanson**

- Ryan is on vacation in Colorado with his family. Mark Jacobson is giving the report Lake monitoring results from 5/31/19 and comparison numbers from 5/22/18

Wapo

5/31/19 - secchi disc 26', 65.2*, 10.2 dissolved oxygen

5/22/18 - secchi disc 15', 61.7*, 10.5 dissolved oxygen

Bear Trap

5/31/19 - secchi disc 13', 66.4*, 11.2 dissolved oxygen

5/22/19 - secchi disc 19', 62.9*, 9.1 dissolved oxygen

The water clarity was clear & the reading at the dam was 4.25, which is fairly high due to all the rain lately.

- **AIS Monitoring - Dave Millard**

- Currently there is 3 monitoring stations for weeds that have just started. Curly leaf and coon tail. Mark is looking for Bear Trap volunteers to monitor and there is training coming up at Polk County on July 12th for AIS monitoring and PCLAR has its annual meeting on June 19th and they will have a zebra mussel monitoring class / training there. Karen Ohm volunteered to be the Bear Trap monitoring person and will go to the training with Dave if she is available.

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

- Brian Anderson will continue to work at the boat landing and will have added responsibilities this year. He is responsible for all the scheduling this year. He has recruited a person to help him this year. Barry will meet that person today. Brian will also be responsible to recruit, hire, train and schedule staff. Clean Boats / Clean Waters will have a table at the ALL Club picnic this year as well.

- **Neighborhood Watch – Joel Anderson**

- We have received all the new signs and will be up as soon as possible. We only bought about 1/2 the amount as past years. They will only be posted at neighborhood entrances. It is recommended that the Trustee be the neighborhood watch captain / manager. Marty recommended that each Trustee go online and read what the responsibilities are of a block captain. He also gave out some tips about what to look for and what to be aware of.

- YMCA camp manager Michelle, mentioned to please let all know that there is NO "drop offs" for anyone on the camp properties. They need to know who is all on camp at all times. Marty will mention this in the newsletter to all in next month's issue.

- **Community Relations – Karen Ohm**

- Fourth of July events is listed in Amery newspaper. There is a typo on dates for the fun run. The events are all set and the 10K is at 9am, kiddie stuff is at 11am, and the boat parade is at 3pm on Bear Trap.

- **Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman**

- 16 Cards were handed out or mailed out since last meeting - 2 Birth Congratulations, 2 Birthdays, 1 Anniversary, 3 Surgeries, 1 Death, 3 Retirements, 1 Get Well, 1 Welcome, 1 Cancer Support, and 1 Heart Attack, 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 were not drawing at the meeting. There is 21 outstanding Tickets that need to be paid if sold.

- **Membership - Doug Drake**

- 2019 Membership Total Membership as of today: 449 (last year in June we had 443)

Gold - 97

Silver - 86

Bronze - 86

Basic - 180

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

Communications - Jim Andersen

- **Photo Contest**

- To date we only have 1 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**

- Deadline for Volume 2 submission is June 23rdth, which will be distributed June 29th, 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. Amery Visitors Guide inserts came in late and held the last issue up a bit, but all is corrected and will go easier now. We did an email blast for the Spring Social and thanks went to Doug for putting together the list of emails and a thanks to Don Springer for emailing it out.

- **Lake Directory**
 - Continuing the advertising solicitation. Paperworx is going to work with us on layout and production. 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. 16 total advertisers so far have come back. Last year we had 34 advertisers. We are limited to 60 pages so they don't fall out due to being too big of a book. We are in the process of updating and bringing back the "Connections" newsletter that will be about what is going on and such around the lake. This was a very helpful and appreciated letter in the past. (Prices, sizes, and info was emailed out to all trustees and board members from Jim).
- **Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**
 - Vickie will do the audit and have available at the annual meeting. This is an election year, Dave will be talking to the present officers and will hopefully have a slate for all to look at in July. One vacancy for sure will be the 1st Vice President. The 300 Club - This will be Vicki Ziglinski's last year on this committee, and the President - Marty Noonan will be retiring in 2021.
 - It was stated you will learn more about the lake that you ever thought of. Make sure to put your nametags back in rack at the end of each meeting. All should think about running for office in 2020 - 2021 which is only a 2 year commitment. A full slate is needed y the August meeting.

Old Business

- **Polk County Clean Lakes Project**
 - 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. Marty is looking for more volunteers to help organize this and help as many out that want to take advantage of this program. Trustees should talk to neighbors about this and all the helpful ways it does for our land and lakes. To learn more about this you should go online to "Healthy Lakes" site. It was brought up that The Lake Association to add some money to this program to help better our lake areas. Discussion will be at a future meeting about this donation.
- **WBT supported Charities**
 - Do we need to set up a committee was mentioned by Marty, because of the area clubs that are in need of monies and we should help area businesses. Clubs mentioned was VFW, Y Camp, Senior Center, Bible Camp, and many others in need. Doing something good for the community is always a good thing.
- **Music on the Bay** - Saturday July 6th (3 - pm) - Ethan Bergstrom - This is sponsored by Mort's Marina
- **Garfield Park Tornado Siren Test Procedures**
 - Mark Knutson is the one that tests it and is the Fire Chief for Associated Fire, which is Alden, Garfield, & Osceola. He said he would lengthen the tests so all can hear it. We need to find out the set date / day and time so it can be announced and published in Lake Scene. It was determined that it was the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon. YMCA will also be doing a Siren Drill test every Sunday between 1-3pm.
- **Pontoon Flotilla Schedule for 2019**
 - Betty Buck is heading this up. Marty will contact her for info and he will also contact Don Springer to email blast it out to all.
- **Save the Dates**
 - July 12th - Amery Hospital & Clinic Foundation 31st Annual Golf Classic & Social Fundraiser
 - August 5th - Lions Club Golf Tournament

New Business

- **110th YMCA Celebration** - June 15th (10am - 4pm) Free Event to all - Picnic
- **Kayak Group** - Tuesdays and Saturdays thru summer. Email blast going out & it is posted on the Neighborhood online site. Contact for this is Elsie Rivard 715-208-2853
- **Fireworks, Sewer Bill, & Membership dues** - (make sure to write separate checks when paying / donating to these 3 events on the membership renewal dues form.

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