

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 2023

Date: June 10th, 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 38 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: Mike Kohlrush (Helping Mark Jacobson), Brad Carlis, & Christy Frank

Georgia Wagner from the Y Camp welcomed all of us to the New Year of meetings. We shared our appreciation for her and her crew for all they do to let us have our meetings there.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer & was approved by Ed Hagan & 2nd by Jerry Haag.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Mary Kupfer gave the reports of: Total Checking was \$24,413. Flares this year will be going up to \$3 a piece. More info will be coming out soon. Brian Stugelmayer made a motion to approve and a 2nd Mark Jacobson

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

- Light Up the Lake and Fireworks Sunday, July 2nd 9:45PM - Fireworks 10:10PM or so.
- 41 st Annual Run 9:00AM; Boat Parade 3:00PM by Waterside (rain date/time of up to 7pm).
- Balsam Lake Waterski Show ~ Saturday, July 8 th ~ 3PM at Waterside Bay
- Music on the Bay July 1 st 3PM – 6PM East corner of Bear Trap
- Flare pick up at Trustees & Morts, they are \$3 each this year (we are still waiting on them to arrive, Mary will let all know when).
- CD3 Cleaning Stations was discussed that they are very expensive and that there will need to check into it more about cost & info.

****Email Committee Reports are due to Brian the Friday before the following weeks Saturday meeting each month****

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Mark Jacobsen reported the following: The Yellow Iris team will be out on 1st part of July to flag the areas. He is in the need of volunteers to help. Also, Do Not remove the flags so they know where to treat them at. Mark also invited Colton Sorensen to do a presentation about Zebra Mussels. IT was a very informative slide show presentation and helped many with answers we were all looking for and how to move forward with this. There will be 12 plates put out to monitor the Zebra Mussels.

Lake Harvester: Barry Eklund reported that Harvesting of the Curly Leaf Pondweed is in high gear. To date, they have removed 30 loads. Initially, they were working in 5 to 6 feet of water and they have moved to 8 to 9 feet of water.

The have been harvesting in the north end (zones 1 and 2) of Lake Wapo on both the east and west sides of the lake. Next week they will be working on zones 3 and 4 including the north bay of the "Y" camp, the area around the Marina, the area near Garfield Landing and Bear Trap Lake. Please note, if a weed bed has 50% or more of a native species(eg Coon Tail) and 50% or less Curly Leaf Pondweed they cannot harvest that area-permit rules. There no mechanical issues with the equipment. Periodically, fishermen from outside the area don't understand the need to avoid the harvester when it is in operation. Many thanks to Denny Badman and his crew: Mark Johnson, Ray Ruff, Mike Siedel, & Tom Hanson

Also, thanks to Brian and Theresa at Waterside and the "Y" Camp for letting us use their landings.

AIS Monitoring: Dave Millard reported that AIS report June 2023. Monitoring teams began weed inspection on multiple sites on Wapogasset and Bear Trap. Abundance of curly leave pond weed and coontail were found. Dock and boat lifts were inspected for Zebra Mussels and so far none have been found. Yellow flag iris was seen along the shores of both lakes. Treatment of the iris is to begin in July. AIS members will be attending the Polk County AIS training session June 16th.

Clean Boats / Clean Water:

- 1) Our CBCW program took off with a bang on Memorial Day weekend this year. We took part in the "Boat Landing Drain Campaign" offering free fishing towels and pamphlets, and giving away around 175 of the towels.
- 2) Our two employees from last year, Brian Anderson and Ella Gould, worked a total of 40 ½ hours from Friday through Monday at the Garfield Landing. Our new employee, Marcus Bosley, had six hours of on-the-job training on Saturday.
- 3) For the first weekend of the season we contacted 456 people on 221 boats. 153 of the boats were entering our lake and 68 were leaving. Only nine boats had been used on another body of water in the last five days and all boaters were willing to talk with us.

4) Both times I visited the landing over the weekend there were between five and ten boats lined up waiting to get in the water. These backups will be longer if we put in cleaning stations. Still, there are only three weekends each summer with this level of traffic at the landings, and folks will just have to get used to it.

5) Surrounding the July 4 holiday we will be participating in the "Great Lakes Landing Blitz," which runs from June 30 to July 9. We will have stickers to give away, suitable for either boats or trailers. We haven't decided how many hours we will cover at the landing, but it will be a busy boating period with the holiday mid-week.

Lake Monitoring: Ryan Hanson reported that the first lake monitoring took place on 6/5, a cloudy day with 5 mph winds. Recent rainfall has been minimal. Both lakes had a blue tone to the water. The water temperature was 77*, about 2* warmer than in June 22nd, 2022. The Secchi disc reading in Wapo was 11.0' (7.5' on 6/22/22) and in Bear Trap it was 13.0' (9' on 6/22/22). The lake level at the dam was 3.87, compared to 3.86 on 6/22/22 and 3.80 on 6/22/21. A couple of residents have raised concerns about the lake level, thinking that the water is about 6" lower than in years past. The gauge at the dam says otherwise. Water samples were not taken as the DNR requests those be collected in the last two weeks of each month. We'll head out again in late June and every week in July as part of the APM Plan. More detailed information is on the following sheet. Thank you to Phil Smith and Alan Walker for assisting with the recent testing.

Wapogasset

	6/5/23	6/22/22	6/22/21
Temp at 3'	77.1	75.7	71.6
Temp at 30'	48.4	65.0	58.7
Temp difference	28.7	10.7	12.9
DO at 3'	9.7	8.6	7.9
DO at 9'	10	8.7	7.7
DO at 15'	5.8	8.5	7.3
DO at 30'	0.3	0.4	0.2
Secchi disc	11'	7.5'	9'

Bear Trap

	6/5/23	6/22/22	6/22/21
Temp at 3'	77.3	75.7	71.7
Temp at 20'	51.9	68.7	63.5
Temp difference	25.4	7.0	8.2
DO at 3'	9.0	8.3	8.0
DO at 9'	9.7	8.3	7.9
DO at 15'	6.8	8.1	7.4
DO at 20'	1.8	2.7	0.7
Secchi disc	13'	9'	14.5'

Fishery & Dam: John Mahoney reported that there is a lot of brush behind the dam. There is a new fisheries biologist now and his name is Kyle Broadway and John will reach out to him about this and about other matters his team is working on at the dam.

Neighborhood Watch: Joel Anderson spoke about The Neighborhood Watch committee and had this report:

Keep young lake visitors and your neighborhood safe.

- Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Watch for busy roads and lake activities.
- Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

Community Relations: Karen Ohm said that *The Laker came out May 19th and had many articles about Wapo & Bear Trap, I'll bring a copy to the meeting for those that have seen it. *The trophies, ribbons and t-shirts have been ordered for the 4th of July activities.

No one has expressed an interest in running the children's events at the park. *We have reserved September 9th at Shoreview for the Recognition dinner, working on the menu. The Amery Community Club will be coming.

(There is a huge need for a volunteer or group of people to start back up the kid events at Garfield Park for all the little lake people)!

Sunshine Club: Lee Ann Overman said she had sent out 1 card 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 reported that 400 Tickets were distributed at the May Meeting to Trustees. Ticket sales were brisk with people wanting more tickets. Even though tickets sold quickly, I think we should keep it at 400 tickets for next year to make sure this year wasn't an anomaly. Please bring your money and any unsold tickets to the June 10 meeting. The drawings start at the July meeting.

Ways & Means Committee: Linda Lawrence reported that The Ways and Means Committee met on June 7, 2023 to formulate two letters relating to Donation requests. We now have a "Congratulations, your request has been approved" and a "Request Denied" template to be used. No new donation request have been received.

Membership: Don Springer reported as of as of 6/8/2023 we had Total: 448 members (Basic: 145, Bronze: 84, Silver: 80, Gold: 139)

Communications: Jim Andersen spoke about Communications;

Photo Contest

Take a picture, email it to wbtlakes@gmail.com, include your name, and contact information. It is easy to do and we save the photos and use them to promote our lakes and the people on the lake. You will be entered for the contest and the prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

WBT Fall Directory 2023

Advertisers are signing up. Lake Directory address changes appears to be moving forward working with Polk County Zoning support. I will start updating the old Directory changes and follow up with advertisers who have not signed up as of yet. Close date is mid July. We also use this for the Membership cutoff date.

Lake Scene 2023

Lake Scene Vo. 42 #2 - Need information before: Wed., June 21, Break down and sort: Fri, June 30

Trustees pickup and delivery: Afternoon of Fri June 30 or July 1

Please get your information into Kathy as soon as possible use the email: wbtmort@yahoo.com

Volunteers from Membership Form

The annual membership forms were provided by Membership chair Don Springer, and I consolidated and sent out the forms to WBTLA committee chairs so they could take action and contract the people.

Website <https://www.wbtlakes>, WBT email, Facebook, and NextDoor / Find us on INSTAGRAM @ Lake WBT

Wendy Jo Miller has set up this and continues to help monitor our association's inbound emails along with myself and Don Springer.

Website/Next Door/Facebook are worked on by Ryan Hanson, Nancy Drake, and Marty Noonan.

WBTLA Authorized email list is handled by Don Springer. He works with getting out approved messages to our authorized list.

Nominating Committee: Dave Nelson reported that we will have Elections of 2 officers in 2023 – 2024 terms. There were nominations for the following positions and nominated people volunteered for each position spoken about:

President: Brian Stugelmayer / 1st Vice President: Bob Sorenson / Secretary: Mary Kupfer / Treasurer: Pat Teiken / Jerry Haag said he will stay on as 2nd Vice President. There is still a need now for an Auditor & a person to take on the 400 Club.

Dave will present the full stale at the July 2023 meeting.

Old Business: No Old Business to discuss

New Business:

- Ed Hagan brought up about paying Ella Gould's pay to \$18.50 per hour. It was discussed in detail with some for it and some not for it at this time, but it was made a motion by Ed Hagan and 2nd by Dave Millard to move forward on her new wage.
- Sunrise Beach Landing will be closing in 3 weeks to work on it and put in a new concrete slab after cleaning it all out.
- 2024 Calendar will be discussed and set up at the July meeting (bring your calendars).
- We discussed about giving the normal \$2,000 for the Lake Scene to Kathy to keep continuing this great tool that we have in publication. Motion was made by Brian Stugelmayer & 2nd by Mark Jacobson.
- Healthy Lakes Program will need a new volunteer to head it up. Huge Thanks to Mike Seidl for his great work!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am by Marty Noonan, Ed Hagen made the motion to adjourn & Mark Jacobsen 2nd it.