

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2022

Date: September 10th, 2022, 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 28 people present.

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: Anna (Y-Camp)

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer & was approved by Dave Nelson & 2nd by Linda Lawrence.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Mary Kupfer gave the reports of: Total Checking/Savings \$118,059

Expenses last month was: \$25.90 Checks, \$1,600 – 300 Club, \$96 Sanitation District, \$750 Wi Lake Renewal Membership, \$85 {hot Contest, \$199.92 Lake Map Plaques, \$2,000 Lake Scene, \$374 – Ryan Hanson for Water Testing Materials

Brian Stugelmayer made a motion to approve and a 2nd Mark Jacobson

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

- Alum Treatment options for 2023 Lake Restoration Inc. in Rogers, MN: Marty contacted, they will do core samples which is the most cost effective for algae treatment. It's a long process yet. Grants will pay 66% of this. There is 1400 acres approximately. If you wish to read more, check out the "Love of the Lake" book on pages 139 & 140.
- EnBiorganic Technologies proposal & DNR response: Marty said the DNR responded that they don't and never have done a lake – DNR says their claim have no support.
- Recognition Dinner is being held tonight at Shoreview, September 10th @ 5:30pm. Cost is \$25.09 per person, which includes tax and tips. Signup sheet was passed around to attend.

WBT Meetings will start up on May 2023 and continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru September for 2023.

****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:

Comprehensive Lake Management Plan: Mark spoke with Bay Area Environmental Consulting about how we need to redo our plan and reported to us that we are in the need of a New Plan. It will take a 3 year plan to get it done. The cost will be around \$100,000, in which we will apply for a grant for \$75,000 – 100,000, in which the Lake Association will possibly be liable to come up with our 25% of the cost, which will be between \$25,000 to \$35,000.

There is a committee forming to oversee and do this plan and file paperwork for the grant. A new plan is good for 10 years.

Landing Signs: Mark spoke to Katelin Anderson & Colton Sorensen from Polk County about the training and important information that they think should be at all landings. They both had a lot of input along with the Association Executive Team to come up with some very nice signs. Mark then spoke to Todd Anderson from Tra Designs and he is making 4 signs (1 for each landing) and installing them in the spring of 2023 so they are up and ready to educate all incoming and outgoing lake people about procedures, care, proper care of your watercrafts going in and coming out, and good and bad things to do and not do! The cost of the signs and installation is \$1,550 (\$650 installing 4 signs & \$225 for each custom made good quality sign that will last a long time). Motion was made to approve the signs by Jerry Haug and a 2nd by Brian Stugelmayer.

Lake Harvester: Barry Eklund reported that the It was another successful year for Curly Leaf Pondweed harvesting. Weed volume is down for the third consecutive year and we think we are making progress. The survey for the harvest next year will determine what areas to pursue. Denny Badman will be in charge of the crew in 2023 and has asked if any of our lake residents would be interested in working from May through early July. If so, please see me or contact Denny. Thanks for your support and we look forward to another successful year. Many thanks to Denny Badman and his crew for doing an excellent job!

AIS Monitoring: Dave Millard & Mark Jacobson reported that Weed survey teams found "Yellow Iris" plants on approximately 40 properties. Dave spoke to Northern Aquatic Services about all these and they will come in the spring of 2023 and take care of every property that has the Yellow Iris on it. The cost will be around \$50 per property for an average around \$1,750. There will be a letter sent to all the property owners explain what they have found out and the process to eliminate the plant. There was a pledge of \$1,000 from the Lake Association and also ½ from the Sanitation District will be requested to cover the costs. Motion was made to approve by Barry Eklund and a 2nd made by Brian Stugelmayer. Dave also reported on 3 weed teams performed weed monitoring on 18 different areas of Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lakes. Curly leave pond weed was only AIS found and zebra mussel plates were clean.

As residents remove their docks and boat lifts we encourage them to look for any zebra mussels attached to dock legs or lift frames.

Clean Boats / Clean Water: Doug Drake reported that through Labor Day weekend we have logged 327 hours at the Garfield landing, easily exceeding the grant requirement of 200. Thank you to our staff – Brian Anderson and Ella Gould for their hard work. Brian will continue working the landing in September if there is enough boating activity to warrant it.

Expenses through Labor Day were \$5,832.75. The association’s share is approximately \$1,500.00. In August we screened 368 watercraft and spoke with 711 people. For the season, we have screened 1,269 boats and contacted 2,585 individuals. Only 58 of the boats had been on another body of water in the previous five days, or 41/2 percent. We will now be working with the Sanitary District on the grant application for the 2023 season, which is due in November.

Lake Monitoring: The August monitoring of the lakes took place on 8/30, a sunny day with 11 mph winds. The water was churned up pretty good. Recent heavy rainfalls totaled 8-10”. The water color in Wapo had a green tone vs a brown tone in BT. The water temperature was 72*, about 4* cooler than in August 2021. The Secchi disc reading in Wapo was 4.0’ (2.5’ in 2021) and in Bear Trap it was 3.5’ (3.5’ in 2021). The lake level at the dam was 4.03, compared to 3.97 in July 2021 and 3.76 in July 2022. More detailed information is on the following sheet. Thank you to Phil Smith, Mark Jacobson and Alan Walker for assisting with the recent testing.

Wapogasset

	8/30/22	8/25/21	8/20/20
Temp at 3'	72	75.8	77.2
Temp at 30'	71.7	74.1	65
Temp difference	.3	1.7	12.2
DO at 3'	6.1	10.6	13.6
DO at 9'	6.1	6.2	6.7
DO at 15'	6.2	4.2	4.7
DO at 30'	5.7	3.4	0.1
Secchi disc (ft)	4	2.5	2.5

Bear Trap

	8/30/22	8/25/21	8/25/20
Temp at 3'	72.3	75.9	69.6
Temp at 20'	71.4	70.4	69.2
Temp difference	.9	5.5	.4
DO at 3'	5.5	9.0	5.9
DO at 9'	5.4	8.3	5.8
DO at 15'	5.4	4.5	5.7
DO at 20'	2.3	0.3	5.4
Secchi disc (ft)	3.5	3.5	5

Fishery & Dam: John Mahoney reported that the dam boulders are rolling down or getting rolled down the dam water and we will need to replace them to control erosion and such. There was a motion made by Dave Nelson for \$3,000 and 2nd by Barry Eklund to buy new boulder and set the dam back to the correct way it needs to be repaired. John is going to get 3 bids to see who can do the work and the cheapest with yet quality work.

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

Where do burglars look for valuables?

Burglars often target the bedrooms and bathrooms, then the drawers, closets, and dressers in each of those rooms. Many burglars then move on to a study, library, or office where electronics are located. Bathroom medicine cabinet. Everywhere! From the stove and freezer to the fish tank and toilet tank, bookshelves and in boxes of cereal.

Items commonly taken during burglaries:

During burglaries, intruders commonly look for portable items with a high resale value, things they can shove into a car and drive away within 10 minutes or less.

Personal information, like last year’s tax statement, credit card bills, or an old passport

Firearms, Power tools, Jewelry, Prescription medication, Electronics, like gaming consoles, TVs, computers, laptops, or smartphones

Cash, Clothing and designer handbags or furs. Consumable goods, such as alcohol.

How can you keep your belongings safe?

Store important documents, firearms, or jewelry safely. Make sure to shred unnecessary papers with personal information.

Keep serial numbers to your electronics on file. Make sure you’ve turned on tracking software for electronic devices. Take pictures of expensive items. Keep jewelry and valuables in a plain box outside the master bedroom, in a guest room, or kids’ room. This makes it harder for a burglar to find your valuables since they focus on the main bedrooms.

Community Relations: Karen Ohm said that Fall Dinner is on September 10th @ Shoreview. Dinner will be Beef Tips with Noodles or Chicken. There is 58 people signed up to attend. She had nothing else to report.

Sunshine Club: Lee Ann Overman said she had nothing to report. 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.

300 Club: Pat Teiken reported that we would be having the final drawing at this meeting. The winners for \$100 each are: Joyce Quint, M. Freitag, Shane Ferrozzo, Tim, Heckingsgard, Walker, Wendy Sicard, & Sandy Noonan. The checks were written and were given to the Trustees for the areas of where the winners lived.

Ways & Means Committee: Linda Lawrence reported that there were no new donation requests and a check will be sent after January, 2023 to the Amery Community Club for the approved donation of \$ 250.00 to support the 2023 season of Music on the River. Linda will give the contact info to Mary.

Membership: Don Springer reported as of 9/8/22 we had 511 members =
Basic: 165 / Bronze: 98 / Silver: 100 / Gold: 148.....Great job Trustees!
100% Congratulations to Mark Jacobson 6. Manitou Point & a Thank you to all Trustees for a great job pushing the memberships!

Communications: Jim Andersen spoke about Communications; firstly photographs were taken of the July 4th run at Stower park and also the boat parade and are viewable on our WBT website. www.wbtlakes.com
Thank you to all the committee members for a great year. If you would like to become involved, please consider checking a committee on your membership form for 2023. I believe Dave Millard is looking for some help with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monitoring of the lake.

WBT Fall Directory 2022

We collected \$5,935.00 in advertising revenue from 33 advertisers.

The costs to publish were \$3,600 from Paperworx for services, design, layout, etc.

The estimated gross revenue is \$2,335 and a few expenses (mailing, etc.) of a few hundred dollars will be subtracted from this amount. So, about \$2,000 revenue going back to the WBT fund.

Lake Scene 2022

The last issue was distributed August 27, 2022. Thank you to Kathy Mortensen for another year of Lake Scenes and the following: Julie Andersen, Paul and Marilyn Collins, Nancy Drake, Ryan Hanson, Betty Buck, Sally Studtman, Jerry Haug, Judy DiMartini, Linda Lawrence, Mary Davis, and Don Springer.

Winter Projects:

Don Springer and I will be working on the membership data base and our objective is to define our lake residents into categories such as back lots, private lake lots, multifamily lots, etc. This will help us with distribution of Lake Scenes, Directories, and lake information. We will continue to keep our WBT website updated, our WBT email monitored, our PO Box monitored and use or update social media as required.

Website <https://www.wbtlakes.com> , WBT email, Facebook, and NextDoor

Ryan Hanson and Nancy Drake have been working on keeping up with the communications with the above referenced communication methods. Kristen Hanson has continued the program to provide the trustee a welcome to the lake bag with several gifts. We are working on monitoring the post office box as well as the WBT email. We will continue to work out a plan to communicate inbound messages to the proper people. Our calendar is posted, healthy lakes and our AMP draft plan are there for your review. Wendy Jo Miller has started a LWBT page on Instagram, be sure to check it out.

Nominating Committee: Dave Nelson reported that we will have Elections of 2 officers in 2023 – 2024 terms. The vacancies will be for a President, as well as a 1st & 2nd Vice President.

Old Business: No Old Business to discuss

New Business:

Narrows (Bible Camp side): We spoke about getting estimates from 3 different companies to do the rip rap work of rebuilding. There was a motion made to allow the Executive Committee decides on estimates and if over \$5,000 they will email the trustees.

Sunrise Landing Plan: Association was asked to support & not going to since Garfield is doing it. Dave Nelson is working with Garfield on how the survey showed differences on estimates.

**** It was reported that this is the worst Algae Bloom we have ever seen! All Lakes have it this year****

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am by Marty Noonan, Barry Eklund made the motion to adjourn & Mark Jacobsen 2nd it.