

# **Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association**

**June 8, 2024**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

President George Hauser called the meeting to order at 8:30am. He welcomed all and mentioned the meeting minutes and committee reports were sent out prior to the meeting and should have been reviewed by all. He then asked for non trustees or visitors in attendance to introduce themselves and say hello.

### **Secretaries Report - Mary Kupfer**

Mary shared feedback from the May 18, 2024 meeting minutes with two corrections:

1. Music on the River donation is for Amery Community Club, not Community Center.
2. The 400 Club drawings are held in July, August and September.

Motion made to accept minutes, second and carried.

### **Treasurer's Report - Pat Teiken**

Pat reports we have filed all of our compliances for the year, Form 990, the 400 club raffle license has been applied for and received and tickets are being sold and property taxes have been paid. She is acclimating to the PC as well as quick books, and spending time with Doug for some Q&A coaching. While working on budget tasks, Pat has set up autopay up for the Waterman Sanitation bill. She also questioned why the association pays for the dumpsters at the some of the boat launches. There was discussion with no definitive answers. Pat will check into which dumpsters we are actually paying for for clarity. She also asked why are we donating \$100 to the Amery Community Center, the Ways and Means group will seek clarity and will be reporting the findings back to the Association at the July meeting. After some discussion, it was decided we will discuss this donation request at the end of the year with the other requests.

The current account balances are as follows:

Checking \$13,478.47

Dam Fund \$31,955.25

Money Market Savings \$77,072.39

Money Market Savings \$5,26

Pat will be gathering numbers of "committed" funds we will be spending the remainder of the summer. Motion made to accept the budget report second motion carried.

### **Presidents Report - George Hauser**

George and several others attended the PLCAR meeting on May 30, 2024. Some of the notable talking points were Airbnb's/VRBO's on the lakes, curly pond leaf, boat washing stations and county signage. Polk County is in the process of appointing a county supervisor as a "go to". Ryan Hanson, also attended and added boating safety was also a big talking point. Polk County has a recreational safety officer however they are being pulled in so many directions lake monitoring is not happening as much we would like to see.

He reminded all, when reporting an issue, one must be sure to call the appropriate county or township. George asked for feedback on the "Know Your Watercraft" that was distributed with

the first issue of the Lake Scene. The feedback was positive, the other items in the distribution were well received and very much appreciated.

Birthday time! The YMCA Camp is 116 years old! Georgia invited all to celebrate the camp's 116th birthday on June 15th. The hours of the celebration are 10am-4pm.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Lake Management - Mark Jacobson**

Mark went over swim platform guidelines. The swimming raft will not exceed 200 square feet in surface area (equivalent to 15-foot diameter for round water trampolines) and will not exceed 38 inches in height above the water level. This does not include protective covers, diving boards, ladders, and slides. These size and height limitations do not apply if the swimming raft is completely removed from the water and on to shore every day, or if the swimming raft is placed in a designated swim area that is marked and approved by the local municipality and DNR. The swimming raft is placed within 200 feet of shore."

If you are unsure of the guidelines they can be found [here](#)

### **Healthy Lakes - Craig DeLorenzo/Marty Noonan**

Marty Noonan spoke on Craig's behalf regarding healthy lakes. If you are interested in applying for a grant to the DNR it is a process, apply in 2024 for a 2025 grant disbursement.

There was mention of water runoff at the North end of the lake. This a problem as the storm drains are full of sand and not draining properly. This has been reported to Garfield Township, however there has not been action taken at this time.

### **Lake Harvester - Dennis Badman**

115 loads of curly leaf have been removed from the lake so far! Dennis says this is far more than past years. The reason for the heavy weeds is the lack of snow cover over the winter. He estimates 35 to 40 more loads are anticipated to be removed. The machine is running well and new operators are being trained. He did say the curly leaf eventually dies back to the bottom of the lake towards the end of June.

### **Lake Monitoring - Ryan Hanson**

Ryan reported he will do a secchi disc reading at the end of June. The water level is 4.3 at the dam.

### **AIS Monitoring - Dave Millard**

Dave reports curly pond leaf and yellow iris is still around. He suggests discarding the yellow flower will help the iris from spreading seeds. Zebra mussels are also on the rise.

### **Clean BoateClean Waters - Doug Drake**

Three employees began working the landings on Memorial Day weekend. The boat cleaning station delivery date is being pushed back. Parts for the machine are back ordered and that is

causing part of the delay. Doug has no idea when the station will arrive. He has been communicating back and forth with the company and still has no concrete answer. We have paid ½ up front in March of 2024. Doug looked into the fine print which states they have 120 days to deliver which would be near the end of July.

### **Fishery & Dam - John Mahoney**

John tells us the water is running faster and higher than ever. Things seem to be in pretty good shape, there is a type of moss and slime on the spillway so it is very slippery! John also reminded us Garfield Park has a couple pavilions you can rent for a nominal fee for parties etc. If the canopies are not rented, they are available for everyone's use. There are also plenty of park benches, a playground and restrooms as well.

### **Neighborhood Watch- Joel Anderson**

Joel had nothing to report at this time.

## **Social Events and Committee**

### **July 4th - Karen Ohm**

The 4th of July activities are all set to go! The 42nd annual 5K Walk/Run is scheduled for 9am Thursday July 4th. The afternoon turtle races will be coordinated by age groups rather than turtle size as had been done in the past. The children's foot race will not happen as the volunteers running the events and Georgia are working together on other activities such as Georgia will be doing face painting. The boat parade also on the 4th of July, begins at 3pm in the North bay. Judging will be held at Waterside. Winners will be posted immediately and prizes can be redeemed at Waterside. All 4th of July activities will be noted in the Lake Scene. Roughly 40 households checked in at the Spring Social with a little over 80 meals served.

### **400 club - Linda Belland/Pat Teiken**

Pat is collecting for Linda today. Please get your ticket money to Linda as soon as possible.

### **Membership - Don Springer**

Don reports we are at 464 memberships and he has another dozen or so on hand. He suggests delivering a membership form to non members with their Lake Scenes as total memberships are still a bit down in comparison to last year. He says donations overall are up a bit this year.

### **Ways and Means - Linda Lawrence**

Linda informed us \$250 was sent to the Amery Community Club to support the 2024 Music on the River. They were able to add our logo to the list of donors even though the donation was sent after the suggested due date. There are also two new committee members.

### **Communications - Jim Andersen**

Jim was not in attendance today George received Jim's report ahead of time and reported on Jim's behalf. Jim has finished the version of the 2024 Lake Directory. No one has come forward to help with the by laws.

### **Nominating/Audit - Marty Noonan**

Marty has a person lined up for doing the audit.

### **Old Business**

Bible Camp Shore Erosion - Karen Ohm

Nothing is new at this time, however when and if the work is done it was suggested it should be in the winter when the ground is frozen. Doug suggested perhaps a fundraiser or some kind to help with the expense. There was much discussion as to who will pay for the project, the Bible Camp asking for a grant was also an idea.

### **Bylaw Update**

Jim reports no one has come forward to help with the by laws  
We are still looking for a replacement for Jim.

### **Boat Safety Sub Committee**

Nothing new to report. We are still looking for a committee chair.

### **New Business:**

Printer for Treasury position, Marty offered to donate a printer, however Pat has already purchased one. Doug pitched in supporting the association should be paying for officer print jobs. There was a motion to reimburse Pat for the printer and supplies. Motion carried and passed.

Please get Kathy information for the Lake Scene by June 12th.

There was a motion made to adjourn second and carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Kupfer