

Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association
May 18, 2024
General Meeting Minutes

President George Hauser called the meeting to order at 8:30am by welcoming all and asking non trustees and guests in the room to introduce themselves. There were about 6-8 guests in attendance and a total of 58 total attendees.

Georgia Wagner Executive Director of YMCA Camp Icahowan spoke next and again welcomed all and went over some general housekeeping and safety reminders. She also changed her last name due to her recent marriage. Congratulations Georgia Ellingson! Please let her know if you need a new nametag. (there was a list circulating the room)

Don Springer shared/circulated some name/email address lists he had prepared for proofing/updating.

Secretaries Report - Mary Kupfer

Mary reminded all the September 2023 meeting minutes were sent out via email in September as well as on 5/17/24. (Hard copies of the minutes and committee reports were also available at the meeting)

Dave Nelson motioned the minutes to be approved as written, motion second and carried.

Budget Report - Pat Tieken

Pat was not in attendance for the meeting but did send her report. Pat will have a budget report for next month as well as financial information about the boat cleaning station etc.

President's report - George Hauser

Adding an additional meeting date in the month of April was a subject/idea that was raised over the winter. George asked for a show of hands of who would be available for an April meeting, about 2/3 of the group raised their hands. Meeting in April would allow the group to get a handle on donation requests & scheduled social activity planning. Jim Anderson explained meeting earlier would be beneficial for such things as the Lake Directory & The Lake Scene etc. Motion was made by Mark Jacobson to schedule an additional meeting in April second and carried all in favor with one nay.

The Spring Social is scheduled for Saturday June 1st at Waterside from 1:00-4:00pm with the intent of the same menu as last year (Pork sandwich, chips, dessert and beer) Brian from Waterside says this menu is based on product availability. Much discussion was raised regarding unpaid guests joining the social. Using tickets was all discussed and we did hear Brian will be counting plates served. Kathy M will add a blip in the Lake Scene regarding member/guests situation at the Spring Social. This is a social event paid for by the association, with the intent of getting members together. We hope those attending the social are paid members or joining that day. Don will be at the door checking and selling memberships. Waterside will also be open to selling beverages to non members.

On May 30, 2024 from 10:00am-12:00pm the Polk County Government Center will be hosting the Lake and River Organization Meeting. George will be attending and welcomes anyone to ride with him, contact him if you would like to go.

Know your Watercraft (Map) and Ad Hoc Committee -

George will use the words “enhanced waves”... last October of 2023 there was a well attended meeting discussing the enhanced wave concerns on the lakes. After that, another group gathered in November to create a survey, the survey was sent to all solicitable email addresses on the lake. The survey was open for three weeks. The survey results are available on the WBT website. Results basically show we need to be able to co-exist on the lake. George reminded us we are not an authority and do not have power to enforce anything. A map was put together (and 2000 copies printed) showing lake depth and suggested areas for wake boating. Ryan Hanson commented that the general boating etiquette has gone down over the years and he hopes the map helps. Jim also mentioned a boating map will be included in the upcoming lake scene. George finished up the topic saying this is the best we can do.

Committee Reports

Lake Management - Mark Jacobson

Mark Jacobson said the lake harvester was on the North end of the lake and has already removed 30 loads! The harvester does not really have a schedule of when it will be running as mother nature has a play in the schedule.

Mark then verbally reviewed his report.

Healthy Lakes - Craig DeLorenzo

There is no report from Craig at this time

Lake Monitoring - Ryan Hanson

Ryan reported Ice out testing was not conducted due to varying refreezing of the lake.

AIS Monitoring - Dave Millard

There is no report from Dave at this time.

Clean Boats Clean Waters - Doug Drake

Doug reports the CBCW committee has been running for a number of years. We will have workers at the boat landing beginning Memorial Day weekend. These people (Brian Anderson & Son's) are hired to educate boaters on their way in and out of the lake. Doug reminded us to be sure to educate our guests on lake etiquette and safety as well.

Boat Cleaning Station Update, Doug and Ryan did an investigation of boat cleaning stations on area lakes. Some were solar charged batteries, some hooked up to electricity. One difference is the solar unit did not seem to have as much vacuum power. Both recommend the electric hook up cleaning station. We received a grant in the amount of \$23,000, the station has been ordered and will be placed at Garfield Park near the overflow parking lot. The unit is estimated to arrive in the first part of June. Garfield Township is partnering with us in the unloading and set up. The total cost of the unit is \$50,000. The assoc is making a big investment in this, Doug brought up the fact that we are not tax exempt, he suggests relooking at applying for a tax exemption for the association. Georgia offered up herself as a resource if we do go tax exempt as she has connections with grant writers etc.

Doug also mentioned we will need to insure the unit as well which will cost about \$500 a year.

Fishery & Dam - John Mahoney

John reports the water seems to be more clear now than ever. The monitor in the spillway is usually at a 3 now it is higher at 4.

Neighborhood watch - Joel Anderson

Joel reminds us if you see anything suspicious, please let him know.

Social and Events Committee - Karen Ohm

The spring social is set to go (as discussed earlier by George). The 5K race, turtle races and boat parade will all be held on the 4th of July. Dates and times will be published in the Lake Scene. Turtle races were a topic of interest, there was much discussion about the turtle safety, and should people be hunting turtles, Kathy Mortenson suggested minnow races as another option. Eventually besides the location change (YMCA Camp) the events will run basically the same as in the past. Light Up the Lake and fireworks will be the following night Friday July 5th. The fall recognition dinner is scheduled for September 7th (the same day as the fall meeting) at Wolters Supper Club.

Sunshine - Lee Ann Overman

LeAnn was not at the meeting.

400 Club - Linda Belland

Linda has a few ticket books left for sale, they have been selling well. Drawings will be held in June, July, and August. Linda reminded us that she is taking the 400 club over from Pat Tieken.

Membership - Don Springer

Memberships are coming in and are steady. Over 400 have been returned which is almost as many as last years total. Discussion of memberships at "parks" on the lake is low, although there is one physical address, there are many units within the address with low membership activity. Trustees of the two parks will be asked to join the assoc meetings hoping to boost membership interest within the parks.

Ways and Means - Linda Lawrence

Although the committee has not met, they did receive a request from the Amery Community Center for a membership donation. There is a deadline date of May 1 for the donation in order to be recognized on the list of donors at Music on the River. Those in attendance talked about donating the \$250 requested although WBT will not be an advertised donor because we did not donate by the deadline. Doug D motioned to donate the \$250 to the ACC. Motion second carried.

Linda also tells us Brian Stugelmayer has resigned from the committee and they are looking for another member. If you are interested, please see, call, or text Linda.

Communications - Jim Andersen

Jim created and presented a document listing the Executive Board, Trustee Board and Committees email addresses. This document also includes dates and processes in which information from the various committees should be sent to Mary as well as deadlines for the Lake Scene information to Kathy. The Wapo Bear Trap Map was completed as previously mentioned. Last year in September the lake directory photo contest prizes were increased to \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. There is a limit of 5 entries per household please. Jim has sent out the advertising information for the directory advertisers and paid ads are coming in.

Nominating Audit - Marty Noonan

Marty was not in attendance.

Old business:

By Law update - Jim Andersen

Jim has been working on re-drafting the bylaws. There was a disconnect between what is published in the directory as it does not match what is written in the bylaws. He asked for help if anyone is interested.

Another item to note is the *Boating Safety Committee*, it is listed in the directory and that is all we have ... Anyone interested should see Jim.

The Kayak Club started last Thursday. Please be sure to let your neighbors know.

Kathy Mortenson asks for information to be sent to her as soon as you have it ready for the Lake Scene.

An ongoing concern was brought up about the Bible Camp property breaking/splitting away near the narrows, the buoys were strategically placed this year hoping to help with the erosion. A year or two ago there was conversation about this, Eric from the Bible Camp happened to be in attendance today and stated the Bible Camp does in fact own the land and they can take action on the land, they have started the process, however the Bible Camp is not in a position to fund the project, but are ok with the Lake Association funding it.

New Business -

Jim Andersen has resigned from the Communications Committee. We will need to find a replacement for Jim.

Doug Drake made a motion to end the meeting, the motion was second and carried.

George ended the meeting at 10:20am

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Kupfer