

**Wapogasset/Bear Trap Lake improvement Association Meeting  
May 13, 2017**

**7:30 a.m. – Coffee**

**8:00 a.m. – Meeting called to order**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- **Welcomed Guests**
- **Welcomed New Trustees – Jan Anderson and Sally Studtman**

**Secretary’s Report – Michelle Buron**

- a. September 2016 Meeting Minutes approved.
- b. Michelle asked if Committee members could submit a written report of the items they discuss at meetings, if available, to help with accuracy of the minutes.

**Treasurers Report – Doug Drake**

- a. Financials were distributed (via email) by Doug in advance of meeting for review. Two financial reports were sent: September – December 2016/January – April 2017. Financial Reports were APPROVED.
- b. Budget – Last year Doug drafted the budget based on previous year. This year he would like more input from members.
- c. Flares will be ordered the next couple of weeks and can be picked up after June meeting.

**Presidents Report- Marty Noonan**

- a. **Amery Community Club** – Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Association received a Certificate of Recognition for 105 Years.
- b. **Balsaam Lake Water Ski Team Show** – Grant Robinson submitted a proposal for their ski team to perform a show in front of Waterside from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$1,000 for one hour ski show.
  - Proposed to split cost with Waterside – \$500 cost to WBTL Association
  - Discussions:
    - Possible change of time for earlier in evening (Marty would check on time)
    - Purchase of Invasive Species Identification book was requested to educate board and committee members a couple years ago and was not approved. Concern about where the money should go. BOOK PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION WILL BE ADDED TO THE JUNE AGENDA.
    - Parking a concern near Waterside. Suggested people could car pool or families come by boat and watch show from the water.
    - Suggested we pay for all or most of the cost for the show.
  - Motion was made to approve \$1000 for show – NOT APPROVED
  - Motion was made to approve \$750 for show – APPROVED by majority
  - Ski Show Committee Members – Sally Studtman, Karen Ohm, Marty Noonan

- c. **Spring Social – Waterside, June 3, 2017 – 1 – 4**
  - Last year 115 attended the social. Question was brought up about how many members vs. trustees.
  - Event Cost – Free for paid members, \$20 for non-paid members
- d. **Volunteer needed for Email Director for Electronic Communications**
  - Volunteer needed to create distribution list and send blast emails. Emails must be sent “blind copy” so no email addresses are disclosed.
  - Don Springer volunteered to be the Email Director – Doug Drake will give Don email address list.
- e. **New “No Wake” Buoys in place**
  - Lake Association needed to purchase three (3) new buoys.
  - In past years volunteers from the Lake Association have taken out and put in the buoys. It was proposed to pay a company to perform the tasks in the spring and fall. Company would need to coordinate with Sanitation District for storage. MOTION WAS MADE TO PURSUE BIDS – MOTION APPROVED. Marty will research companies and bring bids to next meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Lake Management – Mark Jacobson

- a. **Wisconsin Conservation Congress Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 4 members from the Association attended the meeting (Brad Johnson, Alan Walker, Lee Rickard and Paul Collins. There were 88 measured they could vote on but most of the issues did not apply to Lake Wapogasset. One important issue was the Bass Harvest Opportunity. This change would take place in 2018.**

*Proposal – Daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass; however, all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and harvest of only 1 fish greater than 18 inches would be allowed. The current regulation is a 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.*
- b. **Zebra Mussels** – Mark attend April 24 meeting. A Zebra Mussel was found in Deer Lake. Mark researched different types of plates for under the docks. He recommends Zebra Mussel Sampler - This multi-plate sampler is ideal for collecting density and size distribution data on Zebra and Quagga Mussels. It’s constructed with four Masonite plates. Cost is \$39.95 each
- c. **Invasive Species** – More invasive species are being found in lakes south of here. It was suggested we have a seminar on Invasive Species to educate the residents.
- d. **Virus Disease spreading in Crappies** – A viral disease is being found on Crappies. Red/Pink spots on fish. If found, fisherman should take fish out of lake and discard appropriately. Do not eat fish.
- e. **Polk County Clean Lakes Project** – Association is going to promote the Healthy Lakes Initiative Grant. (See September, 2016, minutes for grant details.) Association can apply for up to \$25,000 (\$1,000/individual). Grants can only be submitted through the Association. Website for Health Lakes Grant information/details: <http://healthylakeswi.com/grants/>

- f. **Lake Harvester (Barry Eklund)** – Ready to go. Modifications have been made to the equipment to make the harvester more user friendly. This year there will be four seasonal operators. Two person teams will operate two shifts a day, Monday thru Friday (weather permitting). NO SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS. The YMCA Camp landing area has been added. It will reduce travel time between loads. Our thanks to the YMCA. They plan to start harvesting on Monday! Any questions contact Heidi at Water Sanitation. Suggested we put postings at the boat launching areas informing fisherman to move boats out of way of Harvester.

### **Lake Monitoring – Lee Rickard**

- a. Survey – There was a survey taken in the surrounding areas regarding cost of running the Clean Boat/Clean Waters Initiatives. Our costs are on target with survey. Average is \$10/hour, 200 hours/year
- b. Grant – Sanitary Water District applied and received grant for this year. Cost to Association should be minimal. Last year there was no grant and the cost was \$934.97.
- c. 2 students/employees returning. Starting program on Memorial Day.

### **Community Relations – Karen Ohm**

- Social (September) – Went well
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – 5K, turtle race, fireworks will take place on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Boat parade will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> in front of Waterside. A request for more information on guidelines and entry of boat in parade. Information will be in the Lake Scene and on the Neighborhood website.
  - Filming of Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap - Channel 4/WCCO will be filming mid August. Paul Schaefer is the contact.
- a. **Sunshine Club (Gail Tessman)** – Deb Worthington going through chemo. Please send Gail requests/notices of life events.
  - b. **300 Club (Vicki Ziglinski)** – Raffle tickets are here.
    - \$500 drawing has been changed to August as requested.
    - Please be sure the names on the raffle tickets are eligible on the tickets you sell and turn in. There were a couple ineligible names last year which made it difficult to determine the winner.
    - All money and tickets stubs need to be turned into Vicki. Please do NOT turn in the money to Doug.
  - c. **Membership (Doug Drake)** - As of May 11, the total received was \$12,603.00, broken down as follows: 130 Basic, 59 Bronze, 66 Silver, and 58 Gold, for a total of 313. We are a bit ahead of last year's numbers.
    - Membership Placards will be yellow this year. Doug will give trustees placards for members in their area by May 27<sup>th</sup> to be distributed with the Lake Scene.

**Communications – Jim Anderson**

- There are extra Directories from last year available for new neighbors if needed.
- Lake Scene – Schedule:

<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Deadline: Info. to Kathy</u>	<u>Deadline: To Printer</u>	<u>Delivery Date</u>
Lake Scene #1	Wed, May 17	Mon., May 22	Sat., May 27
Lake Scene #2	Wed, June 14	Mon., June 19	Sat., June 24
Lake Scene #3	Wed, July 19	Mon., July 24	Sat., July 29
Lake Scene #4	Wed, August 23	Mon., August 28	Fri., Sept. 1

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Festivities/Schedule will be included in Lake Scene #2. 2017 Directories will be distributed with Lake Scene #4

**Nominating/Audit – Dave Nelson**

- 2018 Board – 2 new position openings: Bob Whitman (Executive Committee) and Jerry Klasen (Trustee) will be leaving their positions at the end of this summer.

**New Business**

- Promoting Teenager Events - Kathy Mortensen, on behalf of new neighbor, asked about organizing teenager events in the summer. Karen Uhm will look into possibilities.
- Pontoon Happy Hour – Need someone to take over social gatherings. Marty will research.