

**Lake Wapogasset & Bear Trap Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**Trustee Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2016**  
**Camp Icaghowan**

Marty Noonan, President started the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**Secretary's Report by Beth Holmgren**

Minutes: Motion/second to approve the Secretary's minutes for July 9, 2016. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report by Doug Drake**

The following budgets were distributed:

- Approved Budget July 2016
- Approved Budget Sept-Dec 2015
- Actual 2015 Expenses – Proposed 2017 Budget

Approved Budget July 2016 Notes:

- 300 Club sold all tickets this year
- Flare sales goal is to breakeven. Accomplished

Motion/second to approve the July 2016 Budget. Motion approved.

Proposed 2017 Budget Notes:

- No changes needed from 2016 budget so Proposed 2017 Budget will remain the same as 2016

Motion/second to approve the 2017 Budget. Motion approved.

Other comments noted:

- If committee expenditures meets the budget number there is no need to bring to Board
- Dues – Suggested to track how many people exceed dues.

**President Report by Marty Noonan**

Photo Contest – Winner was Jennifer Olsen, a guest/friend of George Aalto and Lynn Menozzi – She will receive a gift certificate to Waterside.

There are still a few 100 Anniversary Lake Association Items for sale if anyone is interested. Contact Gail Tessman.

Rick Bazille will be retiring as the Chair for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters Committee at the end of the 2017 season. If someone is interested in taking over this committee in 2018 they should train with Rick during the 2017 season. A suggestion was made to have Garfield Township help with this task since most boats enter through the Garfield Park launch. Unfortunately Garfield Township does not have the resources.

Flares – Thank you to the 2016 committee. Same committee appointed by Marty for 2017.

We are hoping to get Steve Schiefer, Biologist, to attend the September meeting to discuss invasive weeds.

**Committee Reports**

**Lake Management.** Mark Jacobson discussed two brochures regarding Lake Management:

- Help Stop Hitchhikers
- Healthy Lakes

He would love to provide this material to all lake homeowners. There was discussion about adding pdf to social media and the Lake Scene.

There is a Polk County Lake and River Association presentation on August 28<sup>th</sup> regarding Healthy Lakes. Members are encouraged to attend. Contact Mark Jacobson for more specifics about the meeting.

### **(Lake Management Continue)**

DNR still plans to stock 20,000 Walleye Fish (6-8")

Still looking into getting grant money for lake preservation projects around the lake. Deadline is February, 2017. Jerry Williamson, Polk County Land and Water Department, manages the grant program.

PCLAR (Polk County Lake & River Association) meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> - Lake residents can attend to discuss lake issues in Polk County.

Lake Harvester – Barry Eklund reported the first year of operation was successful.

- More than 250,000 pounds of Curly Leaf Pondweed were harvested
- Experienced improvements in navigation with new GPS
- After the first few weeks of operation, less weed mass was noted in not only the targeted areas but also most areas of both lakes
- According to Dave Erspamer of the Sanitary District the cost of the entire operation was within the budget range
- Harvester will be stored at the new Garfield Township garage/storage facility.

Improvements for next year:

- New mapping of the CLP areas of both lakes
- Expect an improved operation with the GPS (The results should be more accurate cutting and less weed mass on the shorelines.)
- Crew will increase from 3 to 6 people (two full crews plus two alternates)
- Better education for fisherman and sport users to move for harvester
- Sanitary District can be contacted with any suggestions for improvement

### **Lake Monitoring.**

Lee Rickard provided new Sechi Disc readings which are available on the DNR web-site and published in the Lake Scene. Lake Temperatures in July were higher this year by 4 degrees. Clarity usually declines with warmer temperatures but Bear Trap had better clarity in July compared to 2015.

Clean Boat/Clean Water - Rick Bazille reported the season will end Labor Day weekend with approximately 200 hours and approximately 600 boats checked. Number of launches at the ramps this year was probably over 4,000 (Weekly average of 185 at Garfield Park which equals 3,700 and 300 from other landings). This means we checked about 15% of all launches. Because there was no grant available this year the cost to the association is \$1,300. Other notes: Rick will miss the September meeting but will get together with Sanitary District to prepare the grant application for next year. In Wisconsin there are over 400 lakes with Eurasian Milfoil and over 100 lakes with Zebra Mussels.

Neighborhood Watch - Jerry Tessman stated there is a new page in the Directory explaining the Neighborhood Watch Program. He would greatly appreciate input on the new page. New Signs are ordered through the Sherriff's Office. Need approval for cost of \$500, which is already in budget. Motion/second to approve cost of signs. Motion Approved.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Selection Committee will review candidates. Recipients will be announced at the September meeting.

### **Community Relations**

Volunteer Thank You Dinner - Karen Ohm provided the details for the event: YMCA, 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner, Menu TBA, YMCA is waiving fee for facility, Trustees/Officers are paid for by Association, Bring your own beverages, RSVP to Karen.

Sunshine Committee. Gail Tessman sent a card to Jerry Klausen. Gail can be reached at 715-268-6570 if you would like her to send a card to a lake member on behalf of the Lake Association who is ill or passed away

Membership. Doug Drake indicated 455 members have paid to date. (Better than 2015 with 439 paid members)

300 Club. Vicki Zigliński was asked if we could switch the big drawing from August to September. Motion/second to approve moving big drawing to September. Motion Approved

**Communications.** Jim Anderson reported that the committee was able to receive \$1,800 from Advertising in the Directory. The cost of the Directory is \$2,100 so the advertising covered most of the costs. Directory will be published on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. An additional 50 copies will be printed. We continue to improve communication through the Lake Scene, Facebook, and Website.

**Nominating/Audit.** The Trustee position is open to replace Vicki Ziglinski located at the north end of Wapo. Vicki is working on a possible replacement.

**300 Club Drawing.** Winners of drawing were: Julieann Anderson, Keri Chumbley, Bernice Larson, David Chumbley, Bob Shae, Ed Gubman, Marlys Nelson.

**Old Business**

- Marty has been in contact with City of Amery and Amery Fire Department regarding the \$5000 pledge for Airboat.
- Lake Harvester will only run during the week days. No evenings or weekends. The schedule error that occurred once this summer will not happen again.

**New Business**

- Association Dues – According to Bi-laws dues for membership cannot exceed \$25 minimum/year. Motion/second for Association dues to remain at \$20 per year. Motion approved.
- Conservancy Program Update – Mary will attend the next meeting and bring update in September.
- Communications Committee was recognized and applauded for their hard work and efforts. We have been able to get information out to community and have better communication with our members.
  - Equally important is the face to face time with the trustees and members, especially with the elder members of the community that do not have access to social media.
- Audit Committee – Doug Drake will check into and schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m. Motion/second to adjourn. Motion approved.

Beth Holmgren/Michelle Buron, Secretary