WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

Date: June 12th, 2021, YMCA Camp Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan

Call to order by Marty Noonan, President at 8:30 am.

Marty hosted the the meeting in person at the Y Camp with 32 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: Guests this month was John & Karen Derment from Bear Trap and Theresa attended with Walt Ogburn.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer & was moved to be approved by Dave Nelson & seconded by Mark Jacobson.

Treasurer's Report

Financial reports

- For May, major expenses were Lake Scene support, water ski show, fireworks donation and flares.
- Checking balances May 31 were about \$18,500 at the credit union and \$3,200 at Bremer. Total cash accounts were \$129,500.
- Regarding the transition of our accounts from Bremer to Westconsin, I have held off on the final closing of our Bremer checking account to give Trustees a final opportunity to discuss this step. Some trustees wanted to keep the Bremer account active when we voted last year, and it doesn't cost us anything to keep it open. However if Trustees don't feel that's necessary I will go ahead and close it.
- The only negative for the credit union is that there's a fee for depositing more than 100 checks in a month. However Mobile Deposits are exempt from that fee so it can be avoided. Even if we did pay this fee the higher interest would more than offset it.
- Motion made by Dave Nelson to Close Bremer Checking Account and 2nd by Jerry Haag.

Flares

- Flares can be picked up after today's meeting at Larry Karlson's warehouse, 802 County Road C.
- Those trustees who had flares remaining from last year should have received a form before the meeting. Blank forms are available for other trustees. When picking up flares please add to sign-up sheet your name and # of boxes taken. Fill out and return completed forms with your money after the 4th.
- We ordered 60 cases this year. We have 397 flares left over. Cost per flares is \$2.11. We provide one case for each camp.
- After today flares can be picked up at Mort's Marina. Make sure your name and number of flares taken gets recorded at the marina and take one of the flare forms if you don't have one.
- Extra flares can be returned to the Marina before the event, or kept for sale next year.

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

Spring Social: was talked about and will not be doing it this year because June is almost gone and July is a very busy month for all lake residents, and by then the summer is almost over and we will be having the Fall Dinner shortly after that.

Light up the Lake & Fireworks: July 3rd at 9:45 and then Fireworks to follow at approximately 10:10pm.

Balsam Lake Water Ski Show: is set for July 10th @ 3pm at Waterside's Bay.

Music on the Bay: date is set for July 3rd, time to be announced

Pontoon for Buoy's maintenance: Don discussed and reported the repairs and maintenance that needed to be done by Geyer Marine. There was a motion by Mark Jacobsen to approve the repairs and work needed by Geyer Marine and a 2nd by Jerry Haag. Marty included a letter in the Lake Scene and it will be posted online on the LWBT Assoc website about Boat operations & safety. Polk County Healthy Lakes Grant was discussed and Marty is creating a list of contractors that know how to do the water runoff process. Dave Millard spoke about our water quality issues and runoffs in certain areas. This will be brought up at next meeting. D.D. Kennedy Park Land dispute was talked about by Dave Nelson, one area is a piece of land owned by someone that cannot be developed as wished by land buyer. There will be a meeting on June 21st at Garfield Town Hall to discuss and more information about this topic for anyone interested to attend and hear more.

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Mark Jacobsen reported that there was nothing to report for this months meeting.

Lake Harvester: Barry Ecklund reported that they have already taken out 62 loads of weeds so far this year and total last year was 97, so it's a lot of weeds starting out being removed. The weed growth is much more this year because of the mild winter, hot weather lately, and less snow pack.

AIS Monitoring: Dave Millard said there was 3 teams checking weeds this year so far. The Curly Leaf & Coontail are up this year.

Lake Monitoring: Ryan Hanson presented the Lake Monitoring activities and he explained the May monitoring of the lakes took place on 5/25, a partly sunny day with 10-12 mph winds. Recent rain may cause the readings to be off slightly. The water color was beautiful. The water temperature was about 0.5 degree warmer over last year at the same time. The Secchi disc readings were 5-6 feet less than May of 2020 but were more typical looking at historical info. The lake level at the dam was 4.0, compared to 4.16 at the same time last year.

Thanks to Mark Jacobson, Phil Smith and Alan Walker for assisting with the monitoring. Wapogasset

5/25/21	5/28/20	5/31/19
67.1	66.7	63.7
55.3	55.7	55.9
11.8	11.0	7.8
8.1	9.7	10.1
8.1	9.6	9.3
7.8	8.6	8.9
1.8	3.6	3.8
16'	22'	26'
5/25/21	5/28/20	5/31/19
68.5	68.9	64.9
56.0	55.5	56.1
12.5	13.4	8.8
8.1	8.9	11.3
8.1	8.1	11.8
8.2	7.0	9.2
3.9	2.9	4.5
16'	21'	13'
	67.1 55.3 11.8 8.1 7.8 1.8 16' 5/25/21 68.5 56.0 12.5 8.1 8.1 8.2 3.9	67.1 66.7 55.3 55.7 11.8 11.0 8.1 9.7 8.1 9.6 7.8 8.6 1.8 3.6 16' 22' 5/25/21 5/28/20 68.5 68.9 56.0 55.5 12.5 13.4 8.1 8.9 8.1 8.1 8.2 7.0 3.9 2.9

Rick Bazille reported on Clean Boats / Clean Water and said that there is a new Decontamination Station to be used at landings. It has all the things for everyone to clean and sanitize their boats before entering and when leaving. Cost is about \$800 to set it up and low maintenance restocking fees. It was being tabled till the July meeting to get more information about. There is a zoom meeting on June 16th about this as it is being implemented in neighboring counties. Anyone can attend this zoom meeting.

Joel Anderson gave a report on Neighborhood Watch. Lake residents are encouraged to take extra precautions in this extreme heat we are having and can have more of. Some tips was to: When temps rise – get inside, Stay Hydrated, Never Leave anyone in a closed vehicle, Check on loved ones and neighbors, and to rest often and protect yourself from the sun.

Community Relations report was given by Karen Ohm reported that they are still working on the annual Recognition dinner and we will wait to see when to do it, discuss at July Meeting more in depth. The boat parade will be on July 4th, more info of starting point and registering will be posted on Lake Assoc website, along with 5K race info. There is no theme for this year's parade, so it's anything goes, Karen said. There will be no park activities or Turtle race this year. See above about fireworks and flares.

Lee Ann Overman reported that the Sunshine Club sent out 12 cards since the May meeting.

Membership

Doug Drake reported membership numbers for each category.

As of June 11 we have 461 paid members. At this time last year we had 443. Current numbers by membership level:

- Gold 123 / Silver 98 / Bronze 89 / Basic 153 = Total 461
- I have a few Owner notice signs if you did not get enough for your members. Remember only paid members get them members are shown on your Lake Scene lists. I also have blank membership forms if anyone wants them.
- 100% Membership: Juanita Seidl

Communications: Jim Andersen spoke about Communications Report & thanked all that helped this year on all of the following:

WBT Fall Directory 2022

Last year we had 40 advertisers and went full color with the Lake Directory. So far, I have received one No-Farm Table and 12 who have signed up and paid. The full list has received the offer by email or hand delivery. The deadline is July 12, 2021. I expect similar sign up and advertiser revenue as in the past.

Lake Scene

The next issue deadline for input consideration by Kathy is on or before Thursday June 17 th, They will be sorted and stuffed on Friday June 25; we start at 9 AM. They will be delivered to Kathy and a notice to Trustee's sent out when that is completed, and they are ready for pickup and delivery. The following deadline for input will be Thursday July 22, 2021, sort, and stuff at 9 am on Friday July 30th for delivery Saturday, July 31.

I appreciate all the help from Paul and Marylin Collins who took over while I was on vacation. Ryan Hanson, Jerry Haug, Judy DiMartini, Mary Davis, Nancy Drake, Sally Studtman, and Betty Buck.

Note: Trustees are responsible for pick up and delivery to their assigned areas. If you cannot do so on the scheduled date, please have a back up person trained and ready to take over for you, so the job gets done.

Photo Contest

I received 2 more photo contest entries and we now have about 6 or so. The deadline is July 16 th , 2021, and he details are included in the inside back page of your Lake Directory. Details can also be found in the most recent Lake Scene.

New Lake Homeowner Welcome Package

Ryan and Kristin Hanson, Marty Noonan, Brian Stugelmayer, the YMCA camp, and Sanitary District grouped together to create a formal way to track and welcome homeowners to Wapo/Bear Trap lakes. In the past Doug Drake, relators and the sanitary district kept track and therefore the data bases were kept up to date when the information became available.

I will pass around a photo of the Welcome Pack which includes gift certificates, a Love of the Lakes book, maps, brochures, and much more useful information. When a real estate change occurs, the Trustee will receive the Welcome Pack with the new information for personal delivery to the newcomers. Please feel free to explain to them about our Lakes and our Lake Association.

Ways & Means Committee – the form for anyone needing to request a donation or help from the Association will be posted online to download, fill out, and send in to the committee.

Nominating / Audit was talked about by Dave Nelson as to which he mentioned that Brent Harms is the one that did the audit again for us & will be continuing to do it next year again. It was also found out that Marty can do another term as President since he actually started in June and not September, which didn't make it a full term. There will be more discussion on this and other positions coming up vacant.

300 Club: Brian Stugelmayer said that all monies was turned in except one person that will be turning in soon. There is about 10 tickets left to sell that Brian will have for anyone to purchase. Brian will count the money and organize it and Pat will collect and get to Doug. Drawings will be held at each monthly meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Sunrise Beach Landing will be dredged this week to make it better and deeper.

Brewers / Twins Game is set for August 29th out of Waterside. This is open to all and we are looking for veterans to go to the game as we are holding some fundraisers to help them with the costs to attend, ride the bus, refreshments, and get out with some good old fun. The veteran we chose this year is Marty Noonan, he will be attending the game and be the veteran to raise the American Flag before the game, they will have a video montage about Marty and his military career on the big screens before the game too. For more information contact Brian Stugelmayer or Don Springer! Hope to see all join us on our bus trip to the game in the Twin Cities for an awesome event and exciting day!

Kayak group on the lake is 97% made up of people from our wonderful 2 lakes! This is a great time for anyone to grab a kayak and enjoy some friendly water time! It is only about 1 - 1 % hours and usually has some social time afterwards. For more information of dates, times, and how to get involved in some great relaxing fun time, contact Kathy Harms.

It was brought up as to how we could get some young or younger lake residents to volunteer for the many ways and committees on our team. Wendy Jo mentioned about we should look into ways to attract younger volunteers would be to look into social networks such as Instagram, Facebook, or where they hang out online. This will be discussed more at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am by Marty Noonan, Walt Ogburn made the motion to adjourn & Jerry Haag 2nd it.