

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2022

Date: June 11th, 2021, YMCA Camp Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan

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

Marty hosted the meeting in person at the Y Camp with 37 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: Bob Lawrence, Dan Kupfer (Fishery Committee), Mike Geiger (New Trustee), & Georgia Wagner (YMCA Camp Director). A Special Thank You to Georgia and her Y Camp Crew for the awesome fresh baked pastries and beverages!

Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was presented by Brian Stugelmayer & was approved by Mark Jacobson & 2nd by Dave Nelson.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Mary Kupfer gave the reports of: Total Checking/Savings 114,787.98

Other Current Assets: Undeposited Funds 4,480.00 & Total Other Current Assets 4,480.00

TOTAL ASSETS 119,267.98 & TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 119,267.98

Mark Jacobson made a motion to approve and a 2nd by Brian Stugelmayer

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

- Spring Social was June 4th and all had a great time and thought the food, drinks, and all was perfect. There was 64 memberships there with a total of 186 people. Once again a fun time by all and we need to make it grow every year.
- Costs of Flares went up to \$2.30 for us, but we will keep it at \$2 for this year and discuss a price increase next year to cover costs. Motion was made by Brian Stugelmayer and 2nd by Don Springer and all voted.
- Light Up The Lake will be on July 2nd at 9:45 PM Sharp and Fireworks to follow being lit at full darkness.
- Balsam Lake Water Ski Show will be July 9th @ 3pm in the North Bay out front of Waterside.
- Music on the Bay will be July 2nd @ 3pm out front of Ryan & Kristin Hanson's house (on their dock) this year.
- (Flare Pick up will be June 10th after the June Meeting)!

WBT Meeting will continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month now thru September for 2022.

Email Committee Reports are due to Brian the Friday before the following weeks Saturday meeting each month

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Mark Jacobsen reported that the purchase of Friday Creek property was successful.

1) The Conservancy was closing on the purchase of the Friday Creek property on Monday (which went very well, Ryan took a picture at the signing so hopefully that will get in).

2) I had an update on the Aquatic Plant Management plan that it had been submitted to the DNR for approval. I did make a motion that the Lake Association approve the plan as submitted and it was passed.

There will be a cleanup of this property in the future and Mark was looking for volunteers, the Y Camp volunteered to help with this clean up as this fits right into their schedules.

Lake Harvester: Barry Eklund reported that Curly Leaf weed harvesting got off to a slow start, but now they are really busy. Twenty seven (27) loads have been removed. Concentrations have been the densest in the north end of Lake Wapo and harvesting continues in that area. Some harvesting occurred in Bear Trap. Next week they plan to continue in the north end through Monday and then to the Y Camp and Bear Trap areas. Be patient they will get to your area.

Because of the late Spring, Denny Badman expects harvesting to continue through the 4th of July. Thanks to the Y Camp for allowing us to park our equipment at their location. We will be submitting our Harvester Plan to the DNR for continued harvesting of the weeds.

Polk County Healthy Lakes Grant: Mike mentioned they went thru the boxes of materials at the Sanitation District and found lost of pamphlets. We do not need to order any of the Shoreline booklets or the Clean Boats handouts. Update for June is that all 2023 Healthy Lakes Program materials are available on the wbt lakes website. Deadline for submitting is July 31, 2022.

The Bible Camp wants to do a project and will be working with Mike Seidl and Marty Noonan.

AIS Monitoring: Dave Millard reported that the Weed monitoring team is looking for additional teams to perform bimonthly weed surveys. Polk County environmental team is offering training class 6/01/2022 at Kennedy Mill 2:00-4:00PM.

Clean Boats / Clean Water: Rick Bazille reported that

- 1) Last weekend we participated in the WDNR sponsored "Drain Campaign" Reminding fishermen and women to drain live wells and put fish on ice before leaving the landing. We were provided with 100 towels to distribute. Brian worked 20 hrs. over the weekend, passing out approximately 60 towels.
- 2) Doug Drake and I are working together to get the program chairmanship transferred to him.
- 3) We discussed giving a raise to Brian Anderson and Any helper/s.
- 4) Proposal for new CB/CW Lake Map reverse side.

We talked about how Brian Anderson now needs a helper and we talked about pay for his helper as well as himself. We want to stay at or above competitive wages so we don't lose him and the wonderful job he does for all of us on the lake. A motion was made by Ed Hagen to give Brian Anderson a raise from \$15 per hour up to \$18.50 and when we find his helper, to pay them \$15 per hour, which is up from the current \$12 per hour. The Lake Association only pays 12 ½ % of these wages, so as anyone can see that this is very low cost for all of us to have this boat landings safe and clean. A 2nd was made by Linda Lawrence and voted on by all and passed. Next step is to talk to Sanitation District for them to discuss and approve.

Doug's Report on Clean Boats Clean Waters Report for Lake Scene:

The Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program is underway again this year. If you aren't familiar with CB/CW, it's an educational program to teach boaters at landings about the proper methods of cleaning boats, trailers and equipment. The Lake Association and Sanitary District partner to operate this program, which is supported by a grant from the Wisconsin DNR. Over Memorial Day weekend we participated in the DNR-sponsored "Drain Campaign" at the Garfield Park landing. The goal was to remind fisherpeople to drain live wells and put fish on ice before leaving the landing, in order to control the potential spread of invasive species. We distributed 60 towels containing this message and staffed the Garfield Park landing for 20 hours over the weekend. This summer, Rick Bazille is stepping down from the chairmanship of the CB/CW program. Thank you to Rick for 15 years of volunteer service running this program. Rick is passing the torch to Doug Drake. If you have questions about CB/CW or about invasive species, you may contact Doug at 715-491-7716. Waterproof lake maps including information on cleaning and draining your boats will be distributed with one of the Lake Scenes this summer.

Lake Monitoring: Ryan Hanson reported that there was No lake monitoring took place since the last Lake Association meeting. We'll be heading out in the next couple of weeks for the June testing. I received a letter from the WDNR stating that Bear Trap was randomly selected to participate in the CLMN's QA/QC sampling. This will involve taking two additional water samples, one duplicate sample and one blank sample (distilled water). These two additional samples will be sent to the state lab along with our normal water sample. I'll be heading to Spooner to pick up the extra supplies needed to perform this QA/QC sampling. As part of the proposed Aquatic Plant Management plan, we will be conducting full monitoring of the lakes to collect more data in order to establish a baseline. The stated objective in the plan is to reduce total phosphorus and chlorophyll by 5% and see Secchi depth increase by 1 foot in five years vs the 2022 baseline. I've been in touch with the state lab to obtain additional materials needed to perform this weekly testing.

Neighborhood Watch: Joel Anderson said that according to Dale Hall, Polk County Sherriff, Neighborhood Watch contact, there are no public safety or property issues of which the Wapogasset/Bear Trap residence should be made aware.

Community Relations report was given by Karen Ohm and she said that the 4th of July festivities was a go. There will be more information on the Lake Wapo Website about the times and event info for the 5K Race, Light Up The Lake, The Boat Parade, and the Fireworks display. The Fall Social is tentatively set for September 10th TBD as well as location TBD.

Sunshine Club was reported by Lee Ann Overman and she said that she sent out 11 cards since the May 2022 meeting. Trustees need to let her know if you have anyone new moving into your neighborhood, anyone with illnesses, sickness, and life changes, or anything that you would think they would need a LWBT Association card.

300 Club: Pat Teiken was on vacation and Brian Stugelmayer reported that all money except 2 Trustees was turned in and those 2 will get them to Pat or Brian very soon. We spoke about and a motion was made by Linda Lawrence and a 2nd by Martha Funk to take the 300 Club up to the 400 Club next year and see how it does and if it sells out fast as the past few years have, then we might go up to 500 or 600 so everyone has a chance. A vote was taken and passed.

Ways & Means Committee: Linda Lawrence reported that there was no new donation requests. The donation request from the Amery Community Club to sponsor Music on the River for 2023 was discussed and a motion was made to donate \$250 by Walt Ogburn and 2nd by Don Springer. All voted and passed.

Membership: Don Springer reported as of June 9th we had 474 paid members.

Current numbers by membership level: Basic 156 / Bronze 87 / Silver 94 / Gold 137
June 4th Spring Social had 64 Lake Association Members attended and Served approximately 200

Communications: Jim Andersen spoke about Communications Report, that Kelly Hogen has volunteered to help with our Communications Committee, and that their work continues on for the following:

WBT Fall Directory 2022

Lake Directory, we sent out 53 solicitations and have received 14 commitments so far. Last year we had about 40 advertisers. Our deadline is July 11, 2022 to be included in the Fall 2022 Lake Directory.

Lake Scene 2022

Lake Scene support, WBT website (www.wbtlakes.com), WBT email site, WBT Post Office Box, Facebook (@wbtlakeasso), our WBT email authorized lake association list and NextDoor. The next Lake Scene deadline for input for Kathy Mortensen's consideration is June 16, please submit your information to Kathy. Distribution will be on June 25, 2022

Materials due deadline	Sorting Date	Distribution Date
May 16	May 27	May 28
Jun 16	Jun 24	Jun 25
Jul 21	Jul 29	Jul 30
Aug 18	Aug 26	Aug 27

Photo Contest is open see your lake directory for details, deadline is July 15, 2022. Kelly Hogen will be taking on this contest.

2021 Communications Summary

Communications lists are being worked on, for Executive Committee, Trustee List, Committee's, and the WBT authorized email list. Don Springer is maintaining these lists for our communication needs.

Website <https://www.wbtlakes.com> , WBT email, Facebook, and NextDoor

Ryan Hanson and Nancy Drake have been working on keeping up with the communications with the above referenced communication methods. Kristen Hanson has continued the program to provide the trustee a welcome to the lake bag with several gifts. We are working on monitoring the post office box as well as the WBT email. We will continue to work out a plan to communicate inbound messages to the proper people. Our calendar is posted, healthy lakes and our AMP draft plan are there for your review. Wendy Jo Miller has started a LWBT page on Instagram, be sure to check it out.

Nominating Committee: Dave Nelson reported that he needs nominations for volunteer of the year. Also need someone to do our audit of our books before the August annual meeting.

Old Business: Nothing to report or discuss

New Business:

The Fishery Committee spoke to DNR Peter Wetzel about what we can do to and around the Dam to help keep the fish on our side of the dam and such during spawning times and also to control fishing when not allowed. For now all is on hold. Julie Anderson spoke about the Amery Women's Club Art Fair that is June 18th and they hope all will attend.

There are new cameras at Garfield Park to keep an eye on the park and the landing at all times.

Tyler will be taking over the Bible Camp sometime in August 2022

The Kayak Club will have their 1st meeting on Monday May 16th @ UW Wanderoos at 9am. There is 30 people already interested. Sunrise Beach Landing will be reconstructed next year or later this year, for now they will be dredging it so it is clearer to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am by Marty Noonan, Brian Stugelmayer made the motion to adjourn & Doug Drake 2nd it.