

WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8th, 2021, YMCA Camp & ZOOM Virtual Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan

Call to order by Marty Noonan, President at 8:37 am.

Marty hosted the the meeting in person at the Y Camp with 30 people present and 6 on Zoom.

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 Brent Harms, John Perendy, and Craig D who was sitting in for Ed Hagan.

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

- Last year's major fall expenses were the Love of the Lake book printing for \$3500 and a \$1,000 contribution to the Sanitary District for the Aquatic Plant Management plan. We have sold about \$500 worth of the books so far.
- For Jan – April major expenses were the spring mailing, Y Camp donation and flares. Also pass through of the Healthy Lakes cost sharing for Gehrig Williamson's projects, and purchase of a used pontoon which we will be discussing today.
- On the income side, we had received about \$3,000 more in membership dues by the end of April compared to last year.
- Checking balances April 30 were about \$22,000 at Westconsin and \$3,000 at Bremer. Only the checking account is still open at Bremer. I have kept the Bremer checking account active because I wanted to give trustees one more opportunity to validate that we are fully committed to our new bank. We have earned over \$500 in interest since last June at Westconsin vs. under \$20 at Bremer. For all of our cash accounts we stand at \$133,000.

Flares

- Flares have been ordered, 60 cases. We have 491 flares left over. Cost per case is the same as last year. Cost per flare works out to \$2.18, subside if we sell for \$2.00 is about \$250.00
- We will distribute flares after our next meeting as we have in the past. If anyone is not comfortable with the in-person pickup they can contact me.
- The Marina can sell flares by the same method like last year – leaving boxes of flares on the porch and selling on the honor system.

President's Report

The President's report followed the agenda items:

Spring Social: was talked about and will be discussed more at the June event since some mentioned covid spacing and such.

Financial support for the Lake Scene: was talked about to donate the same as last year to cover costs and talk to Kathy if needed more and would discuss to give if needed. Motion made by John Mahoney and 2nd by Brian Stugelmayer.

Light up the Lake & Fireworks: July 3rd at 9:45 and then Fireworks to follow at approximately 10:10pm. Rain date is set for July 5th, 2021.

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

WBT Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is June 2nd at Y Camp, start time of 8:30, refreshments start at 8 am.

Purchase of Pontoon Boat: Don Springer talked about the pontoon that the Association bought (\$3,300) for the installing and removing of the 9 buoys we do yearly. He spoke about the condition of the boat, the repairs, and all updates on the process. He said the 9 went in very easy and they are working on marking them since the old writings have worn off over time. We also will need to buy 1 new buoy for sure since it is so cracked it is barely floating now. He will work on that and get back to us.

Polk County healthy Lakes Grant: Mike Seidl said we are continuing the program and it is our 3rd year now. All the information and materials needed is posted on our website. The DNR matches 75% up to \$1,000. There was none in 2021 and we really would like to see some in 2022. You must start paperwork the year prior to be able to get approved for net years. Due date this year is 7/31/21 for the 2022 grant. He also spoke about having more people being able to sign on this and other things since availabilities and such. Motion was made to Accept other signatures and update Letter of Authorization. Motion made by Jim Anderson and 2nd by Mark Jacobsen.

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Mark Jacobsen reported about the 3 following projects and studies going on and updates on them:

Fish Habitat Project – Max Wolter (Wisconsin DNR Fisheries)

Musky Update (Testing – Netting) – Aaron Cole

Black Crappie Sarcoma – Max Wolter, Alexander Latzke, & Danielle Godard

If anyone would like to receive the reports about any or all of them, they can talk to Mark Jacobsen.

AIA Monitoring: Rick Bazille mentioned that Dave Millard will start getting readings and updates at the end of May.

Barry Eklund provided an update on the Lake Harvester. The 2021 Curly Leaf Pondweed harvest season is about to begin. Currently, we are awaiting the permit. Training of the crew of five is underway and the harvester is out of storage and ready. Weed growth is being monitored and the crew expects harvesting to begin approximately the first of June. This date may vary depending upon weed growth. Harvesting is scheduled to occur Monday through Friday during daylight hours. Weather (wind and rain) may affect their schedule. We emphasize the permit allows us to harvest only Curly Leaf Pondweed. If an area has native weeds for example Coontail, etc intermixed with Curly Leaf Pondweed we are not allowed to harvest in that area. We ask that you give them space during the harvesting process and ask you to advise visitors to do the same. Thanks for your support in our efforts to improve our water quality and overall appearance of our beautiful lakes. Thanks to Dennis Badman for providing information for this report.

Ryan Hanson presented the Lake Monitoring activities and he explained that first readings are taken end of May and he will have those in his June Meeting report. He spoke about the following:

Citizen Lake Monitoring Network – WI DNR

Initial water testing has not taken place yet. The hope is to get out at the end of May for our first reading of the season.

The Izaak Walton League of America – Salt Watch

Water collected and tested at three spots with running water that flows into our lakes. These three spots are adjacent to County Road C.

12/20/20

County Rd C creek – SE side of Bear Trap 26 ppm

Friday Creek at County Rd C – by YMCA Camp 15 ppm

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Rick Bazille reported on Clean Boats / Clean Water and said that:

- 1) We will be able to operate our program this year without any restrictions, including distribution of materials at the landing.
- 2) Our employee Brian Anderson will return, starting Memorial Day Weekend and ending Labor Day weekend. As always we will try to accomplish 300 hours worked. The DNR Grant that was obtained by the Sanitary District for last season was not used. It will be extended for use this season.
- 3) Wake Responsibility. Letter written by Marty Noonan last year to be printed on CB/CW stationary for distribution at the boat landing and distributed to lake residents with the Lake Scene?
- 4) Suggest Pay Raise for Brian Anderson. Motion made to Pay Brian Anderson \$15 an hour (standard minimum starting wage) and to talk to him about his helpers and see if they should get a raise or stay at the \$10 per hour we pay them now. Motion was made by Brian Stugelmayer and 2nd by Marty Noonan.

Joel Anderson gave a report on Neighborhood Watch. Lake residents are encouraged to secure storage sheds, garages and trailers to avoid loss of property. Remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to the sheriff. Post updates on the Nextdoor Site.

Community Relations

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 June Meeting more in depth. She mentioned that the 4th of July events will all happen this year except the kids turtle race. She will have more details at the next meeting in June.

Lee Ann Overman reported that the Sunshine Club sent out 37 cards over the winter months since September.

Membership

Doug Drake reported membership numbers for each category. As of April 30 we had 343 paid members. Now, a week later, we have 374. For the May meeting last year we had 294. Current numbers by membership level as of April 30:

- Gold 98 / Silver 72 / Bronze 63 / Basic 110 = Total 343

Owner notice signs will be included with your first Lake Scene packets Memorial Day weekend (May 29-31). Those are only for members, which will be shown on your lists for each Lake Scene issue. We will also include some blank membership forms in the Lake Scene packets.

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

WBTLA Trustee/Board Meetings

The 2021 Summer Meeting Schedule:

Saturday, May 8 - Saturday, Jun 12 - Saturday, Jul 10 - Saturday, Aug 14 (Annual Membership Meeting) - Saturday, Sep 11

Lake Scene 2021

Kathy Mortensen has provided the following targets for the 2021 Lake Scene:

Input for Lake Scene - Sort and Stuff Lake Scene - Trustee Lake Scene Delivery

May 20	May 28	May 29
Jun 17	Jun 25	Jun 26
Jul 22	Jul 30	Jul 31
Aug 26	Sep 3	Sep 4 Lake Directory Distribution

Website: wbtllakes.com (Ryan Hanson)

New posting for 2022 Healthy Lakes Program

Facebook Page: @wbtllakeasso (Nancy Drake)

For the Love of the Lake Books are available. For sale \$15.00 per book. Let your trustee know if you want one. Jim Andersen (andersenjim459@gmail.com) and Marty Noonan (jmartynoonan@gmail.com) have copies. No formal distribution plans have been made at this time.

Photo Contest 2021

See inside the back cover of the Fall 2020 Lake Directory for details. First place \$50 Waterside, Second place, Mort's \$25, Third place \$10 gift certificate.

The deadline is July 16 th , 2021. To submit: name, contact information, attach the photo and email to wbtllakes@gmail.com. Please put photo contest in the subject line.

Fall 2021 WBT Lake Directory

I emailed out approximately 45 advertisement solicitations May 3 rd . I have about 5 or 6 to hand deliver this week. We have received 5 positives already with one decline so far for this years directory.

Charitable Donation Committee (NEW Name is now Ways & Means Committee) - Linda Lawrence spoke about presented the form to be posted on the wbtllakes.com website for anyone to download fill out and turn in to committee to vet and go through. They are due to the committee by the end of the month so the committee can go through, vet, and get it ready to go to the following months meeting for board and committee to vote on and discuss. Brian Stugelmayer will be stepping in to help vet applicants for a couple months in Linda's absence.

Nominating / Audit was talked about by Dave Nelson as to which he mentioned that Brent Harms completed the Audit and the final results was that nothing was wrong and all was perfect with it. If more details needed, one can contact Dave Nelson or Brent Harms, as he is the one that did the audit again for us & will be continuing to do it next year again. He also mentioned about last years recipients still need to be recognized and that we need to nominate one or more for this year as well.

300 Club: Pat Teiken distributed all the tickets to al present at the meeting. All monies will be given to Brian Stugelmayer (same as last year), then once all collected, Pat will collect and get to Doug. Drawings will be held at each monthly meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Celebration of Life for Mary Lou Stanley will be at Garfield Park on 5/22/21, Noon to 3pm. Family & Friends will have refreshments available for all.

It was discussed about looking into "Sequential Chair Positions" voting so people could chair longer than set terms. Brent Harms will be helping look at our By-Laws with Dave Nelson to see what it says and if / how it can be changed if need be.

Rick Bazille spoke about the Wake Boats and asked Marty to copy his letter and Rick's group will be handing out at the boat landings and it will be put into the Lake Scene.

It was also discussed to have Walt Ogburn make a Youtube video showing how far from shore is 100, 200, & 300 feet are. It was also brought up to look into putting buoys at those distances also.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am by Marty Noonan, Doug Drake made the motion to adjourn & Linda Lawrence 2nd it.