

## WBTL Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, ZOOM Virtual Meeting hosted by Marty Noonan

Call to order by Marty Noonan, President at 8:42 am.

Marty hosted the the meeting on Zoom. This meeting we grew up to 31 people that “Zoomed” with us!

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: No guests attended. Marty introduced Walt Ogburn as the “New” Trustee for the Florence Park area.

### **Secretary’s Report**

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

### **Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Doug Drake. Motion to be approved by Brian Stugelmayer and 2nd by Dave Nelson.

Financial reports

- For August the major expense was the directory.
  - Checking balances August 31 were about \$6,800 at Bremer and \$6,700 at Westconsin. For savings and CD accounts, \$52,000 at Bremer and \$56,000 at Westconsin.
- Westconsin Credit Union
- The transition to Westconsin is going well. I wanted to make sure that everything looked good on the bank statements for a month before going further, so now I will move more money.
  - We were able to open a second money market account with the highest rate to keep the dam fund separate. That was really our last concern.

### **President’s Report**

The President’s report followed the agenda items:

DNR Has made a request to lower the lake before the freeze – more information coming soon as we hear more about this.

Boating Education – there has been lots of input, comments, keep educating, and keep boats in middle of the lake.

More discussion: Putting up signs at landings with rules. Marty was going to talk to DNR about putting out buoys at 100, 200, & 300 feet.

Recognition of Volunteers of the Year – Committee is planning for the spring to recognize them.

Healthy Lakes Grant 2021 – Mike Seidl was going to work on the list and get us a report. (Report was emailed to all with in depth details about the program, our limits, what we are requesting, and what we would or should use the money for).

Reprint “A Love of A Lake” History book – We discussed and voted on getting 250 printed so we have them to sell and give 1 to all new residents when they move onto the lakes. Cost was \$12.50 in 2011 when we printed last and now is \$13.50. Motion to approve by Doug Drake and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Hagen.

### **Committee Reports**

Lake Management update was provided by Mark Jacobson where he spoke about the “Aquatic Plant Management Plan”. He was asking for a money donation & a support letter. Motion made by Dave Nelson to donate \$1,000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Anderson.

Barry Eklund provided an update on the Lake Harvester. The harvesting is all done for this year and plans are going forward for 2021 season of harvesting. Lots of progress over the last few years is being seen all over both lakes.

Ryan Hanson presented the Lake Monitoring activities and he explained some of the data.

The August monitoring of the lakes took place on 8/25, a partly sunny day with 8-10 mph winds. The prior night saw some rain, possibly causing the readings to be off slightly. As is typical in August, our lakes turned to a green hue. Some localized areas of higher concentrated algae blooms were noticed. The water temperature was about 8 degrees warmer over last year at the same time.

The Secchi disc readings were 1.5-2 feet less than August of 2019. The lake level at the dam was 4.0, down from 4.18 in July.

Thanks to Mark Jacobson, Phil Smith, Mike Seidl & Marty Noonan for assisting with the monitoring

Secchi disk readings:

Wapogasset

	8/25/20	8/28/19	8/19/18
Temp at 3'	77.2	69.3	80.0
Temp at 30'	65.0	67.7	59.2
Temp difference	12.2	1.6	20.8
DO at 3'	13.6	6.6	14.4
DO at 9'	6.7	6.6	5.0
DO at 15'	4.7	6.5	0.3
DO at 30'	0.1 1.5 0.2		
Secchi disc	2.5'	4.5'	2.5'

Bear Trap

	8/25/20	8/28/19	8/19/18
Temp at 3'	78.1	69.6	79.7
Temp at 20'	70.9	69.2	66.4
Temp difference	7.2	0.4	13.3
DO at 3'	12.2	5.9	11.1
DO at 9'	10.2	5.8	11.2
DO at 15'	0.4	5.7	2.0
DO at 20'	0.2	5.4	0.2
Secchi disc	3.5'	5'	5'

Rick Bazille reported on Clean Boats / Clean Water and said that Heidi extended this year's grant and we won't have to apply for the 2021 year. Heidi is retiring, Bryan Hanson is coming back to work the landings, and there is now 3 teams monitoring weeds and zebra mussel plates to keep everything clean this year.

Joel Anderson gave a report on Neighborhood Watch. He has a very informative report this month and I am including last months (below) just in case some didn't read or that it is very important things that we all need to know about safety and such going on in this world now. Guns are very serious. An accident involving a gun can hurt or kill someone. Most adults are allowed to own a gun by law, and many have one. This means that even if there isn't a gun in a child's house, children need to know what to do if they see a gun. Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. An effect of COVID-19 has been a surge in gun sales in states across the country so it is important to review gun safety with children. If children see a gun, they should follow these four steps:

1. Stop.
2. Don't touch.
3. Get away.
4. Tell an adult.

When you follow these steps, you're protecting yourself and helping to keep other people safe. Hunters should unload and lock up guns when not in use. Report lost or stolen guns to the sheriff.

(Last Months)..As COVID-19 continues to impact the United States, scammers have seized the opportunity to prey on consumers. There are reports of scam text-message campaigns and robocalls offering free home testing kits, promoting bogus cures, selling health insurance, and preying on virus-related fears. He mentioned about the Lake Associations Neighborhood Program and how it is posted online and around the lake. He has a pdf version of the program if anyone would like to have it emailed to them.

Community Relations

Karen Ohm reported that they are still working on th annual Recognition dinner and it will be in the spring hopefully.

Lee Ann Overman reported that the Sunshine Club sent out 4 cards ( 2 sympathy and 2 Get Well). She also asked for people and trustees let her know when things happen and also when new people move into our neighborhoods.

Doug Drake reported membership numbers for each category. 494 paid / 116 Gold, 92 Silver, 87 Bronze, 199 Basic

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

#### **Lake Scene**

The last break down for 2020 Volume 4 was completed September 4 and ready for Trustees to deliver along with the lake directories for all paid members as of the cutoff date. Thanks to everyone in getting in the information to Kathy Mortensen on time and all the people involved in helping with the breakdown and delivery.

## Website

Visit the website to see photos from the contest, the 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade, Healthy Lake updates and more. Thanks to Ryan Hanson, Nancy Drake and Don Springer who have taken care of communication using various electronic forms.

## Fall 2020 Lake Directory Color!

44 Total Advertisers

Estimated Net Income from Advertisers	\$5,400.00
Cost to Produce	\$3,200.00 (divided by 570 = \$5.61 per directory)
Postage and Office supplies	\$150.00
Revenue Generated	\$2,050

Production: 570 Lake Directories  
22 External Distribution list ( Govt., Police, Sanitary Dist., Mort's, etc.)  
44 External Distribution to Advertisers  
494 Internal Distribution to paid members  
10 Balance on hand

Charitable Donation Committee - Linda Lawrence spoke about the Committee and the Donation criteria which was accepted, motioned by Linda Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Tekien. She presented the form, talked about vetting process, and how to get it out to all and how to retrieve them. Motion made by Linda Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Drake to accept the form, the vetting process, and how to do.

Amery HS Scholarship review - It was discussed and tabled until the application is filled out by the school. We are also thinking and discussing thru this as a grant or a donation, also as to how and what it is to be used for and by whom. Maybe give it to a conservancy. Motion to make the committee legal was made by Doug Drake and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Nelson.

Nominating / Audit was talked about by Dave Nelson as to which he mentioned that Brent Harms was working on 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.

Pat Teiken held the drawings and the winners are (\$100 each): Joe Schult, Donny Kealy, Mary Kupfer, Diane Schuh, Liz Sieben, Gary Foust, & Todd Knipping.

## Old Business:

Ed Hagen spoke that the water quality was down a lot. We took out the curly leaf and native species. Boat activity and water temps is factors to the quality going down he thinks.

## New Business:

Marty is writing up a letter of appreciation for Heidi Erspammer since she is retiring this year from the sanitation district. He is going to present it to her at the next sanitation district meeting. He is also writing up and presenting a letter of appreciation to Kathy Mortenson from Mort's Marina for all her hard work and efforts on the Lake Scene Newsletter we all love to get.

Brent Harms mentioned that the Bible Camp announced they're getting a new kitchen & dining room installed in spring of 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am by Marty Noonan, Ed Hagen made the motion to adjourn & Linda Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> it.