

Lake Wapogasset & Bear Trap Improvement Association, Inc.

Trustee Meeting, June 11, 2011

Camp Icaghowan

Minutes

David Nelson convened the meeting at 9:05 am. Visitor Mrs. Charles Pedretty of Bear Trap was introduced.

Motion /second to approve the Secretary's minutes of May 14, 2011.

Motion/second to approve the Treasurer's report (see attached).

President's Report:

1. President Nelson asked if anyone would be willing to be an officer in the Polk County Lakes Association; he said that 10 to 15 lakes are represented and the monthly roundtable discussions are very informative.
2. The phosphorus issue (i.e. Walker's proposal to roll back the phosphorus ban) was removed by the Joint Finance Committee from the state budget—the proposal had become controversial. The State Administration plans to reintroduce the proposal in separate legislation.
3. A small number of gleotricia blooms (yellowish green) appeared a few days ago (We had these in larger quantity 3 to 4 years ago).
4. The Association will reorder doorknob plastic bags, which are used for newsletter delivery to some houses.
5. The merry-go-round for Wapogasset Park, authorized by the May 2011 Trustees meeting, cost \$3,458 or slightly less than \$3,500.

Committee Reports:

Lake Improvement – Lee Rickard will be doing monitoring this week.

Membership – Pete Seidl on current membership levels. He asked that Trustees update resident changes for the directory. He receives about 10 or 20 returned envelopes each mailing. Nelson explained that copies of the directory are distributed to the Sheriff's Department and the DOG and Amery Fire Departments as well as the Sanitary District. There was discussion about possible database collaboration with the Sanitary District. Some residents refuse to give emails which can be used in emergencies. Martha Funke, who distributes the \$500 reward cards, also uses the database.

Water Patrol – Nelson reported that speeders from the shoreline are required to observe no wake for the first 200 feet; other boats 100 feet. The sheriff has been issuing one citation for each 6 hours of patrol. Nelson explained that the citations given offenders of the law requiring weed removal from boats is given to the owner of the boat.

Sunshine – Gail Tessman reported that she sent a card to the family of Helen O'Neill. And invited Trustees to notify her in a timely fashion about cards.

Education – Nothing to report.

Clean Boats Clean Water – Rick Bazille reported that we are paying 5 high school students who mostly work on Saturdays. Association volunteers are scheduled at Bear Trap on Saturdays; at the Park on Sundays. The fines for transporting weeds are \$250 (first offense), \$375 to \$500 (second offense). There was discussion about the feasibility and financial impact of installing sensors at launches. Half Moon Lake is the only Polk County lake that has installed them.

Eurasian milfoil has been found again this year in Pike Lake. Divers are hand pulling the milfoil, as the chemical 4D would kill all weeds including those beneficial to the lake. Nelson explained the importance of training for the identification of Eurasian milfoil.

100th Anniversary Committee – Chair Gail Tessman reported on the status of current preparations for the August 13 celebration. Motion/second (Eklund/Stanley) to purchase \$1,400 worth of caps for the celebration. Jerry Tessman is writing a history of the Association; JoAnn Hallquist explained that the history she is preparing deals with the history of the lake and surrounding area.

4th of July Preparations – Karen Ohm reported on the preparations—races, spaghetti dinner, boat parade. Further details will be in the Lake Scene newsletter.

Neighborhood Watch – Jerry Tessman announced that decals and brochures are available. There is also a crime watch manual available for new Trustees.

Flares – Mary Lou Stanley explained that flares are available today starting at 10:30 at Larry Karlson's storage shed. Please give money to Mary Lou and not to our Treasurer, Joe Ziglinski.

300 Club – Mary Lou explained that she had 35 tickets left and the drawing begins next month. Any leftover tickets must be given to Mary Lou immediately. She will prepare an email to notify the Trustees.

Nominating – Vicki Ziglinski will prepare an email to all Trustees about the three positions being vacated and up for election in August – the positions of President, First Vice President, and Secretary, all of whom have completed three two-year terms.

Old Business – Volunteers for Aquatic Plant Monitoring. There are now about 12 trained people. Nelson explained some of the steps in differentiating the bad Eurasian from the good northern milfoil – involving the color of the stems, the branches, and the number of leaflets. Additional volunteers welcome. Discussion continued about whether existing spraying program for curlyleaf pondweed could be expanded through monies from homeowners and what would be the costs.

There was also discussion about what and how to inform lake residents about actions being taken on the comprehensive lake plan and the invasive plant plan. Nelson called for volunteers to attend the next meeting of the Sanitary District.

The Secretary was asked to have Lake Scene publisher Kathy Mortenson put the minutes on the website: www.lakewapogasset.com .

Respectfully submitted,

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JoAnn Hallquist, Secretary