

## WPOA Board of Trustees Saturday Meeting – 2/10/24

*\*\*Any updates from the Friday email are indicated in **italics** of the summary of each report.*

*\*\*The deadline for submission of information for the monthly newsletter and other media releases is the Tuesday following the WPOA meeting at 4pm. The Office staff appreciates the cooperation of all of the clubs to share the events and activities held at Lake Waynoka.*

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

President Ellis led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Bynum, Crank, Ellis, Marck, Moore, Taylor, Mgr. Cahall

Absent: Eads, Raleigh and Barton. All were excused.

**Minutes:** Crank made a motion and Marck seconded to approve the 1/13/24 WPOA Monthly minutes as printed in the newsletter. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report** (Ellis): President Ellis introduced two candidates running for Brown County positions wishing to speak to the membership. Chris Hodges is running for Brown County Sherriff. He has over 25 years of policing experience in Brown County. He has several leadership educational accomplishments including graduating from the FBI Academy. He was interim Sherriff when Sherriff Ellis was on military assignment. He would like to carry the momentum forward from the current Sherriff specifically drug enforcement, working on keeping the department fully staffed, meeting collaborative standards and continuing service to county residents. Tracy Stamper is running for Brown County Treasurer. She has 9 years of experience and is currently the Chief Deputy to Treasurer Connie Patrick. Mgr. Cahall asked about plans to be more aggressive in selling Lake Waynoka lots at auction for back taxes. She said it will take several years to accomplish this as they can only auction 100 lots per year. Vice President Taylor reiterated the need for lot sales as the unpayment of dues/fees is costing the lake a lot of money in missed revenue.

**Treasurer's Report** (Barton):

Operating Funds

- January total operating income was \$164,000.
- January total operating expenses were \$203,000.00 with no unexpected expenses.
- Operating fund balance at the end of January was \$402,037.70.
- Operating income for the year at the end of January was \$164,000.00. That is 5% of the plan for 2024. Expected income at the end of January was 5% so right on budget.
- Operating expense for the year at the end of January was \$203,000.00. That is 7% of the plan for 2024. Expected expense at the end of January was 8% so 1% under budget.

Allocated Assessment Funds

- Income for allocated operating assessments in January was \$54,000.00.
- Assessment account expenditures in January totaled \$34,000.00 for Marina dock project.
- Balance of all allocated assessment accounts at the end of January was \$1,026,390.60.

Invested Funds

- Invested Reserves at the end of January totaled \$524,710.36.  
Total cash on hand at the end of January was \$1,953,138.66.

**Manager's Report** (Paul Cahall):

- During the recent snow event I received several questions about our policy and procedures for snow removal. So I thought I would address the most common questions here.
  - Why do they start with Waynoka Dr.? We always start with the most traveled roads first and work out from there.
  - Why don't they put down salt on all the roads like the county does, are we out of money?

Our policy is we salt the entrances, exits, intersections and sharp curves. This has nothing to do with cost but has everything to do with reducing the amount of salt that ends up in the lake from the runoff.

- Do we have enough equipment to deal with the snow? Maintenance has 4 trucks with snowplows. Two are equipped with salt spreaders and there is a building for storage of salt.
- The valve on the dam is still open and will remain open until the 15th of February as normal for dock work and avoiding ice damage.
- I have been working with the WRWSD to come up with a plan to reduce the amount of water released from the main lake during the April draining of the lagoon in case we run into another very dry spring. We have a plan in place that should reduce the amount of water drained from the main lake by half this year. We must do this spring draining in order to have enough holding capacity to make it to November when we can drain again.
- Most of the dock work scheduled for the WPOA has been completed with only touch up items to complete. There are 3 new concrete fueling docks at the marina along with a complete replacement of the rest of the wooden docks there. We have also completed an extensive rehab of the docks at Red Cloud.
- Tree trimming and tree removal project in the campground has been started and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- *We plan to close the lake valve on February 15<sup>th</sup> to allow the lake to fill up. I have been working with the WRWSD on a plan to reopen the valve in April to drain the lagoon but at a slower rate.*

**Lake Waynoka Police & Security Report for January 2024 (Chief Callahan):**

Calls for Service	29	Animal Complaints	4
Arrests	0	Livewell Checks	0
Reports	12	Campground Calls	0
Citations	4	Grinder Pumps	12
Warnings	5	Squad Calls	10
Security Checks	74	Fire Runs	0

**Vehicle Information**

Vehicle	Fuel (gallons)	Miles Driven
1391	80.4	1,152
1591	81.2	1,089
2091	39.1	509.1
RFID Front – 14,192		Front Guest Lane – 7,203
RFID Rear Entry – 15,501		RFID Rear Exits – 17,650

**Other Committee Reports:**

**Building (Pete Levermore/Sean Moore):**

Permit	January	Year to Date
Residence	0	0
Dock/Boat Lift	11	11
Additions	0	0
Repair/Replace	3	3
Pool	0	0
Deck	0	0
Garage	0	0
Storage	2	2

Boat Cover	0	0
Carport	0	0
Fence	0	0
Misc	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Election Inspectors/Nominating** (Margi Borgman/Nan McHugh, Dawn McNees, Nominating Chairperson): None

**Lake Advisory** (T. Redick/Jim Marck): Report January 13, 2023: Current Ohio boating law requires that all persons operating watercraft in Ohio born after January 1, 1982, complete an approved NASBLA-approved boater education course. In addition to this, The Lake Advisory Committee has recommended that anyone operating a watercraft on Lake Waynoka should have completed an Ohio-approved boater education course. There are a variety of options available in taking and passing an approved boating education course (classroom, online, or home study), or by taking and passing a proficiency exam. The options range in price (starting at free) and the amount of time required to complete. Information for each of these methods is provided below. **Classroom:** In 2024, certified instructors will offer classroom training at the Lake Waynoka Lodge building on Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 20, beginning at 8am. Classroom courses are scheduled for 8 hours, and registration is required. Boating education specific to Lake Waynoka is also discussed in these sessions. There is no cost for this class. You may register by calling the WPOA office. Other NASBLA-approved classroom courses are available in Ohio. They are developed by ODNR and other volunteer organizations. Some are scheduled all in one day (typically Saturdays); some are stretched out over several sessions (usually in the evenings). Most classes are listed on the ODNR website at: <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/boater-education-skills> **Online:** Ohio will accept any certificate or card (including those from another state or U.S. territory) if it shows your name, address, date of birth and the NASBLA logo with language that indicates the course was approved by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard. Upon successful completion of an approved on-line boater education course, the course provider will issue a certificate and/or card. A temporary or permanent certificate is available immediately to download or print upon completion of an on-line course. If the provider also mails a plastic card, expect the card to arrive within 3-5 weeks. If you primarily boat in Ohio, we recommend that you take a course that contains laws and rules specific to Ohio. Approved Ohio on-line course providers include: AceBoater.com, Boat-Ed.com, BoaterExam.com, BoatSmartExam.com. BoatUS.org (free with printable certificate, customer pays small fee for plastic card), [www.ilearntoboat.com](http://www.ilearntoboat.com) (an interactive on-line course). On-line courses for other states or U.S. territories can be found at [www.nasbla.com](http://www.nasbla.com) or by calling 1-800-830-2268. Telephone support is available 9am to 9pm Central Standard time. **Home Study:** A home study packet includes a coursebook, an Ohio Boater's Operator's Guide, a workbook, and a student test. You study, fill out the workbook, and take the test at your own pace. Then you mail in (or bring in) the completed workbook and test. Your work is checked, and the test graded. If you pass, you'll get your education card in the mail within 3-5 weeks. If you fail, we'll let you know not to expect a card. The Home Study course uses the same coursebook as the Ohio Boating Education Course (classroom). Home study packets may be ordered at: <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/boater-education-skills/1-meeting-boater-ed-requirements>. **Proficiency Exam:** This option is recommended for knowledgeable boaters. The proficiency exam is available by appointment from any Watercraft Office and takes about an hour. There is no fee to take the proficiency exam. The test is like the test taken at the end of a classroom boating course. No reference materials are permitted, and you must pass the test with a score of 70%. If you are not familiar with laws like the Mandatory Boater Education law in Ohio, you may not have the level of knowledge required to pass this test. Contact the Watercraft Office nearest you to schedule your exam appointment. *A question was asked to clarify who needs to complete this course. President Ellis*

said Motion #374 requires the owner of the boat to complete the boater safety course before they will be able to register their boat beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. All boaters born after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1982 are required by State law to receive this training.

**Long Range Planning Committee** (Terry Borgman/Pat Raleigh): 1. The LRPC and General Manager are in the process of reviewing potential projects for the coming 5 years. These projects are tentatively placed in the 5-year plan and are not approved until the Board approves an annual budget in January of the upcoming year. The 5-year plan will be presented to the WPOA Board by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the LRPC Annual Report. 2. Many WPOA members would like to contribute suggestions to improve the community. The Board and the LRPC are developing a process to submit these ideas in a more formal manner. Stay tuned for more information.

**Rules and Regulations** (John Buskey/Pat Raleigh): None

**Campground Committee** (Carrie Paul/Sue Eads): Mgr. Cahall reported that the playground installation is scheduled to begin at the end of February.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Building and Zoning Chair, Pete Levermore, presented two variances for boat slips. Lot #725 requested a 6' x 12' dock boat slip digout. There must be a concrete or wood shoreline protection installed since the digout is greater than 4'. Lot # 745 requested a 4' x 12' single boat slip digout. *See Motions below.*
- The Art Club is hosting an Uncorked on Canvas event at the Rec Center on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and have requested a BYOB. *See Motions below.*
- Sue Levermore is chairing the WRWSD/WPOA Annual meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Rec Center and has requested a BYOB. *See Motions below.* Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner beginning at 6pm. Meetings will begin at 7pm. Newly elected Trustees will be installed. You must be a member in good standing to attend. Reservations will be required beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> and ending on April 12<sup>th</sup> by noon.

**Motions & Resolutions:**

- Taylor made a motion and Marck seconded to approve both dock variances as presented. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Taylor made a motion and Crank seconded to approve a BYOB for an Art Club event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Moore made a motion and Crank seconded to approve a BYOB for the annual WRSD/WPOA meeting and dinner on April 20<sup>th</sup>. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Community Organizations:**

- Civic Club – Bingo tonight at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.
- Shawnee Women's Club – Our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at noon and the hunt is scheduled to begin at 1pm. We have several age categories for children aged 0-12 years. This is not an open gate event. We are collecting small, non-chocolate candies at the WPOA Office if you'd like to donate. If you have a special needs child that would like to participate, please let us know by March 9<sup>th</sup> so we can make accommodations.
- WaterSports Club – Earth Day is April 21<sup>st</sup> at Lake Waynoka. We are sponsoring "Adopt an Area" program where every club and/or individual can choose a specific area to care for throughout the year. On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will begin cleaning up area and streets at the lake. Meet in the Lodge parking lot at Noon. Plastic bags and gloves will be provided. At 2pm. The WaterSports Club invites all participants to a hot dog picnic lunch at the Lodge. Please bring your

own beverage. This is a great opportunity for kids of all ages and families to help keep our community beautiful. A rain date is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Comments and Concerns: None**

**Membership Compliments and Concerns:**

- Gordon Ellis announced that he is running for Brown County Commissioner. He explained that there are 3 Commissioners in the County and they approve the annual budget. They are charged to provide administrative support, maintenance of County facilities and move economic development forward, among other duties.
- Dave Palmer addressed the need for moving up the pickleball court resurfacing. There are many cracks. Mgr. Cahall said he inspected the cracks and will have maintenance address those in the coming weeks.
- Jim Engle spoke of our current Rules & Regulations concerning unkempt properties. He looked up information about several abandoned boats on lots and was able to find the current owner's information which he sent in an email to the Board. He would like to see a letter sent to the owners to have the boats removed as it is a violation. Mgr. Cahall said they are in the process of implementing a Code enforcement change. Mr. Engle asked for a follow-up of the possibility of a WPOA boat/trailer parking area as was discussed in last month's meeting. Mgr. Cahall and President Ellis said they have explored WPOA owned properties and there are no current lots that will work. We are discussing expanding the Campground boat lot.
- Doris Kitchen emphasized the importance of lake patrol and would like to see it increased this year for everyone's safety. She presented her concerns about the number of lots vs. the number of members in good standing. How can we begin recuperating this lost revenue? We need to start placing liens and ramping up collections.
- Kenny Meris asked about the increased assessments when we have over \$500,000 in the bank. Secretary Crank stated that the Board does not have the ability to borrow money so we have to keep increasing assessments in the event of unexpected repairs or emergencies. Crank said the assessments effect every Board member's pocketbook and they do not like to increase dues/assessments. President Ellis said the Board is charged with maintaining amenities and other items amid inflation. There are many costs that are made behind the scenes that members do not realize, for example, repairing the dam weir wall. That project cost \$150,000 and had to be done per the ODNR. The Board takes its fiduciary responsibilities seriously.
- Chris Lane said Lake Waynoka is a business and should be run as such. He would like to see a line of credit established for the Board to use that could possibly offset yearly increases. As it stands now, we have to front load (save) everything like saving to replace Waynoka Drive. Many members are paying towards it but may not see it come to fruition as costs keep going up each year. The Board needs to have the ability to borrow money.

**Executive Session:**

- At 10:52am, Moore made a motion and Taylor seconded to go into Executive session to discuss a legal matter. A yea/nay was taken and the motion was approved.
- At 10:58am, Taylor made a motion and Crank seconded to exit Executive session. A yea/nay was taken and the motion was approved.

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made by Taylor and seconded by Crank. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59pm.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WPOA Assistant Recording Secretary