

WATTS BAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Watts Bar Lake Pavilion

Watts Bar Lake Association held its Annual Picnic and Member Meeting on August 30th at the Watts Bar Dam Pavilion. Our special guest speaker was Roger Hinsdale, Watts Bar Lake Association, President. Roger provided a lecture and power point presentation on the problems facing us in the form of invasive vegetative species. This is an important topic which affects all users of the lake. We encourage all members to take advantage of some of the resources available and learn about the many different aspects of the problem.

As usual, the catered dinner was free to all paid memberships and immediate family and one prospective member. Food was provided by Evelyn's Catering. We had a total of 57 attendees for the dinner and meeting.

The Association's annual

business meeting followed the dinner. The year's main activities were reviewed and the election of directors followed. Directors are listed on the right and can be contacted if necessary.

Duties of a Board of Director are: attend board meetings the second Tuesday of each month (no meetings in July or December) and make decisions on matters of WBLA.

This year's event will be held on September 23, 2017 at the Watts Bar Dam Pavilion.

E-Mail Addresses:

Many of you have provided us with your email address.
Some of you have not. Please include your email address with your membership dues payment. Having your email address will enable us to provide timely information to you on important matters.

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SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Spring general membership meeting will be held March 16, 2017 at the Spring City municipal building. Many of you attended last year and enjoyed a program presented by Troy Goldsby from Aqua Services concerning invasive aquatic species, not

only for Watts Bar Lake, but the entire river system. This year's program will be Jeff Caldwell from Lake Clator, Virginia presenting a similar situation the residents there faced. The meeting is March 16, at 6:30.

Membership Dues

Your annual membership

dues are now due and payable. Some of you owe for 2016; Eleven members owe for 2014 and 2015. An envelope is enclosed for your remittance. A single membership is \$15.00, a dual membership is \$30.00.

Thank you!

President's Corner

Your Lake Association has started the 2017 year with a full complement (11) of Directors. I'd like to welcome our five 1st time Directors, Lee, Janice, Amy, Pat, and Doris. Please take a minute to review the listing of the Board of Directors. Make it a point to communicate with us during the year.

With new Directors comes new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for addressing new programs / projects as well as continuing the activities we've supported over the years.

Last year we wanted to focus on providing additional value to the membership and with environmental activities. We will review our activity plans at the Spring Meeting and elsewhere in this newsletter. This year's premier activity will no doubt be our continued involvement with the invasive aquatic vegetation in Watts Bar Lake. Due to the complexity of this topic, it is impossible to cover the vast amount of work that has been done in a brief newsletter article. Please visit the WBLA website (www.wattsbarlakeassociation.ORG) for details and information. This will certainly be a discussion item for the Spring Meeting. I'd like to just say that Roane County (County Executive - Ron Woody, and the Roane County Commissioners) is actively addressing the invasive aquatic plants, as their County has experienced the aggressive advancement of Hydrilla for the 2nd year. If you are fortunate to be in the Rhea Co. shoreline area, you probably have not experienced these invasive plants. The very nature of these invasive species, and the expansion witnessed in 2016, indicate that it is just a matter of time before areas in Rhea County will be affected.

I'd like to ask our membership to help by sending us an email address that could be used only to communicate WBLA business. We recognize that not everyone wants to communicate via email, and to that end, we will not be eliminating direct mailings or the printed newsletter. We could save a considerable amount of time and money by only mailing items to those that do not want or have email. Probably the most important benefit of using email is to get timely information to the membership. An example might be the postponement of an event or rescheduling a rain date for an event. It also can provide timely feedback as events occur that are unscheduled. Please take a minute to send any of our directors your email address, or use the website comment link to do that.

I want to thank those that have renewed their memberships for 2017 and to welcome our new members. The Directors should have completed our investigation of changing the membership types, like adding a business membership. This is still on-going, but should be done in time for the Spring meeting, as a discussion item. Memberships can be renewed and paid via the website. Help us make 2017 a notable year for our Association.

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Fishing Rodeo

The Chuck Copeland Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo is major event for us. Last year, we experienced a record turn-out of over 570 registered children. This is always a big event for Spring City and surrounding area. Folks from several states and counties come to this event. It takes a lot of hard work to put this event together. If it weren't for the WBLA, TWRA, the City of Spring City, and all the volunteers that help with this event, it would be impossible to have this rodeo. Again, we served almost 1200 hot dogs, drinks, snacks and chips to everyone. As mentioned at our fall picnic, we are working to accept donations from businesses and individuals for this year's rodeo.

Remember, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and your contribution to help fund this event is tax deductible.

This year's event will be held on **June 10, 2017**. Please make plans for attending.



Watts Bar Lake Association – Important Dates:

Annual Spring Meeting – March 16, 2107

WBLA/TVA/IJAMS Nature Center –

River Rescue and Lake Clean Up – April 1, 2017

Chuck Copeland Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo – June 10, 2017

Clean Boating – June 24, 2017

Annual Picnic and Member Meeting – September 23, 2017

Flotilla – (we are looking for someone to organize) – TBD

WBLA / Tennessee River Rescue and Lake Clean Up –

September 30, 2017

Please visit our web site at <https://wattsbarlakeassociation.org/> and bookmark the page for easy reference. There is much going on thru out the year and the web site provides a means of timely delivery of information and dialogue between members and the board. Please submit your e-mail addresses as well so it is easier to contact the membership with new information. Thank you!