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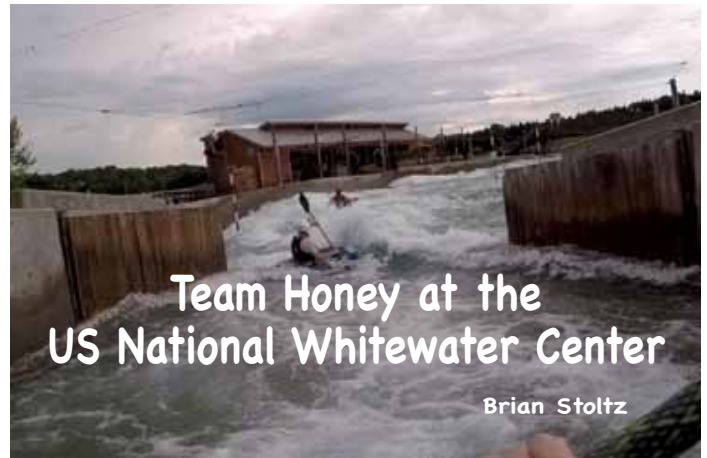
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In our Own Words.....



**A parting success for the BWA's future by President Bob Larkin:
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Looking Ahead

Coming BWA Meetings

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm

BWA Monthly Meeting Meet & Eat

Location can vary

For more information on Club Meetings & Activities always check the online Calendar.

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/?f=calendar>

Pool Roll Sessions

For dates check:

<http://bwa.shuttlepod.org/event-2379023>

**Learn to wet exit, bow rescue, and roll.
Meet BWA members and be involved.**

Wash your boats, inside and out, before arrival.

Cost:

\$5 - Members

\$2 - Member child 12-18

Free - Member child 11 and under

\$10 - Non-member

\$5 - Non-member child

First roll session ever? Non-members pay member rates



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Join in on the Fun!

Join the BWA! BWA Membership \$20/individual; \$25/Family year entitles you to receive the newsletter, 10% discounts at many local and out of state outfitter shops, use of club equipment, discount at pool rolling sessions, a listing in the BWA Handbook, a stream gauge guide, and web site with a forum for member's messages & a parking pass for the Elkhorn.

Meetings are held at 7:30, the second Tuesday of each month at location announced on our website: <http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org>

**BWA members want to read your story!
Short or long. Sad or Funny.
Tell us your paddling related story! Please!!**

Files can be e-mailed to the Editor: DonSpang@aol.com



Enjoy this issue of Bowlines?

Check out Bowlines Online Archive with many great issues going back to 1998!

Issue Archive:

http://www.surfky-bwa.org/html/bowlines_arcN.html

A must read for all members, our 30th Anniversary issue:

http://www.surfky-bwa.org/bowlines/BL30thAnnv_Aug06.pdf



<http://www.canoeky.com/>

The BWA wishes to thank Canoe Kentucky for its support.
We urge you to patronize them for your outdoor needs.

BWA / Vikings Summer Party August 11-13

Just a reminder that this coming weekend is the BWA / Vikings Summer Party. Free camping will be available as early as Thursday night for club members at the same campground we've had the past couple of years. Ocoee Outdoors Campground

Dinner will start at 8:00 on Saturday night with the club providing the main course. (Catfish and Pulled Pork from the Ocoee Dam Deli) and everyone is encouraged to bring sides to share.

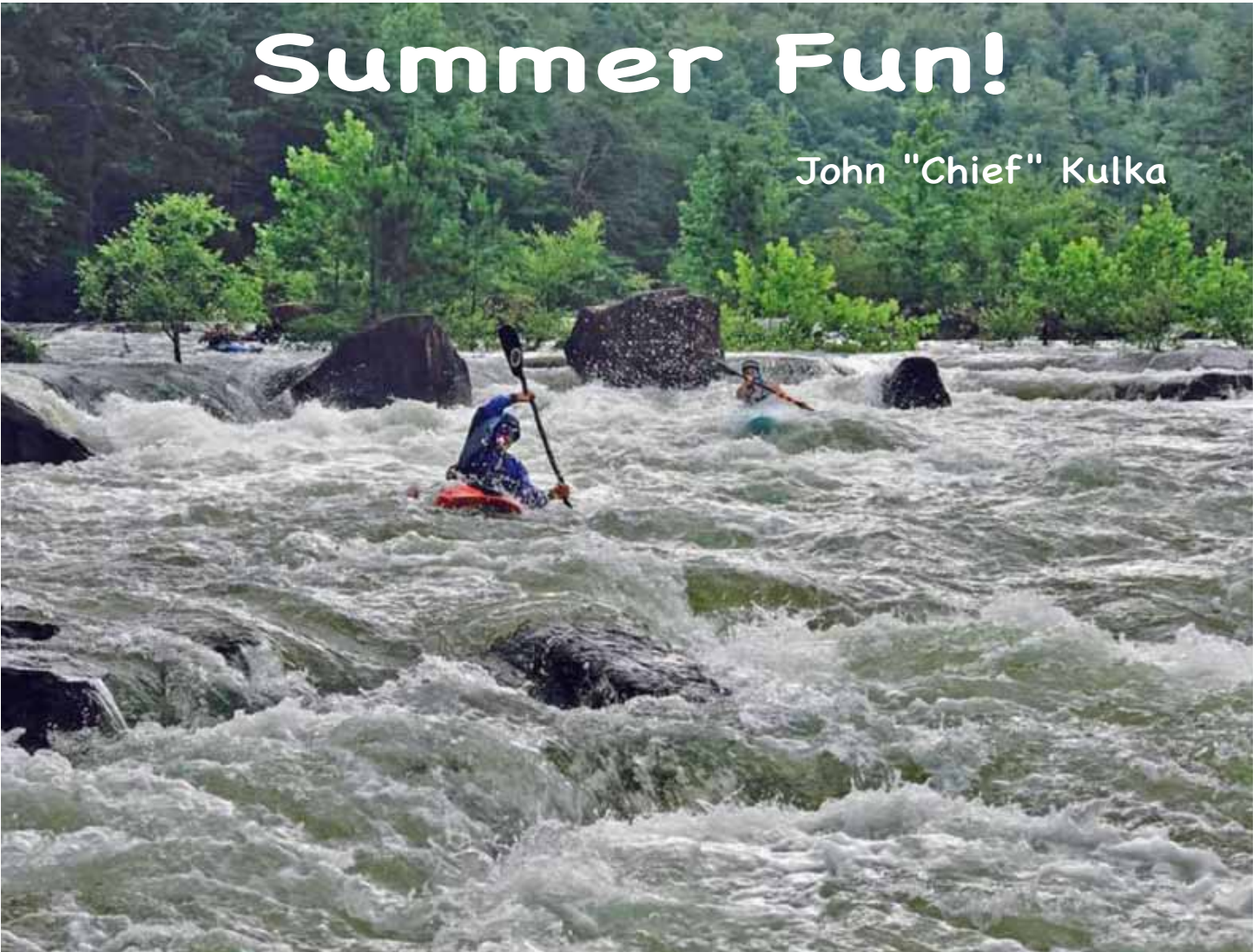
As in the past, the Dick Bradfield Memorial Race will start at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the meet-up promptly at 5:00 p.m. at the middle put-in on Saturday and the awards ceremony will be at the campground after dinner.

More Info:

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bwaforum/read.php?5,32546>

Summer Fun!

John "Chief" Kulka



Blue Hole Chief and Sarah-photo by Lindsay

Ocoee We gathered at Thunder Rock Campground near the Ocoee River Put –in on Friday night (June 16) for another weekend of fun on the water and bike trails. Paddlers included Josh, Jason, Lindsay, (Louisville), Mike W, Jeff S, Ben M, Codie, Ali, and Chief with support of Jessica, Lane, and Dara who biked, rafted, and shuttled some too.

We ran the Upper Ocoee (Olympic course) took a break, and then we ran the Middle to Double suck, set up a couple of rescue scenarios for practice and then completed the river. No carnage to speak of and we had several first time Upper Ocoee runners with us who held their own admirably; Ben Mudd, Robert Watts, and Sarah Leach. The upper newcomers get a shout out from me for wanting to up their skills to paddle The Gauley in the fall. My advice to them and anyone else with this goal is simple, boat as much as possible between now and September. The Ocoee (Middle and especially Upper), Big South Fork, and The New are all good stepping stones to prep for the Gauley this fall.



Olympic Course –photo by Lindsay

A Natural (Southeastern) Progression When we speak of a natural progression for kayakers in the South-east two components become necessary to competently paddle Class IV or higher water.

First are the basic boat skills. Can you make your boat go where you want it to go? Do you have solid boat control? You should have the ability to ferry across a river without losing position (avoid being turned downstream), catch eddies and peel out into current effortlessly. Do you follow someone down the water or anticipate the route based on what the water is doing. If you follow which is okay, think about why the person you followed chose their route. Lastly, Class IV and above water requires an almost bombproof roll for both your confidence and safety. A week long class at a Kayak Instruction Program can boost skill and confidence too. Next you must cut your teeth on available rivers at a pace that you are comfortable with. Most people learn at different speeds and with different methods. Avoid comparing yourself to others but remain focused on your goals. Here is my list of rivers (not all inclusive) in a somewhat easy to hard progression. Easy/ Beginner runs: Russell Fork-Elkhorn City town run (Clinic), Elkhorn Creek, Lower Pigeon.

Advancing Beginner: Russell Fork-Rat Hole to Carson Island (scout at Meatgrinder if you do not know it), Nantahala, Upper Pigeon, French Broad Section 9 (Stackhouse takeout), Russell Fork –Bart Lick to Garden Hole (watch for 20 stitches)

Intermediate runs: Lower Tellico, Little (Smokies) Elbow to Y and Elkmont to Metcalf Bottoms (Scout rapids near bridge); Big South Fork; Ocoee; New River Gorge; Lower Big Creek (medium water); Chattooga Sect III; and Nolichucky under 2000CFS.

Advanced runs: Little(Sinks to Elbow); Upper Tellico; Crooked Fork; Daddys Creek; Upper Yock; Cheoah; Gauley (lower then upper) Watauga; Chattooga Sect. IV; Russell Fork Gorge.

Have fun, know that this list isn't perfect but something to reference your progress.

Campers of the Year We also managed to snag the coveted and prestigious "Campers of the Year" award for 2017. Based on our vigilance in maintaining a clean campsite with no visible bottles, cans, or trash. Next time you visit Thunder Rock please try to maintain the excellence that has been established. Kentucky paddlers also earned this award in 2016.



Winning Campers -photo courtesy of Ben Murphy

Upper Yock & Savage

Several of us ventured to Western Maryland for a long Fourth of July weekend on The Upper Yock and Savage Rivers. We camped and boated with local legend John Reagan (a friend of Brent's) who is one high ener-

gy dude. He showed us the hero lines on the river (Jason nailed them!) while Brent and I often took the easy ? lines. The Upper Yock starts off flat gains gradient at Gap Falls and has about 5 continuous miles of mostly solid Class IV rapids that include: Bastard, Charlie's Choice, Triple Drop with National Falls (avoid the hole) Meat Grinder, Heinzerling, Powerful Popper, Lost and Found just to name a few. John knew the best times to put on to avoid the crowds allowing us to have a nice window of space on the water. We ran on Saturday (7/1) and Monday (7/3). Magic Mike hung around for a Tuesday run too. Water level of 2.1' at put in both days

Sunday was spent at The Savage River the sight of the 1989 Slalom World Championships. The river has good steep but even gradient, few eddies, not many ledges, and a cool slot move on river right at the dam (most people ran a left side sluice). We enjoyed the run and saw potential for several laps, however the shuttle set up by the county was slow and inefficient that day, too bad.

Our crew consisted of Josh and Jason from Louisville, Brent, Dan, and Chief from Tennessee, Magic Mike out of Lexington and Mark from Covington. Again thanks to John Reagan for hospitality and use of his farm.

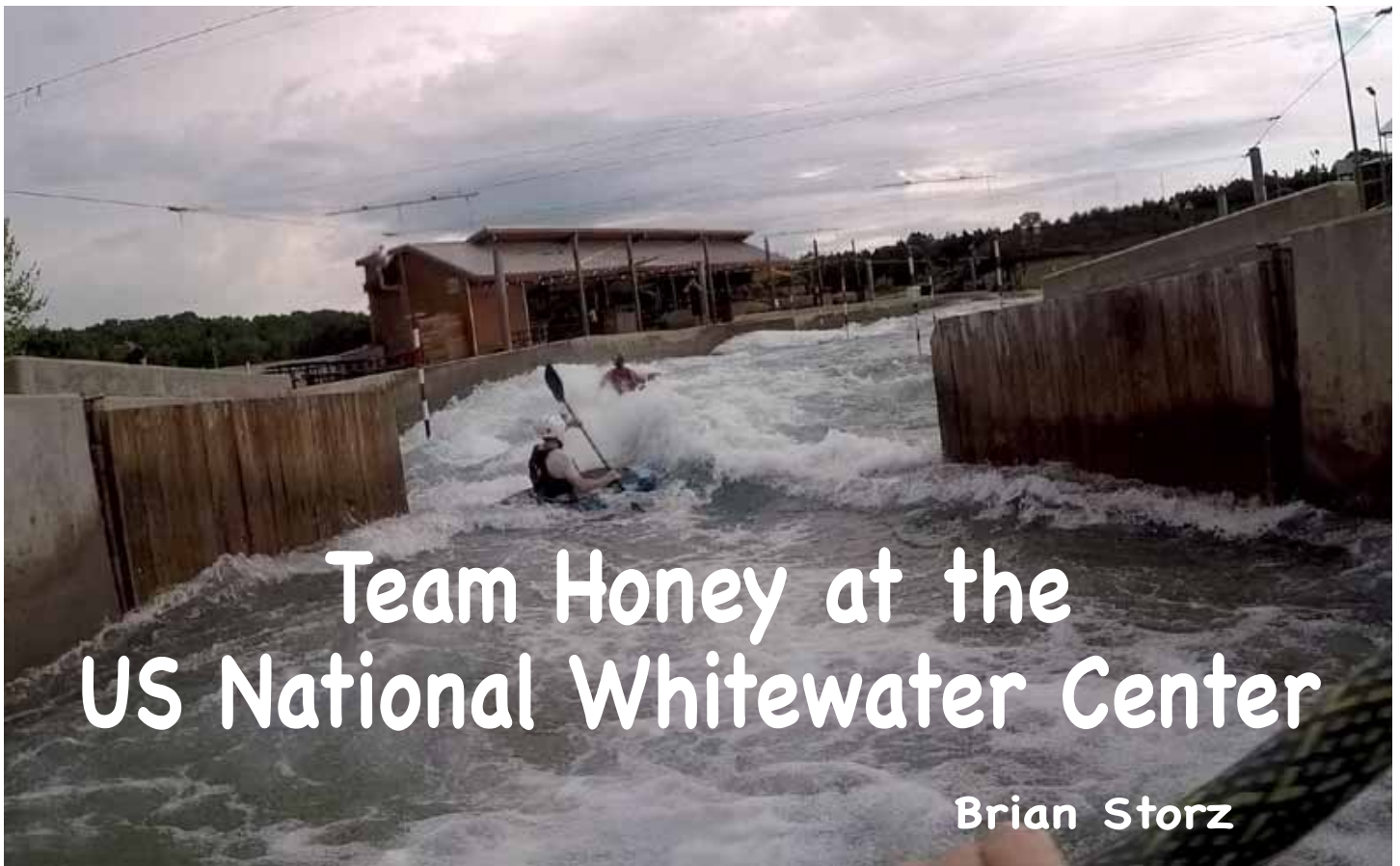
The Upper Yock has semi regular releases from Deep Creek Lake so check the schedule if you plan to boat here. Each year around July 4th extra releases occur and the Savage usually runs too. There are several other fine runs within an hour or less from Friendsville. SYOTR



Chief on Upper Yougheny photo by Mike Daugherty



Jason on Upper Yougheny photo by Mike Daugherty



Team Honey at the US National Whitewater Center

Brian Storz

Recently Team Honey, a ragtag group of beaters and boaters, invaded the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC. If you haven't been to the USNWC, you are in for a treat and can expect at least four things, beat downs in gnarly waves and holes, skin loss if you flip in shallow areas, encountering some of the shittiest raft guides in the eastern US, and one of the best times you can have boating with fellow dirt baggers.

The USNWC offers two different whitewater runs, a class 2-3+ Wilderness Channel and a class 3-4 Olympic-Standard Competition Channel. Both channels offer a multitude of great surf waves, surf holes, boofs, and even a nasty keeper-hole (Shutdown) to test your endurance and patience. The channels end at a convenient conveyor belt that brings you right back up and delivers you back to the beginning. How great is that? You never have to leave your boat, unless you are tired of being pummeled or had your face half ground off and decided to go for a swim! No worries if you do swim, all your possessions, including your ego, ends up in a large pool at the end of both runs. Here, after your paddling buddies have finished laughing and making fun of you, you can gather up your gear, your remaining friends, and your nut-sac, and paddle back to the conveyor for another round. Yay!



Considering the inherent "ragtag" nature of Team Honey, the Team's performance at the USNWC had mixed reviews. Some members styled every feature in the park, including on the Wilderness and Competition channels, while others got the shit beat out of them repeatedly but kept coming back for more. Team Honey style!

Wheelbarrow, one of the badass female Team Honey members and well-known to not give two Fs about possible danger, tore it up on the Wilderness and Competition sections, but also got smacked around a bit because of her incessant need for shenanigans. Just ask Wheelbarrow about Tourist Trap eddy on river left of Big Drop wave (last big feature on Competition section) or Shutdown keeper hole. She spent a fair amount of time in both of these getting chundered. Wheelbarrow's sister Pickle also took a couple runs at the Wilderness section and apparently not giving two Fs runs in the family because this was only Pickle's third whitewater ever and she boated it like a champ, hit all her combat rolls, and all that in a Neckie Jive—what the what! According



Team Honey group photo from left to right:

- Redneck Todd**
- MoGas**
- King Carnage**
- Wheelbarrow**
- Storzee**
- DR Dagger**
- Hand Roll Rob**

to Wheelbarrow, she loved “watching her sister hit her first combat rolls and punching the big waves but hated the eddies”. The eddies are a bitch for sure, they are super swirly, hard to get out of, and god help you if you are trying to roll in some of the monster ones, like Tourist Trap.

MoGas also had a great day of boating, despised the eddies, and enjoyed his fair share of carnage. Remember how I said “some of the shittiest raft guides” early on? Well, ask The Intimidator about that. He rounded the corner to do Big Drop on the Competition channel and waiting at the bottom for him was a raft full of tourists. You can guess who won that battle and now we are all hoping the GoPro video comes through in order to laugh at his expense. Floating undercuts, in fact, took out a number of Team Honey members. Typically, you would be on a line to punch a hole or wave and a raft would suddenly pop out of the eddy to surf said hole or wave, leaving you to become intimate with the underside of the raft. Apparently, they don’t teach the USNWC raft guides anything about water right-of-way or to look up river before peeling out.



One of the best carnage stories comes from Redneck Todd, a member of Team Honey-Corbin Boys division. Redneck Todd learned the hard way to lean forward, rather than back, when punching a hole. Without meaning too, Redneck Todd executed a perfect Rocket Move in a large LL Stomper, which should be really hard to do in such a massive boat. His Rocket Move landed into a side-surf in the hole, just in time for yours-truly to run his ass over. Just as Redneck Todd was celebrating his perfectly executed combat roll, King Carnage was next in line and ran his ass over again! We would have helped him out, but unfortunately, we were laughing too hard to do so. Such is the ways of Team Honey.



Two thumbs up for the USNWC from Team Honey. It was a great weekend on some epic man-made white water and we all are anxious to go back again. Join us next time and stay tuned for more Team Honey adventures!



BWA Welcomes with Open Arms at Beginners Clinic

Carrie "Mudfoot" Stambaugh



Kyle Koebertein

I've attended the BWA Beginner's Clinic for the last two years with my husband Carl. Although we both have decades of paddling experience, both of us are new to whitewater kayaking.

The BWA has welcomed us with open arms both at roll sessions and meetings in Lexington and at the Beginner's Clinic in Elkhorn City. We've made so many new friends we now paddle with and have certainly steadily improved our whitewater skills.

I can say that with the help of the BWA's volunteer paddling instructors I've significantly improved my skill level as well as my comfort level in whitewater. What I love the most about the BWA's clinic is that not only are classes small and students grouped with other paddlers of similar skill level but there are always a number of experienced "tag-a-long" paddlers who are more than willing to help out too.

It's great to have so many pairs of eyes watching and critiquing your paddling. I can't count the number of times I've gotten excellent tips from BWA paddlers who just happened to notice something I could tweak. And it definitely increased my comfort level going through rapids for the first and second times, as there are plenty of boaters to watch and to help rescue you if and when you need to bail out of your kayak.

For example, on my first day of clinic in 2016 when attempting to "peel out" of an eddy into the strong main current at Ratliff Hole, I capsized and could not right myself. Despite having a solid pool and flat-water roll, thanks to BWA pool sessions, I could not get it in live-action whitewater. Instead I practiced my T-rescue with the help of another non-instructor experienced paddler who just happened to be right there.

I proved later, however, that I could successfully navigate my boat in strong currents when I made it through the meanest rapid of the day, Meat Grinder. A class III+ rapid it is a series of drops with a hydraulic feature and strong waves. I won't ever forget the rush I felt as I peeled out into the eddy after it, to the cheers of other clinic participants and instructors!



Carrie (Mudfoot) running a drop on the Russell Fork River at the BWA Clinic.

But a few minutes later on Ping Pong I got a little sideways and being a newbie leaned the wrong way - away from the rock and current - and flipped. Unable to right myself again, I took a pretty bumpy swim through the rapid. By the time I got to the pool at the end, other kayakers had caught my boat. They also helped me to empty it and get back in, after they made sure all my bumps and bruises were superficial and that I was mentally prepared okay to proceed.

This year, I did the sneak at Meat Grinder the second day, and the first day, I again had to bail on Pinball, but a little further in to the rapid. The second day, however, I nailed it with the help of my instructor who had noticed the first day that not only was I not leaning into the rock but also my paddle wasn't in the water when I flipped. That piece of advice proved vital.

We will definitely come back to the clinic next year. We didn't get to paddle much whitewater between clinics last year and although I anticipate we might get a little more whitewater in this year, we are far from experts and will most certainly benefit from a third clinic. Besides, those two days on the river with BWA are not to be missed! The camaraderie of the entire event is truly something special. From the talent show, which I participated in, to the big group meals together, to the late night dance party - the clinic just a ton of fun.

I cannot express the extent of my gratitude either to the leadership of the BWA for their support of my journalistic work. From a paddling guidebook I'm working on, to the newspaper articles I've penned about the BWA to the television show I co-host, the BWA has always been willing to help.

This year they went above and beyond when our film crew from "Downstream," arrived at the clinic. "Downstream," now airing on KET is a new Kentucky adventure travel show that focuses on all Kentucky liquids including our fabulous waterways as well as Kentucky-crafted beers, wines and spirits.

I was thrilled to have had the opportunity to film a segment on the Russell Fork during the clinic. The segment will include a history of the BWA, the beginner's clinic, and interviews with new and seasoned paddlers!

A huge thank you to BWA president Kyle Koeberlein for the use of his images in this article and my other newspaper articles about the clinic, and for generously offering my co-host and producer Kyle and our cameraman Andrew a spot on his raft for an afternoon of paddling and filming on the Russell Fork.

Clinic Shots by Kyle Koberlein

<http://www.photolandmark.com>





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Images from the BWA 40th Celebration

Photos by Kyle Koberlein & Don Spangler



Kyle Koberlein

A Gathering of BWA Presidents from the past 40 years



Kyle Koberlein

"Boating Stories" retelling was in full gear, all versions were really true of course





There were horseshoes, dunking boots, Electric skateboards, the famous MKC "rope game" and a new rope swing (complements of Mike Larrimore & Bob Larkin) to use to jump into the Elkhorn to cool off.



But for many, you just couldn't beat talking and retelling "Boating Stories"





Food, food & more food! Along with Bob Larkins' ribs, chicken, dogs, & soy burgers we had all kinds of homemade side dishes and deserts! The BWA really does boat & parties with a happy stomach!





With the coming of evening, the celebration continues...since it is the BWA's 40th and it is the BWA of course!



All images on this page are courtesy of BWA President Kyle Koberlein. Thanks for the memories Kyle!



A parting success for the BWA's future by President Bob Larkin:

A new set of Bylaws

After 40 years the BWA finally has a new set of bylaws. As a testament to what we can do as a group and the fact that everyone was given the opportunity to have their voices heard and their input counted, the new bylaws passed by a very comfortable margin (+18) and without a single "No" vote.

Although I would like to thank the entire Club for pulling together and making this happen, in particular I would like to thank the group of former BWA Presidents, Vice Presidents, NPFF Directors, and Club Officers that got together and hammered out the details of the original proposal.

Although many people gave me credit for the wording of the new bylaws, I would like to thank our very own silver tongued legal eagle, Brent Austin for sitting through much debate and revision after revision and putting our thoughts to paper. With only a few exceptions the wording survived the editing process and 2 months of club debate.

I'd like to thank Clay Warren for his advice and hard work through this entire process. Clay has been involved from the very beginning including multiple discussions from his hospital bed the day after his surgery.

I'd like to thank Don Perkins for lighting the fire that started this entire thing, and a great big thanks to Kyle Koeberlien, the new President of the BWA, who not only answered the call to beat the bushes for votes but beat the bushes like they were on fire, almost single-handedly driving in the last 30+ votes when everyone was getting tired of hearing from me. Although I had no doubts before, I know for a fact the club will be in good hands with Kyle.

Although I'm sure I have, if I left anyone out I apologize. Great job to each and every one of you for sticking through this process, it's been a tough one at times, but with a new set of bylaws that will see us far into the future as well as one that we can be proud of, it's been a process that's been more than worth the effort.

Bob

Bluegrass Wildwater Association Bylaws

As of 2017

BYLAWS OF THE BLUEGRASS WILDWATER ASSOCIATION

May 18, 2017

Article I: Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Bluegrass Wildwater Association (hereafter "BWA"). Said Organization may be affiliated with other Organizations of similar interests.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this Organization are to:

- 1) Encourage the enjoyment, preservation, and exploration of American Waterways by human- powered water craft such as Canoes, Kayaks, Rafts, SUPs or other means.
- 2) Protect the Wilderness character of these Waterways through the conservation of water, wildlife, forests, and parks.
- 3) Promote safety and proficiency in all aspects of Wildwater activities and to promote appreciation for the recreational value of wilderness waterways and Whitewater sports.
- 4) Chart and preserve wilderness waterways in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 5) To come together, socialize and paddle whitewater streams and rivers the world over.

Article III: Basic Policies

Section 1: This Organization shall be non-commercial, not for profit, and shall not conduct business in excess of any required limit as set by the IRS and at all times shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Section II: The name of this Organization or the names of any members in their official capacity shall not be used without the specific consent of the Steering Committee.

Section III: This Organization may affiliate and cooperate with other organizations and agencies in aquatic and outdoor activities, such as conference groups and coordinating councils, provided its representation make no commitments that bind the group (s) they represent, except as directed by the Steering Committee.

Section IV: The objective and advancement of recreational and safe paddling on American Wildwater streams shall be promoted through educational programs directed towards current and prospective members and the general public.

Section V: The Organization shall operate on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. Article IV: Membership and Dues

Section I: Any person 18 years of age or older, interested in paddling whitewater and in the objectives of the Bluegrass Wildwater Association, who is willing to uphold its policies and subscribe to these bylaws, may become a member upon payment of dues.

Section II: The annual dues for membership in the Bluegrass Wildwater Association shall be established by a majority vote of the members after it has been announced in the usual and ordinary manner of general communication used by the BWA at the time, with reasonable notice. Voting may be electronic or other manner as decided by the Steering Committee in their discretion.

Section III: Membership in the BWA may be obtained as either as an “Individual” or a “Family” membership. “Individual” memberships may be obtained by persons that adhere to Article IV, Section I of these bylaws. “Family” memberships shall only cover a maximum of 2 adults and their immediate family. Minors covered under “Family” memberships shall be required to obtain an “Individual” membership once they reach the age of 18.

Article V: General Membership Meetings

Section I: Meetings of the membership shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, unless, due to adverse weather conditions, as in the case for an outdoor meeting, it is deemed necessary to reschedule by the BWA President.

Section II: Those entitled to vote shall be members in good standing when dues are paid. Individual members shall have one vote. Family memberships shall have two votes, one vote for each member over 18 years of age. Voting procedures, whether electronic or in person, must be complied with in order to vote.

Section III: The membership shall have the power at any time to make, amend and repeal bylaws for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Association by a majority vote of all members in good standing, after it has been announced in the usual and ordinary manner of general communication used by the BWA at the time, with reasonable notice. Voting may be electronic or other manner as decided by the Steering Committee in their discretion.

Section IV: All Association business at the general membership meeting that exceeds 30 minutes in length shall be tabled to the steering committee.

Article VI: Steering Committee

Section I: The steering committee is primarily responsible for the overall direction of the Association and to transact necessary business. The steering committee shall consist of the officers of the Association.

Section II: The steering committee shall meet once a month at a time and location to be decided by the President. It may be at the same date as General Membership meetings, in which event it will meet before or after said General Membership meeting as decided by the President. Steering committee meetings will be advertised and open to the general membership.

Section III: Only officers will have voting rights at steering committee meetings. A majority of officers present shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV: All business expenditures that exceed \$500 must be voted upon by the general membership. This limit can be raised or lowered by a majority vote at the regular club meeting.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section I: The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, River Conservation Liaison, Safety Officer, Program Director, Film Festival Coor-

dinator, Web Meister, Gear Meister, Member At Large, and Membership Coordinator. Such other offices that may be created as decided by majority of voters in good standing after it has been announced in the usual and ordinary manner of general communication used by the BWA at the time, with reasonable notice shall also be considered an “officer” for purposes of the Steering Committee. Voting may be electronic or other manner as decided by the Steering Committee at their discretion.

Section II: With the exception of the Past President, officers shall be elected annually by ballot at the regular June general membership monthly meeting. Such election shall be by a majority vote of all members in good standing, after it has been announced in the usual and ordinary manner of general communication used by the BWA at the time, with reasonable notice. Voting may be electronic or other manner as decided by the Steering Committee in their discretion.

Section III: Nominations will be solicited from the general membership by the General Membership Meeting prior to the election. The steering committee will compose a slate of nominees for presentation to the general membership. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor as of the General Membership Meeting prior to election. Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee.

Section IV: Officers shall serve for one fiscal year, or until their successors are elected and installed. A vacancy occurring in an elected office shall be filled by vote at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting.

Section V: Officers shall be current whitewater paddlers and these Bylaws acknowledge the importance of active paddlers being officers in this Organization. Officers shall also be members of the Organization for one year prior to election as an Officer. The President and Vice President, in particular, shall be a consistent paddler with experience on whitewater rivers and shall have held at least one other office prior to the term as President.

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section I: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall be chairperson of the steering committee and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office. Of particular note; it is the responsibility of the BWA President to appoint an individual to act as the Russell Fork Coordinator and to ensure that this festival continues on an annual basis and functions as a fund raiser for American Whitewater. The President can also function in the role as Russell Fork Coordinator should they so choose. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as BWA President.

Section II: The Vice-President shall act as an aid to the president, presiding in the absence of that officer. (S) He shall also be responsible for organizing the Spring Clinic. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section III: The Secretary shall monitor and record the minutes for the Steering Committee and publish same to the general membership prior to the monthly meetings. Said Secretary may, as directed by the Steering Committee from time to time, to monitor and record the minutes of the Regular Meeting. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section IV: The Treasurer shall act as the financial officer in charge of revenue, fund dispersal and accounting and works with the Membership Coordinator on the BWA Handbook. There is no term limit for this office.
Section V: The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for editing and arranging for all contributions to the Bowlines, the Association newsletter. There is no term limit for this office.

Section VI: The River Conservation Liaison will be responsible for keeping the club informed about projects or legislation which would mar the natural environment of our Kentucky and American wildwater systems. This officer also serves as the liaison between the Association and other conservation and/or river organizations. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section VII: The Safety Officer shall be responsible for educating the membership on issues of boating safety and for the pool and roll sessions. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section VIII: The Program Director shall provide a monthly program with topics relevant to paddling safety, instruction, conservation, wildlife, or the biosphere. Trip reports in video or slide format are also relevant. Said Director may also coordinate with the Member at Large, paddling trips for the Association members. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section IX: The Film Festival Coordinator will be responsible for directing the planning and activities of the BWA's National Paddling Film Festival (NPF) and shall maintain separate accounting procedures for the NPF. There is no term limit for this office.

Section X: The Web Meister shall be responsible for any website or other form of electronic communication on behalf of the BWA. There is no term limit for this office.

Section XI: The Gear Meister shall be responsible for all gear belonging to the club and will work closely with other officers in providing gear for organized club-sponsored events. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section XII: The Member at Large shall assist in the planning and implementation of club events including paddling trips. These officers may be called upon at any time to assist any other officer in performing their duties. In addition, Members at Large should assist the Membership Coordinator to meet and make welcome new and prospective members. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section XIII: The Membership Coordinator should focus on welcoming new and prospective members to the club as well as informing them of prominent Association events. In addition, they should continually search out ways to grow membership and provide benefits to members. The Membership Coordinator is also responsible to work with the Treasurer and the Web Meister on the membership. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

Section XIV: The Past-President will provide continuity across administrations and act on the Steering Committee in a consulting role. (S)He shall be responsible for setting the location and agenda for the annual club party, and submitting a projected party budget to the Treasurer. The Past President serves until the President completes the term of office whether it is one or two terms.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern this Association in all circumstances to which they are applicable.

Off the Cuff

Great Clinic

June 05, 2017

Gotta give a loud shoutout and congratulations to everyone who helped but especially to Megan and Bob Larkin for organizing a GREAT BWA Beginner Clinic! Those two are the dynamic duo extraordinaire of the BWA. It's tough enough to volunteer to take on the responsibilities of the BWA Clinic but for Bob and Megan to do this during a time of great personal loss is truly superhuman. Thanks to Bob and Megan's epic efforts and skill at organizing, the clinic ran so flawlessly I'm quite sure that after this weekend there will be many new whitewater boffins joining our ranks and begging for more. Thank you Wonder Woman and Superman and the rest of the BWA Volunteer Whitewater Avengers for a wonderful Clinic!

barryg

Thanks, Barry.

I was going to start a thread about the success of clinic and thanking everyone for their effort, but I'll just continue this one for simplicity.

Clinic was a big success. It didn't feel as flawless to me as Barry describes it, but as long as it looked that way, I'm happy.

Here are some fun stats for the books:

-We had 43 students, over 25 instructors and safety boaters, a whole team of shuttle drivers, an excellent kitchen crew, and some really fantastic people who stepped up and helped with cleanup (the least glamorous and most under appreciated of all the jobs).

-Our instructors and other volunteers were made up of BWA members, Vikings, Elkhorn City locals, and several NC paddlers. It was really a multi-club, multi-area effort.

-We carried on the traditions of past clinics with a highly entertaining talent show, a raucous dance party, drum circles and a delightful cast of characters, old and new.

-We raised a very respectable amount of money for the club, but I'll hold off on putting that on the forum until I have a more exact amount.

-There was a camera crew who conducted several interviews and got footage of the classes. Clinic student Carrie Stambaugh was doing the interviews. She said that the program would likely come out mid summer. I don't have any other details at the moment.

There are way, way too many people to thank individually, so I'll do a blanket thank you to everyone who helped out. There are no small jobs at clinic, so even if you just took out the trash or loaned out some gear to a student, it needed to be

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done, thank you.

But I do want to thank a few people individually. The first is Brandy Mello, who did all the early leg work, spent numerous hours with me going over details and rounding up extra help for me, made all the beautiful signs, hauled sound equipment, built hand washing stations, found me when I was on the brink of collapse and nursed me back to (relative) health with some super strong coffee, and was one of the last people to leave on Sunday after helping with a pretty grueling cleanup.

The second is Bob Larkin, who hung back and let me take a lot of credit, while quietly doing a lot of the hardest work.

I also want to thank our Sherpa, Kyle Koeberlain, who went above and beyond what the gearmeister is usually able to do and personally saw to it that all of the rented boats and the contents of the storage locker made it down, as well as rallied the shuttle drivers. And on that note, THANK YOU to everyone who stepped up to shuttle students and haul trailers.

Thank you for the early support given to me by Bethany O and Hanley, both of whom offered to take the whole thing off my plate after Jason's death. It's a very big thing to offer, thank you.

Jessy Rushing, thank you for bringing your quirky enthusiasm to the talent show and rallying so many people willing to show off their talents (or lack thereof) for our entertainment.

Thank you Chief, for your crucial crash course on river safety, and Clay Warren for bringing down the house at the dance party.

Thank you, Walt Hummel for running the roll clinics that are so vital to getting students ready for clinic, for doing registration and everything else I asked of you, and for helping me fashion a sling for a student, with only a sarong and figure 12 in your first aid booklet to work with.

Thank you (and I'm sorry) to everyone whose water jugs, camp stoves and propane tanks I borrowed (or flat out stole while you were sleeping) when we ran out on Sunday morning in the middle of breakfast.

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to Ben Mudd for serving as our gear liaison, a job that is such a monumental pain in the ass, that after seeing the way you handled it, I would personally endorse you to coordinate future clinics.

I'm sure I left people out and I'm sorry. Give me a few days to recover my faculties and I will thank you with a hug or a beer (your choice) the next time I see you.

Clinic 2017 is in the books. Can't wait to see you all there next year, where I will be camping up in the woods and only com-

ing down for meals and merriment.

-MeganL

Thank you for all your hard work Megan, and thank you for the kind words. I think there are quite a few people who contributed far more than I did, but glad I could take a bit of the weight.

Ben Mudd
BWA Treasurer

Thanks to all who participated as both students and volunteers. It takes our community coming together to make any event successful. See you all at the Larimer Farm this weekend.
Chief

What a great clinic! I love BWA and how everyone works together to make stuff like this happen. The talent show was fun, I was happen to assist. Hanley passed on all the info needed for it to run smoothly. MegaBob you are rockstars! Thanks all!

JessyR

Yes! Huge props to Megan and Bob and Brandy and all of you other lovely people for making the 2017 Clinic a yuuuuuge success! It was great! It's not a small feat and you all nailed it!

love,
bethany (or beverly or whatever)

MegaBob, I love it! Good to hear that everything went well. Despite the fact that I got to boat in one of my favorite places this weekend, I really missed the clinic and wished I could have been there. Nonetheless, it kind of feels good to see things sliding off into the willing and capable hands of another generation. Good luck and fair currents to you. I'll still be around to heckle from time to time.

Oh, and Barry, (Groan) Superman and Wonder Woman are DC characters whereas the Avengers belong to Marvel. They don't exist in the same universe. You're mixing your comic book metaphors. I'm afraid this is the last straw. I'm going to have to confiscate your geek card.

Hanley Loller

PS: Was that etch-a-sketch the winning act of the talent show? I have a problem with that as it obviously required some actual talent. How did that happen?

Hanley Loller

June 06, 2017

"Oh, and Barry, (Groan) Superman and Wonder Woman are DC characters whereas the Avengers belong to Marvel. They don't exist in the same universe. You're mixing your comic book metaphors. I'm afraid this is the last straw. I'm going to have to confiscate your geek card."

Hanley- did you get beat up a lot as a kid?

Ed Singleton

Yes, it was a really awesome Clinic. Enjoyed the new folks and the vibe was rocking. Seems like everyone had a big day on the water. And, props to the work with the Army Corp. We had 630 cfs on Saturday and 510 on Sunday. Many thanks to folks that got up early with me both days to wrestle with the kitchen and get things happening. I love Spring Clinic. It is like a great big happy reunion, with new folks stepping in and lots of time on the water for everyone that wants to or can. The volunteerism was once again superb. MegaBob, you all are superstars. Don't listen to Hanley, you are not fired. And, yes, Ed, I would say Hanley did experience that kind of childhood. But, no one heckles like our boy!

Brent

Thanks for all the kind words. Clinic as usual was a lot of work but well worth it. For the most part, things went pretty well. Dinner took forever, we ran out of propane and water for Sunday breakfast. (All stuff under my care... Sorry folks) but all in all, it was an awesome clinic. I'd like to take the time to thank all the people that really jumped in to make this a success, Megan for taking this on at a really trying time, the Mellors for all their many contributions, Storzy, Kris, Kolbs, Hanley, the AMAZING Bethany (or whatever her name is) and Clay, who showed up to do the talent show at the last minute with lights and an amp when I know for a fact that he was in severe pain because of his back injury.

I had a great time at this clinic but the true thing that will stay with me was how well we pulled together as a group to pull it off. Great job everyone.

Bob

On my last day, thank you.

June 12, 2017 08:18PM

On this, my last full day in office I wanted to thank you for the chance to lead this amazing organization. During my time as President I've had my share of successes and failures but in my heart, I believe I've always tried to do what was best for the club. I've tried to keep us true to our roots and yet keep an eye on the future.

Although I've grown to depend on all of you for your advice and input, there are a few that I would like to thank. First and foremost, my wife Megan. She's listened to my lame brained ideas and worked hard to help me make them a reality. She's been my toughest critic, my strongest ally and the one person that I depend on the most. To the Mello's, especially my long serving and hardworking Vice President, Brandy Mello, you've spoken the truth from your heart, you've touched with magic every event I've undertaken, you've been a loyal friend and I can't thank you enough for all you've done. To Brent, Clay, the Grimes's, Robert and Zina, Chief, Mike, Hanley and one of the clubs founding fathers, Don, you have been the people

whose advice I've come to depend on in both good times and bad and whose wisdom has been an inspiration. You've had my back, you've held my hand and on occasion, you've each kicked me in the ass and I can't thank you enough for that.

One thing I know I share with every other BWA President is that we all share the desire to pass the club off to good hands, and I think that's exactly what's happened. Now that the nominations are closed I know for sure that Kyle Koeberlein will be the next President of the BWA. His Steering Committee is made up of seasoned veterans and newer boaters with the one thing we need, a lot of fresh ideas, and there's not a single one of them I'm worried about.

I know Kyle to be hard working, smart, able and as someone that cares deeply about the club. I'm sure he will encounter many of the same problems I have but will leave his own stamp on the club and plot courses that I've not even thought about. Congratulations Kyle, you have my full support and if I can help with anything just let me know. The only advice I can offer is to never forget where we came from. Honor those that came before you, foster those that will follow and above all else, don't ever forget that you are the caretaker of this club, it's members and its history. Good luck, I know you will do great.

Thanks again everyone, you are truly an amazing group of people and I can't thank you enough for your support, it has been a true honor to have served. Now let's go boating dammit.

Bob

You've done a fantastic job during your tenures as both VP and President. Thanks for all your hard work. It has not gone unnoticed

Linda Tribble
859-229-4358

June 13, 2017

Thanks for everything, Bob!

Catch you on the river soon...perhaps at the Pigeon or Ocoee this weekend?!

Best, John

Bob! You're such an asset to the boating community! You did such a tremendous job as president and as VP. Thank you from the bottom of my cold, rotten heart!

love,
bethany (or beverly or whatever)

No, no boating for you, you have a party to plan Mr. Past President.

Hanley Loller

Bob,
You have really done an outstanding job over the past couple

years.

The biggest problem I see is that no one else besides you has the consistent ability to make it rain simply by scheduling a meeting at AW Acres. I think you should use your last few hours of executive power to schedule a once-a-week meeting for the rest of summer.

Ace

Linda and Britt. Thank you for your support, your well thought out suggestions and your calls. Hopefully you've noticed that I've really paid attention when you've had an idea. You are two awesome individuals, hopefully we can spend some time together soon.

John, Dude, you are burning it up. You are a hell of a guy with a good head on your shoulders. Let's hit something soon and you can teach me how to boat again. winking smiley

Bethany, thanks for the kind words and your continued friendship. You have been a rock during hard times, a real support when we needed it and an awesome individual with one of the warmest hearts of anyone I know. Love you my friend.

Hanley, Hanley, Hanley. You are an amazing individual whose advice has always struck home. Thank you for all you do for the club and above all else, thank you for the guidance I've always found wise to follow. Happy Birthday Hanley.

Ben, a true man of mystery and surprises. You've hit the nail on the head with that one. I can't understand why I've spent so much time chasing rain when all I've ever had to do was schedule a meeting. Forecast for meeting time is to be clear in Frankfort by the way. Say hello to your lovely wife and kids, you are a real asset to the club and I've always liked having you all here.

Bob

Thank you for your outstanding service Bob and above all the controversial moments where I was reminded this ain't a bridge club lol. I can only hope Kyle will raise my eyebrows a few times as well! winking smiley

Wes

I'm excited about being a part of history and helping the club move forward with it's best interest in mind. It gives me piece of mind to know I have you to look to for guidance and an awesome steering committee to work with. I'll give it all I have to live up to your legacy.

Kyle Koeberlein

> ... Hanley, Hanley, Hanley....

I'm the one in the middle you drunken slob. ;-)

Seriously though, thank you for the kind words. I've tried to be more than just a pain in your a\$\$ over the last two years,

haven't always succeeded there, but you've always been a receptive listener and a proactive president, expanding your duties far beyond what is required. Can't ask for much more than that.

Hanley Loller

June 16, 201

I love you Bob Larkin and what a great pres you have been! You have brought back the rendezvous to its glory among many other good- no great - things for the BWA! Can't say enough about you, Megan, Mellowfellow, B Randy, and All the others actively involved during your tenure! Great work to all!

Added note: As far as any "mistakes" made, my grandpa used to tell me when I was very young and I would not do things perfect on the farm and would get down on myself- he would say, "Boy, the only people that don't make mistakes are people that don't do nothin'!"

B. J.- Kayak Bum and river guide

BJ,

Thank you brother, we certainly gave it our best shot, as I know the next band of misfits will. See you on the river soon my friend.
Bob

Bob,

Thanks a ton for all the time & energy you spent making our boating spirit bigger and better, a huge thanks as well to the other officers and members who work so hard for a common goal. It takes a tribe to make things happen. Our BWA tribe is the best out there in my book. I wouldn't switch to any club anywhere for what we have here. You all are the best! They call me Bruce

And from the other half of the Power Couple:

Be proud of the job you have done. You have done well and your legacy will be evident for years to come. You have kept things moving, evidence of your awareness that if there is no movement, stagnation quickly occurs.

Thank you for all you have done, and that includes the team that worked with you. And not once was a raise in pay requested.

Dallas

Tattooed and Retired

Damn,

Thanks guys. Considering my start, I'm actually pretty satisfied with my time in office, it was an amazing honor for sure but along with a great Steering Committee and a whole lot of help from Megan I think we got a whole lot done. Not every step was perfect but who's is, but as a group, and I mean ALL of us, we faced some unique challenges over the past 2

years and I think we weathered it all fairly well. I didn't mean my post to sound like I felt bad about my time in office, just the opposite, I think as a group we did as good or better than could be expected, I just really wanted to thank everyone for taking a chance on me and for the opportunity. It really was an honor.

Bob

Jason Powell Memorial Letters, Pictures and Videos

June 22, 2017 02:22PM

Hi guys and girls,

Seven weeks have passed since we lost Jason, and while I'm not relishing the idea of completing this project right now, I do not want too much time to pass before I start it. One of the saddest things to me about Jason's death is that no matter how much we try to tell her, Abigail will never really know her father. To help her understand as much as she can, I am putting together a scrapbook for her, for when she gets older. Others who have lost parents very young say they would have loved to have something like that.

If you knew and loved Jason, I would love to have something from you for the book. Here are some acceptable entries:

- A letter to Abigail about how you met Jason, how you felt about him, funny stories, details of his personality, what he was like with her, etc.
- Your favorite photo of him with a story about when it was taken (or even an unrelated story).
- A video from your collection that will make her laugh or give insight to his personality

The need for this book is already sad enough, so try to focus on the positive. You can express sadness at his loss and even be sentimental, but overall, try to make this a happy memory book.

The only thing we can do for Jason now is to make sure that Abigail knows who her Dad was and how much we loved. Please help me out by submitting entries to me at MeganPLarkin@gmail.com by July 6th (or let me know you need an extension). When I am able to do so, I will be editing it and putting everything together for her.

Thanks so much!

-MeganL

6th Annual "Dick" Bradfield Memorial Ocoee Race: Saturday, Aug 12th

July 15, 2017 12:41PM

What up folks,

Clay asked me to help out this year because he isn't sure of his status yet for race day, based on his recovery. Heal up

buddy! So I'll be herding you cats for this annual tradition. Let's keep the memory of Scott "Dick" Bradfield alive and well. Last year the word got out and we ended up with 43 racers, yikes. Let's keep it going. I hear there are several folks with Speeders these days, let's see if they can handle this run (and the rafts!).

Who: Everybody is welcome! As with the Not NPFF Race, we'll have a long boat class (10' and above), a short boat class below 10', and any other class of boats that show up (C-1, OC, squirt, hand paddle, etc.)

When: Meet at upper parking lot of the Middle Put-in Saturday at 5:00pm. We'll sign up, get race numbers handed out and have racer's meeting. Race starts at 6:00pm sharp.

What: This is mass start race beginning at Staging Eddy and ending just below Cats Pajamas on river right. Pretty self explanatory....first one to the bottom WINS! Anyone racing please bring something for the "pot" to be divvied up to race winners. We'll have something for the winners of each class. If you don't bring something, don't sweat it. There will be plenty of goodies to be had.

We need someone to volunteer to keep time and keep track of finish order. If there's anyone out there willing to help please contact me via txt if possible: (859) 806 - zero four five zero. We'll need you to meet us at the put-in at 5:00, go to Staging Eddy to start the race timing, then drive to Cats to get the times as the racers finish. Thank you in advance and we'll give you something out of the "pot".

Feel free to post here if you are interested in racing otherwise just show up! I'd really like to see some more BWAer's come out and fire this thing up! As long as ya know the lines and feel comfortable paddling down the Ocoee by yourself, then no reason not to. There are definitely some race lines out there that are faster...which requires a little bit more thought and knowledge to place higher. The late race time should give you some time to get out there for a practice lap or two beforehand.

Anyone is welcome, spread the word...and of course, bring on the Vikings!

See you all there!

Boles

Thanks for taking back over what was originally your brain-child and what I think may have been Scott's first dabble at racing. I know he went on to race the Russell Fork after seeing how much fun this race and racing in general can be. For those of you that never knew Scott, he was an avid boater living right here in Lexington. He was a friend to most here in the club as he boated "the Steeps" almost every single time stuff ran around here. He had a schedule from being in the military that allowed him many days on the water and he took full advantage of it. He worked really hard at it and wound up being one of the best boaters around KY and

my main paddling partner for several years until his death. He and I travelled all over the country kayaking fun yet hard Class V whitewater together, along with many others here in the club. In fact, several of the hardest Class V runs I did was with him. I specifically remember a stellar day he and I had down the West Prong of the Little Pigeon at high flows and another separate run down Linville Gorge that still to this day were highlights of my boating career. Anyways, this race has now morphed into sort of a memorial in his honor and I just wanted to reflect a moment on how much I still miss that boy. As time passes on, now 4 years from his death on the Big East Fork of the Pigeon, it's easy to forget those things but I really don't want to, they're memories that keep friends alive and well in your soul.

I must admit, the Ocoee has turned out to be an unbelievably fun race course. Just the right amount of difficulty but not so much that mere mortals can't race it. There are most definitely some faster lines out there, but you gotta go find them (if you don't know them already winking smiley). We've had some epic one on one battles amongst friends out there, and we've had a few epic instances of carnage as well! So get out and dial in your lines and find the fastest (or the funnest) boat you have, call your friends, and show up at 5 at the put-in. I may not quite be back to racing form myself, but it still gets me fired up for it lol.

Thanks, Justin, for getting this thing going again this year! I've already heard some shit talking from our Viking brethrens up the road. We can't let Delaney win again this year can we?? And just to be sure, last year's race was EPIC!!

Peace,
Clay

Plan to be there and hoping to improve my finish position. Going the weekend of the 29-30th to practice race lines, happy to have training partners. Contact me if you are interested, perhaps we can reserve a spot at Thunder Rock.
Chief

August 02, 2017
I am so there!
Gunner

I miss the shit out of Scott. I will be there...
Brent

Volunteers needed for South Elkhorn Creek watershed

July 24, 2017

Hello BWAers,

The City of Lexington and Kentucky River Watershed Watch are planning to conduct an intensive sampling in the Upper South Elkhorn watershed and need your help getting the word out to potential volunteers who might want to participate.

The sampling will take place during the week, usually in the morning, so folks with flexible schedules are being sought to participate.

This sampling is part of LFUCG's stormwater management effort screening stormwater outfalls and stream sites for pollutants this Fall (2017) and next Summer (2018). Currently Cane Run is being checked, and they've already corrected several problems with the infrastructure data base as well as identified some pollution sources.

Cane Run goes into the North Elkhorn, and next they are working on the South Elkhorn. Both of these impact the quality in the section we run from the Forks down. Helping Lexington clean up stormwater helps us!

They need to form 7 teams of two or three volunteers willing to visit sites in the South Elkhorn watershed.

LFUCG will be paying for the laboratory analysis and providing the field equipment and training. They will make the data available to those participating.

They are holding an orientation meeting 1:00 PM Thursday August 3 at the Town Branch Waste Water Treatment Plant in Lexington.

Ken Cooke, a water quality activist, (and former BWA member) can provide you with more detail if you think you might be able to help. Even if you can't commit to every sampling date, they will need back-up samplers to cover for illness and schedule conflicts of the regular volunteers.

Ken can be reached at kywwp@igc.org
Or his cell number 859-940-8234

Thanks!
Zina

Cheoah Sunday - where are the BWAers?

July 10, 2017

Paddled the Cheoah with Wes on Sunday. I know that Flunker was out there on Saturday. Where are all the BWA boaters on the Cheoah these days? Use to be we had 17 - 20 out there. I don't know what is up. Wes and I were somewhere on the run when we discussed it. I remember back a half a dozen years ago a weekend trip with about 10 BWAers on the Green Narrows. Where is the next new crowd for the upper Gauley? I remember the first year I organized a "First Timers Trip" on the Upper Gauley we must have had a dozen new paddlers. We did not scout anything and everyone did well. I guess Flunker, Majick Mike, KYJimmy, Hettichs and you other younger chargers, need to rally crews to go boat fun shit. Us old cats will see you out there of course.

I will be on the Pigeon most afternoons this week if any of you BWAers are in the neighborhood. Not sure what I am doing this weekend but will try to post if something develops.

Skobotin!
Brent

Somebody needs to light that fire! Hopefully I'll be back out there joining the old timers sometime here soon cool smiley

Clay

I forgot about Cheoah till Wes mentioned it Thursday night. It's tough to pass up the beauty of Plateau and Obed summer runs. Other then one other crew we had the rivers to ourselves. Five rivers in two days. Ran into Adam Leftwich said high. He and I had a similar conversation at Lilly Pad Brewery and Campground. Seems we have much smaller crews scattered all over the place on weekends. Yet we are making the investment into building boaters that love the times on the water and at one point will have the ability to boat everything with you. The Vikings drew a crew to the New this weekend and Week of Rivers grabbed a few.

KyleS

I know that for myself I am investing a fair amount of time getting my youngins boating. My 11 year old is doing great on Elkhorn. I had him run it at 1480 and he had a couple swims. I would love some of the bigger rivers, weekends and trips there get me stuffed. I look forward to the days when my young boaters are older which should make it a great deal easier for those trips with you folks.

I also scored and got the wife down Elkhorn and she loved it! Soon I will have a boating family and traveling all around. I can hardly wait.

Andrew Van Horn
Captain of the Pirate Ducky Fleet

The Bolender clan has been chill lately with the new crew member. Hawkeye is doing well, he's three months old tomorrow.

I'll see y'all at the summer party.

Boles

Duuuude! I almost forgot my password! This is a very good post. I wish I could get out more! I'm with Andrew, I've been investing in my daughter slot lately. She's developed a solid pool roll and I can't wait till the khorn comes up enough so we can work the shit out of the lower and get her rolling in some current. Yes, I feel as if I've platoed @ 3plus, 4minus. I will do something about that! Brent Austin, you are a true leader in helping folks step it up, so are you Wes prince. It is hard to go all the time with so much going on in my life(work, family), but God I miss the water! It's all I ever think about! For shag it's worth, I'll be at the ocoee this coming weekend on sat. Bringing the wife and two of the kids. Gonna stick them in a raft and I'd like to get two laps in. We will be cabining it @au. Any takers?

Shuler

Thanks Tim. Hope to boat with you soon.
Brent

For those of us coming up through the classes, getting comfortable on Ocoee and looking forward to first descents of the Lower at Gauleyfest this year, what would you say about the Cheoah?

Ben Mudd

I think it's a serious step up from the middle ocoee. Very continuous, few eddies? Is that accurate?

tshuler

Hi Ben,
The Cheoah (lower harder section) is 4+ high volume creek-ing with physical moves, many boofs, and powerful water at standard release (1000 cfs). In my opinion, it is comparable in difficulty to the Upper Yough (although perhaps a bit less technical), maybe similar in push and hole boofing to Lower Big Creek at high levels, and a smidge easier than the Upper Gauley. Cheoah (lower section) is more technical and harder than the Lower Gauley and Upper Ocoee (both 4- imho), although these help to give you a feel for the Cheoah's push factor. Of note, it is very beneficial to be solid at boofing holes (and rocks) on the lower section of the Cheoah.

Above all, take your time and make sure that it's a fun process!

I hope this helps. Feel free to PM me with any other questions or about prep runs.

Best,
John

Hey John, thanks for the info. I'm going to get my first run on the Upper Ocoee this weekend, going to hopefully be doing middle and upper laps all weekend. Assuming that goes well and continues to for the next couple months, planning to hit the Lower Gauley at 'Fest. And after that . . . I don't really know. I've talked to a lot of people about a lot of things to do with moving up to being a solid class III paddler and beginning to run some class IVs but I guess I'm not really sure where I want to go from there or what the options are. I guess it'll be something to think about and talk about over the coming months.

Ben Mudd

Yes we had a most propitious day on the mighty Cheoah! Wish it ran less in Spring and more in Summer. Regarding river difficulties and "stepping up" I consider the Keel Haulers's page on river difficulties a vital resource and pretty accurate:

[keelhauler.org]

Like John, feel the UY / Cheoah at 2-2.2 are more similar in difficulty but on the Keelhauler page the UY is 2 pts more difficult. I suspect this is related to the remoteness of the meat of the UY whereas the Cheoah is mostly roadside.

I'm also in strong agreement with the late Jeff West regarding the ability to become a Class V boater by training on the Ocoee. It's an amazing training resource. Not by doing endless laps on the same common lines of course, but by working the difficult attainments and challenging moves.

Jeff's book on the Ocoee is an amazing training guide and I believe is still available at RCO. Will never part with mine or my backup copy, worth it's weight in gold to me. Want to get better, get that book and get to work.

Personal story - when I started guiding on the Ocoee in 1986, I was decent Class III boater. The Ocoee was still a challenge to me in a kayak. That Summer, one of my fellow guides Dan Centofanti, a phenomenal Ocoee boater in the day (and still does wkend guiding I think) took me under his wing to show me some of the challenging moves and I went to work. The next Spring I did the Gauley marathon at 3600, having never seen it and boating only with a raft and another guide in a kayak who had also never seen it. Only scouted Pillow. One flip at Sweets, otherwise a dry hair day and felt confident after the first few hard rapids. All because I learned to work the Ocoee. Jeff's book has many more moves than I ever learned. Get it. Looking forward to Fall week of rivers with you Brent! (First 2 Gauley wkends and 5 days of UY in between.
Wes

Eddy Lines of Interest

BWA Steering Club Meeting Ethereal Brewery June 6, 2017, 7:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Megan, Bob, Walt H, John M, Bandi, Don S., Walt, Clay W, Jim W.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:45:57pm

40th anniversary party
bylaws

in keeping with tradition, bwa buys a round for the steering committee. John seconded. no opposed.

Officer Reports

Don, Newsletter-- This last issue was great. But let's work together to send in more trip reports and songs, and everything else. There are few clubs that can compete with our club.

Megan, Conservation Officer – Clinic was great. We did have one shoulder dislocation but nurses and doctors in the club were able to assist. We raised around \$2200 - \$2500. It was a big success, minus some minor details that were expected. (note that we will need an extra water container soon.)

Michael D, Secretary – Beginners clinic was more amazing than I thought it would be. Meeting all the new boaters and

seeing their capabilities was priceless. Can't wait for next year!!

Bob, President – First of all, the acknowledgments were on point. John and Brandi have been a part of making everything magical. This coming weekend is the 40th Anniversary party and it only comes around every 10 to 15 years. We're going to have a fire, old movies, we're also going to have some of the older members playing music. Don S. is going to be coming up with some of the old "ancient games." Hamburgers, hot dogs, and that type of thing. We are going to make it a fundraiser. There will be an AW dunking booth. (Clay prepare to get wet.) Planning for about 100 people. Everyone come out. We do need some help pulling some things. The Elections are coming up at the next meeting. The traditional spot for the elections are at AW acres. (Motion to give up to \$200 for food for the election meeting.

John Mello, NPFF– Looking to revamp the donation/sponsor process to where we contact bigger donors sooner to give them enough time to think about their donations.

Walt-- Summer pool sessions needs \$450 for the Tates Creek Aquatic Center.

Jim W, Members at large-- Great clinic, everyone is happy.

Clay W. Previous president-- The votes for the bylaws. We need about 60 members to vote just to reach 50% of our club. If you haven't voted yet, SHAME on you.

Koebes, Gear sherpa-- The trailer and everything on it is at our secret facility. There are a couple of items still missing but will come home tonight. Getting with a few people to get everything together.

Dot E. Member coordinator-- 276 total members. 258 members plus honorary and lifetime members equal 276. 14 new members over the last 30 days. Idea about using the 40th anniversary logo for the parking pass.

Motion to authorize the Gear Sherpa to spend up to \$300 to get the trailers in working order. Motion Passed

Motion for online voting as well as in person, nominations end the day before the meeting (7:30 on the day before.) Online voting ends at 6:30 the day of the election. Brandi seconded. Motion passed.

New Nomination for Kyle Koebes for President, and Brandi for Gear Sherpa.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02:22pm motion passed.

BWA General Club Meeting
AW Acres
June 6, 2017, 7:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Megan, Bob, Walt

H, Don S., Jim W., K. Koebes, Dot E.

Bob called the meeting to order at 8:05:57pm

Before all things, Bob says it's been awesome being a president. "I'm certain that Kyle will be a great president and Mike will have one of the most interesting clinics ever. Stepping up can be a big challenge, a big honor, and a lot of hard work. Thanks to everyone taking on a position in the SC."

Thank you Bob for the amazing Rendezvous, bylaws changes, parties, the adventures, the leadership, and the friendships you have formed with you at the helm of the club.

note that the President will be in charge of finding a person in charge of the Russell Fork Rendezvous. Rendezvous t-shirts will be coming out to fund the event.

There is a proposal that we accept the nominations as written, Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Advice for the new steering club members from Dot, "Drink more WATER... not river water though."

"Always remember those that came before you, honor the ones that run with you, and foster the ones that come after you."

Kyle's first words as president, "I'm excited to see what we are able to come up with, together!"

Officer Reports

Don, Newsletter-- New Bowlines is out. it would be great if anyone could write an article on the Beginners Clinic or from a new boaters perspective.

Megan, Conservation Officer – The Red Cleanup was cancelled unfortunately. The Clinic raised around \$2500, nobody died so it was a HUGE success. Only had one incident where there was a shoulder dislocation but he was doing a lot better after a loud pop and some beer.

Bob, President – financially, we are at around \$1000 and we will have to go out and sell the remainder of 40th Anniversary t-shirts to make up some cost. Looking for a Summer Party at the Ocoee on the weekend of August 11th, possibly the first weekend in August to cater with those with kids that start school on the 14th.

Koebes, Gear sherpa-- There might be some gear stuff left to transfer to Brandy

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Congratulations HERE ARE THE NEW MEMBERS!!!

- President -- Kyle Koeberlein
- Vice-President -- Mike Daughtery
- Secretary -- Jansen Cunningham
- Treasurer -- Ben Mudd
- NPFF Director -- James Welch
- Program Director -- Clay Warren
- Safety Officer -- Robert Watts
- Conservation Officer -- Brian Storz
- Newsletter Editor -- Don Spangler
- Membership Coordinator -- Dot Edwards
- Web Meister -- Joe Wheatley
- Gear Meister Brandy Mello
- Member at Large -- Cody Dunn

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03.14159265359..... and it was rounded by the club.

BWA Steering Committee July Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A meeting of Bluegrass Wildwater Association was held at [Rockhouse Brewery] on [7/5/2017] [7:41].

Steering Committee Members in Attendance

Name	Office	Present	Absent
Kyle Koeberlein	President	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mike Daughtery	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jansen Cunningham	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ben Mudd	Treasurer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Don Spangler	Bowlines Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brian Storz	River Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Watts	Safety Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clay Warren	Program Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James Welch	NPFF Coordinator		<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Wheatley	Web Meister		<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandy Mellow	Gear Meister		<input type="checkbox"/>
Codie Dunn	Member At Large		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dot Edwards	Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Larkin	Past President		<input type="checkbox"/>

Non-Steering Committee Members in Attendance

Walt Hummel

Approval of Minutes

Approved the review of the previous meeting's minutes

Reports

President – Kyle Koeberlein:

1. Kyle K. nominated Bob Larkin as Russell Fork Coordinator. Bob accepted position.
2. PNC Bank has been updated to have Ben Mudd and Kyle Koeberlein as account signers and card holders
 - Bob agreed the President should have ownership of bank credit card for the club. Mentioned there are 10 active people on the account that needs to be addressed.
3. Meeting Structure

Allows for future meetings to be conducted if President or Secretary are absent from meeting.
4. General Meetings

Focus on programs and getting people to want to come to meetings. Limit business discussions to steering committee meetings.

Vice President - Mike Daughtery:

1. Steering Committee Retreat

Big South Fork?

New River?

2. Any news on post beginner trips?

Adelessa is taking on the beginner trips more independently recently without funding from the BWA.
3. Summer Party

\$1000 budget. Will need to be approved at member meeting on 7/11. Bob will discuss in more depth at member meeting details Same location as previous year
4. NPFF Roadshow

Clay suggested the roadshow adds a social environment to certain events, such as Gauley Fest. In the past, other clubs have requested to use all of the submitted videos to the NPFF roadshow. Club charged roughly 600 to send a disc. Now with the internet, more videos are readily available where other clubs do not request this as often. Dot recommended decreasing the cost of the disc if it was requested in the future. Clay suggested if a disc was to be sold, put the top 8-10 videos on it only. NPFF is ran more like a dictatorship. The BWA has not instructed the NPFF director to run the event in any certain way. The infrastructure should be set up by the NPFF director, but ideas are welcomed.

Secretary - Jansen Cunningham

Clay suggested to document the number of members or nonmembers at the member meetings for statistical analysis

Treasurer -Ben Mudd:
We now have a square account and are able to take credit card payments at club activities such as roll practice and club memberships. Don Perkins passed all treasurer responsibilities and paperwork over to Ben Mudd the week after new officers took place.

Newsletter Editor – Don Spangler:

No new news, there will be another issue at the end of the month that will include the 40th anniversary party and spring beginner clinic.

River Conservation Liaison – Brian Storz:

Has been in contact with other organizations regarding their clean up dates to post to the club to take part of.

Wants to find dates that would work to bring in a guest speaker to discuss climate change and its effects on the rivers in the future

Safety Officer – Robert Watts:

Has found someone to work the box majority of the nights leaving him able to instruct roll sessions.

Beginner trip to the elkhorn, included 8 people, 3 being new members. Elkhorn Campground was extremely easy to work with, provided parking passes as needed when mentioned people were BWA members.

New River Gorge Rangers Swift Water Rescue was an amazing opportunity. Put on once a year. First day included 4 rangers and 13 students participating.

J & H needs new club member updates for discount – They contacted the BWA regarding their incentive program, and club approved to give personal information. Tubbo and Sam are employed and have the ability to log into our wild apricot program. Bob worked with Sam Arnold in the past. Kyle will take care of this issue. Kyle will notify members and give a deadline for people to respond if they do not want their personal information given out.

Now we are able to use the square reader, Robert wants to look into finding a device to have at roll sessions to use this. Wants to have a digital sign in sheet, preferably excel spreadsheet, that can docu-

ment attendance.

Program Director – Clay Warren:

Jacob Robertson is a great contact with PNC Bank
Goal is to have a program every single meeting with the intent to make meetings great again. Ideas include:
Habit of recognizing new members and make them feel welcomed.
Bob in the past let them know what the BWA does, and asks them to stand up and tell them about themselves. Have something at the meeting to give them with our website and logo.
Bring back trip reports at the end of meetings. These stories are enticing for beginners.
Months that we don't have something preplanned, like to hold some type of safety symposium where we spend 10-15 minutes talking about safety. Play videos of rescues and situations and discuss what they did right or wrong.
Robert has been searching for good instructions for whitewater/ swiftwater rescue. Has found videos from the coastguard regarding swimming.
Storzee suggested contacting someone to come and give a presentation on swiftwater rescue.
Bob – Mentioned in the past River First Aid and Wilderness First Aid have been discussed
Don suggested to search Kent Ford
Meeting location is a very important aspect for meetings to increase attendance.
Maybe spend 300 dollars and have door prizes at meetings. Gives incentives for people to attend.
Sponsoring someone to get ACA certified and returning to teach following members.
Walt brought up the liability with being certified.
Finding an app or software that can send a text to remind members of meetings
Can email phone numbers, but need to know the members carrier.
(Also noted in unfinished business)

Film Festival Coordinator – James Welch: Absent

Web Meister – Joe Wheatley: Absent

Gear Meister – Brandy Mellow: Absent

Member At Large – Codie Dunn: Absent

Membership Coordinator – Dot Edwards:

Passes are going to go out at the end of the month by mail
Total 286 active members
Last 30 days, have 16 total new members... 10 of which individual, 6 family
Will make sure Safety Officer will have parking passes on hand to give out at roll sessions to new members as they sign up
Need to go ahead and start a thread about renewing memberships, renewal is July

Past President – Bob Larkin:

Wishes luck at building membership attendance, but most definitely a battle in the past
Will be at meetings when help is needed, won't be at many meetings but some.
Passed the bylaws! Passed by close to 30 if not more. Big thanks to Clay and Kyle for notifying members and bringing in votes.
Summer Party
Event catered by Ocoee deli, continue with previous years location. \$1000 roughly
Vikings will pitch in and set up margarita bar like previous year
Battle of the breweries
Establishing an annual event that hosts local businesses for clean up on elkhorn.
Time options:

Fall while water is still warm

Prior gauley fest

Spring

Different companies putting together teams for clean up

In the middle of applying for a grant for this.

Talk with Canoe Kentucky to be involved and take on part sponsorship

Unfinished Business

File paperwork for not for profit status and any other associated paperwork to protect club officers.

Don Perkins discussed there are files to be completed that removes responsibility from officers.

New Business

Email setup and use including rollsession@bluegrasswildwater.org, forum@bluegrasswildwater.org, &clinic@bluegrasswildwater.org.

Membership and parking pass management

In general, Dot sends out parking passes out within a week of members signing up. 2 weeks is appropriate.

At what point does members who sign up, their membership roll over to the next year? What is the month cut off? Look into this for the wild apricot system to set parameters for this.

Clay will look into this. This motion was voted and passed on when he held president office. Believes the date was January 1st.

Mentioned setting membership year from the moment someone signs up

Hard to plan for budget doing this

Provide food for July general club meeting for cook out.

Bob made a motion to allow Kyle to spend 150 on food, clay seconded the motion at 9:12 pm. All in favor, motion passed 10/10 Elkhorn Acres

Clay would like to discuss safety in terms of central Kentucky creeks

Post things to the forum and bwa rain chaisers for notifications and updates as to what is to be expected at the upcoming meeting

Bob will add Kyle as an admin

Clay mentioned sending out an email with the meeting agenda

Forum is more for threads

2017/2018 Fiscal Year Club Budget

Ben will be back the 12th, will work with Kyle to develop a budget prior to next steering committee.

Updating meeting notification. Preferably move to text messages over emails, but give members the option of how they want to be notified. Look into the legality of this.

Don't want to reinvent, but want to solidify communication within the club.

Would like to have access to direct email accounts rather than forward to personal, but up to that person. Would like for officers to be active on their email and respond within a reasonable amount of time.

Kyle wants the calendar to be actively updated. Will need admin access to do so

Announcements

July 14th, 15th, & 16th : Nantahala that Friday, Saturday and Sunday Whitewater Park in Charlotte

Adjournment

[Mike Daugherty] made a motion to adjourn the meeting at [7/5/17] [9:24] and it was seconded by [Robert Watts]. The motion was carried.