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Be there June 11!**

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A Day in the Park with John Regan

Brent Austin

John Regan running the Sinks on the Little in the "Park"

John Regan is a legend. He was already a legend when I first laid eyes on him running El Horrendo every which way but loose back on a sunny day in October in 1989. I was on an R2 taking a good first look at the Russell Fork Gorge which I hoped to run someday in a kayak. He was loud, all smiles, exuberant and completely stoked. Kinda like he is today at the ripe age of 57. We were both born in the same year, 1959, but he became a world class kayaker by his late teens in the 1970s. I started a serious commitment to kayaking when I was on the cusp of 30 years old. By then, John Regan had already done first descents at Watauga Falls on the Watauga (these days called "Stateline Falls") and Marginal Monster and Gravity on Overflow

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Looking Ahead

Coming BWA Meetings

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm
Ethereal Brewing 1224 Manchester St,
Lexington, KY 40504

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

Pinnacle Pool,
621 Southpoint Dr, Lexington
7:45 PM

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

Swift Water Rescue Registration

WHO: Jason Foley and the FIRST 12ish that register!

DATE: 4/15-16

TIME: 8-4 each day (tentatively, just make sure you are there
friday night so you can be prepared Saturday morning)
bring lunch and be prompt, the more progress made = the
more daylight left for a lap.

WHERE: Russell Fork (exact location TBD based on water conditions out of Haysi, we do not care about no damn dam)

CAMPING: There will be a group camped at the Breaks Interstate Park to minimize potential hassle and let the park peeps know we support them. Feel free to camp where you wish.

HOW: <http://kentuckywhitewater.com/swrclassdetail.htm>

Register and make down payment (\$50) \$\$: \$125 (50+75)



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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 it's support.
We urge you to patronize them for your outdoor needs.

Creek. He did first descents on the North Fork Blackwater and the list of firsts with John go on and on. He made his own boats, paddles, skirts, life vests and helmets, like many of his peers did in the area around Friendsville Maryland with the Youghiogheny and Cheat rivers in their backyard. That John Regan was well known in kayaking circles in the 1970s and 80s is an understatement. William Nealy, the cartoonist and author, devoted an entire cartoon called "Regan's Brain" in the early 1980s. See below.



Discussing the "Sinks"

While John was a world class pro, back in the early 90s, I was one of the original "beaters", before anyone came up with that term, and with my friends we began to paddle down hard Class V rapids until we eventually developed skills commiserate with our desires. The Russell Fork Gorge is where all the expert paddlers came to hang out in the fall back then and because I was there constantly boating in the early 90s, soon I was becoming familiar with many paddlers who were legendary boaters but had made a habit of coming to the fall release and hanging out at Ratliff Hole in Kentucky in the fall. From there we would shuttle either to Bartlick, or for those with four wheel drive, Garden Hole. We all considered Ratliff Hole a sanctuary, we congregated on weekends and started some lifetime friendships there. There, and of course the river itself, is where I developed friendships with great boaters like Woody Calloway, Jeff Snyder, Dave "Psycho" Simpson, (actually there is a pretty big list but these popped into my head first) and of course, John Regan.

Over time and the decades, John and I became good friends. To this day, I often go camp in his yard up on top of a ridge overlooking Friendsville Maryland and the Upper Yough takeout. And, as many of you know, it is often not just me showing up, but an entire entourage of folks, many from Kentucky. And then, of course, instead of just me, there would be a dozen of us paddling down with John on the Upper Yough with the usual exuberant statement from him: "hey, follow me down this cool line" and off he would go. He is kinda hard to keep up with on the river when he starts rolling. Anyway, he always styles me and my friends out when we show up there. And, I always look forward to reciprocating and showing him some hospitality down here in the Smokies when he is around and passing through.

On March 10, 2017, he showed up in the neighbor-

hood with a bit of time on his hands – a good day to go paddling before he headed across country driving an 18 wheeler loaded with boats manufactured by Pyranha. The original plan was to meet up in the morning at the Oneida exit on I75 and go paddle the Big South Fork. He has never, as of this date, boated anywhere in the Plateau and this was one of the few things we saw running the day before. But, that next morning, after a good night's rain that was unexpected, everything went sky high in the Plateau, and at the same time, the Little River finally came up after a long hiatus throughout the winter. As luck would have it, John did not go far down I40 and was actually at exit 398 off of I40, east of Knoxville. I told him to sit tight, we were changing plans, and going to the Little and that I would come pick him up there at the truck stop.

Now, John had done the Little River, but it had been over 25 years and back then we had different boats and sometimes lines through some of the rapids. So, we got to the Sinks after driving upstream from the Elbow, observing a reasonable 2.5 level all the way up. John thought it looked low. I admitted it was, but that it goes just fine at that level. Further, as John noted later the water quality is so clear and clean that it is deceiving how much is actually in the river and channelizes in the rapids.

Picking up a buddy, Michael Gilchrist from Knoxville, we threw our boats on our shoulders and walked up the road to put in above the Meanies and get in the river. We worked our way down through the Meanies, and then just above the Sinks, John announces "I am going" and takes off disappearing over the horizon line. He had a great line. (See Photo). I had thought I would show him the line, but he later explained that he had looked at it four times before and knew what



Brent Austin at the drop just below the Sinks

he wanted to do and besides, he really would not be able to see my line as I disappeared over the horizon line anyway. While this may have been the first time he had run the meaty left line at the Sinks, with his skill and acumen, the hallmarks of a real professional, he styled it.

way of Gatlinburg so he could see some of the fire damage. The food was good, the beer was too and we got John back to his rig by 4:20 so he could get moving north towards Wisconsin. Great visit with my friend. Thought I would share the trip with ya'll.

Brent

We progressed down the run at a clip that John liked and we giggled as we cruised through Silver Diner, Eddy Out, Bottoms Up, the Tunnel rapid and when we got to the Elbow, we slipped through it, grinning from ear to ear. An awesome day on the river! Although we had the river to ourselves mostly that morning, by the time we got to the takeout, other paddlers were showing up so we ran shuttle and chatted with folks including a guy that John had recently paddled with on Cherry Creek in California. Small world for kayakers.

Having completed the run, John offered to buy us some Pizza and beer if we would take him back to his truck by



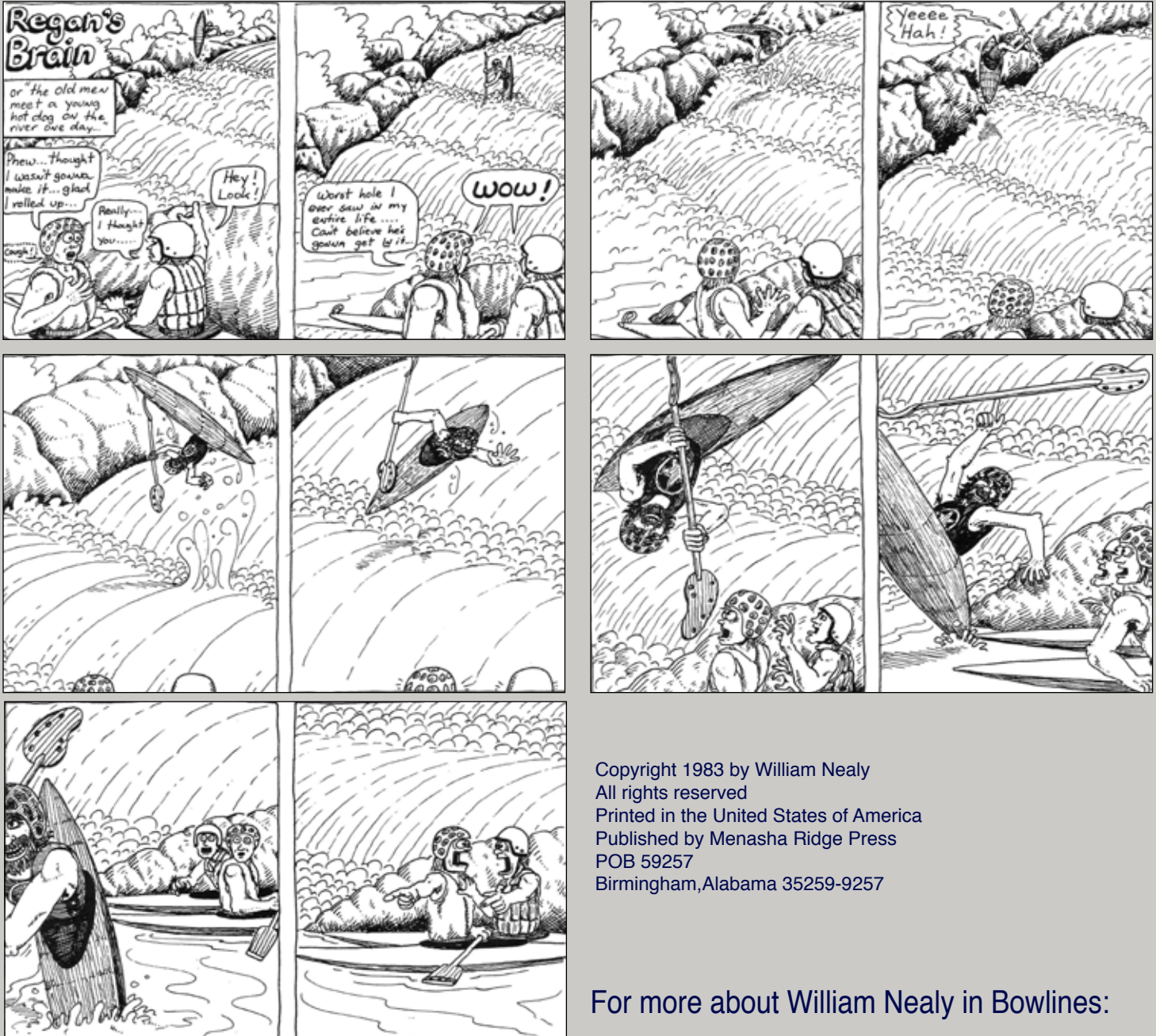
Gathering at the pool below the Sinks

Note to recent generations of the BWA:

The following cartoon is from "William Nealy's Whitewater Tales of Terror".

William was and still is the best known artist who subjects were almost always something to do with whitewater paddlers & whitewater. William, his wife Holly, & Bob Sehlinger, formed Menasha Ridge Press. Without their support & encouragement the National Paddling Film Festival would not exist. William & Holly has passed away, but Menasha Ridge Press still exists run by Bob Sehlinger (a founding member of the BWA).

I urge you to go to the Menasha Ridge Press web site (<https://www.menasharidge.com>) and check out William Nealy's books. You will find that the BWA at times was an inspiration for William and you can see it depicted in some of the cartoons. William's wit & artistry is missed by the paddling community and the BWA. *Editor*



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<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bowlines/marapr02.pdf>

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bowlines/JanFeb03.pdf>

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<https://www.amazon.com/William-Nealy/e/B000APTDXU>

My First "Not" NPFF Elkhorn Race

John "Chief" Kulka



Living in Knoxville, Tennessee often keeps me separated from all the kayakers in Kentucky whom I consider as some of my best friends. When I first started kayaking it was in Lexington and Elkhorn Creek is where I learned and practiced most of the basic kayak skills that are needed to advance in the sport. However, the last time I paddled on the Elkhorn was probably 5 or more years ago-too long.

As a racer, my experience is limited. With urging and support from Clay Warren, I participated in a few Kentucky Club Party races at The Ocoee. Plagued by bad starts, inopportune encounters with rafts, and inability to get into a paddling groove, I performed worse than I had hoped (19th out of 21 and 19th out of 43?). At the end of each race, I enjoyed the sense of going fast in the boat and the bond with fellow participants.

This January while paddling Daddy's Creek, Fred Wilson asked me to race for BWA at The Elkhorn Race. My response was sure, but I don't have a very fast boat. We both agreed that a longer length boat like a sea kayak would be needed to be competitive. Fred also told me that BWA traditionally did well in the first few positions but would do poorly with its 4th and 5th place boats consequently losing to The Vikings.

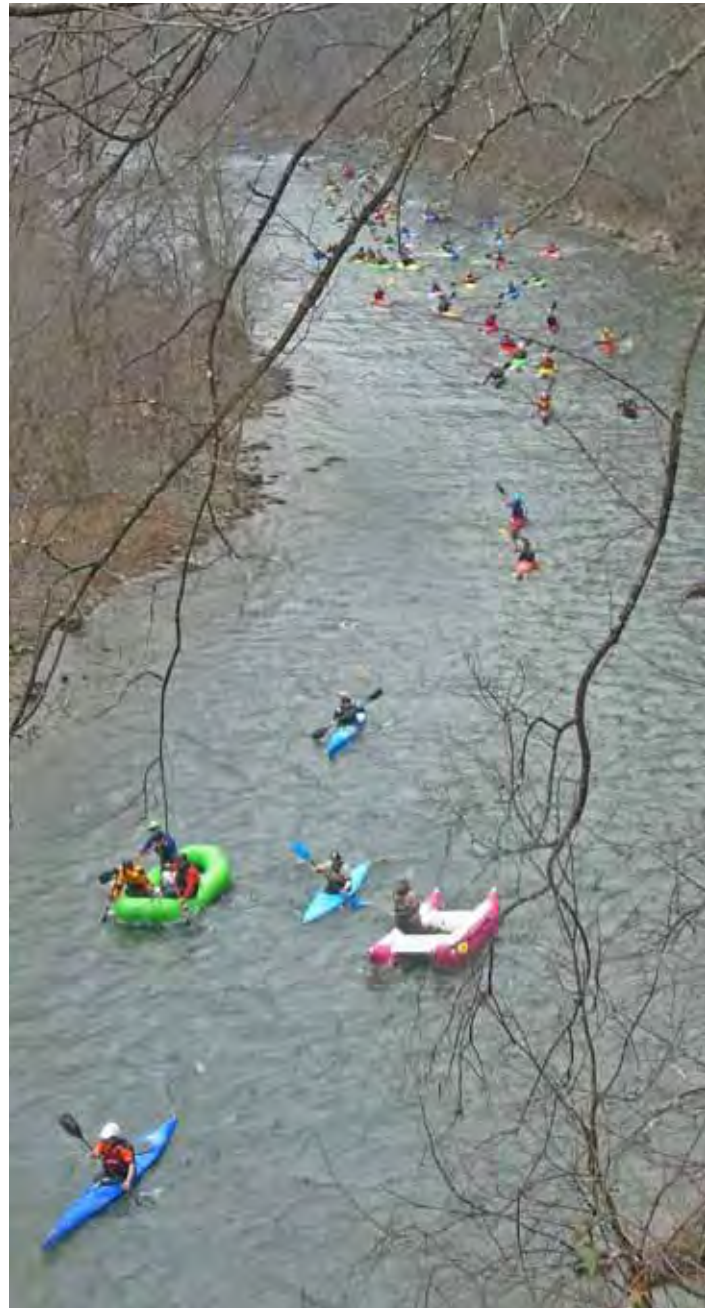
Not sure what boat I would paddle in the race, but I began to do some modest training for the race. I continued with my regular fitness routine of morning walks, visits to the gym, and added a lap around The Island Home Airport island on The Tennessee River near my house. The lap is probably about 3-4 miles, half against current half with and takes about 40 minutes, great for aquatic birds too. From this practice I knew that I could go the distance for the race.

On race day Steve Price and Sam Arnold offered me boats to borrow for the race. I opted for Sam's Perception sea kayak because it looked faster but it looked like it lacked in stability and turning ability. Within a few minutes I was at the dam, did a quick portage and entered the water. After some announcements from race organizers the boaters positioned themselves in appropriate eddies, shorter boats downstream and longest boats upstream facing backward.

At the start, I knew that it was not going well, especially trying to get my boat pointing downstream.

Mike Larrimore and I were in a dead heat for last place as I saw the masses take off in front of me. After getting on track I began the playing catch up to the first horde in front of me. As I entered the first S-Turn rapid I put my boat in line to diagonally dissect the rapid. Unfortunately, a group of short boats turned sideways and spun me around and upstream in an eddy. Again I got back on course and fortunately began to gradually pass slower boats especially in the longer flat stretches. I knew that I was not likely to do as well as I had hoped, but I continued passing people and finally got through most of the pack at about the root ball. At that point I began to notice that only longer boats like Stingers or Green Boats were in front of me and I began catching and passing them to my surprise. As I came into the last 200 yards I gave it everything I had and managed to pass a couple of boats. When I hit the finish Fred Wilson greeted me with enthusiasm and told me that BWA had probably won the race.

I paddled on down to Elkhorn Acres, and enjoyed the post -race festivities. This is BWA's first win in the team/club race, hope we can build on this success for next year. Hats off to all racers regardless of finish or club affiliation. Many thanks to all the race organizers and NPFF volunteers that are too numerous to mention who make this a fantastic event.



Shortly after the race start



Post Not-NPFF race: The Big Foot Amigos

The Winning BWA Team:
 Clint Schiavone,
 Bernie Engelman,
 John Kulka, Fred
 Wilson, and Wes
 Prince



8th Annual Not-NPFF Race "The Jess Cup" - 2017 CLASS WINNERS

(Thanks to Jim Gunn for compiling this list)



Overall Winner: Bernie Engelman BWA 32:17

Overall Winner Woman: Katrina Van Wijk BWA 36:49

Men Short Boat (Under 10 Ft.): Bill Eades BWA 39:41

Women Short Boat (Under 10 Ft.): Jennifer Farris BWA 42:00

Green / Stinger / Karma Unl. (Men): Steve Price BWA 36:56

Green / Stinger / Karma Unl. (Woman): Emily Jackson Other 37:20

Stand Up Paddle Board: Aaron Koch VCC 38:33

Tandem Kayak: Justin & Bella Burd TN 38:19

Tandem Canoe: Tim Shuler & Adem Pajevic VCC 40:16

Solo Canoe: Ed Singleton BWA 41:51

Tandem Duckie: Angela Brown & Adelessa Grace BWA 46:04

Solo Shredder: Jonathan Bartnett Other 47:17

Playboat: Dave Guarniene DBP 47:18

Tandem Shredder: Parede Valente & Eric Pruitt BWA-VCC 72:58

60+ Still Breathing – 1st Place: Kim Casto WVWA 33:55 **60+ Still Breathing – 2nd Place:** John Kulka (Chief) BWA 36:29

Youngest Paddler: Bella Burd (9) TN ---

Top Ten Boater Babes: Katrina Van Wijk BWA 36:49 Emily Jackson Other 37:20 Erin Savage BWA 37:57 Lindsay Walthall VCC 38:28 Emily Grimes BWA 39:30 Andrea Jones Other 41:28 Rachel Fleischut VCC 41:48 Jennifer Farris BWA 42:00 Monica Davis Hoosier 42:09 Amelia Taylor Other 43:22

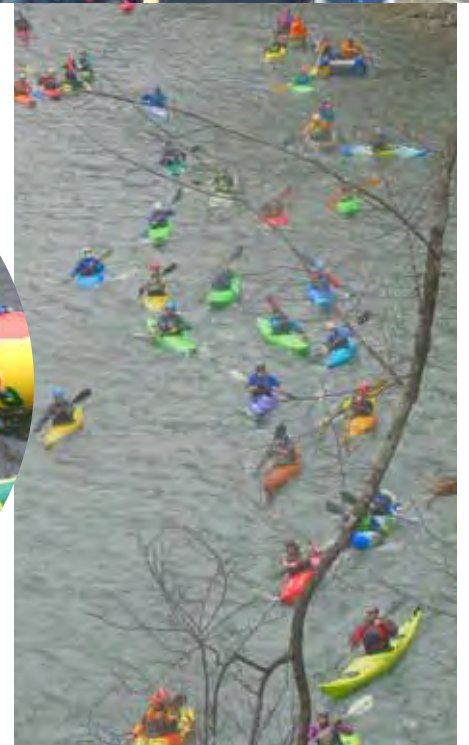


BWA Race Winners & BWA Fans

TEAM RESULTS

BWA			VCC		
Place	Name	Time	Place	Name	Time
1	Bernie Engelman	32:17	5	Delaney Albright	33:14
2	Clint Schiavone	32:34	6	Dan Spitler	33:20
3	Fred Wilson	33:11	7	Josh Hettich	33:34
10	Wes Prince	34:45	9	Jason Hettich	34:13
16	John Kulka	36:29	11	Justin Thompson	34:50
<i>32 Total (Lowest Score Wins)</i>			<i>38 Total</i>		

Not-NPFF Race Scenes



A message from John Mello about our

2017 National Paddling Film Festival

Thanks to everyone that volunteered for NPFF. \$9400 from the silent auction. the door brought in \$7200, BWA table brought in \$2540. We are now looking for people to step up for the NPFF 2018.

This is truly our most favorite time of the year at NPFF Headquarters!!!! The temps are getting warmer, the creeks are starting to flow again, and we get to divvy out loads of dolla's!!!!!! We're plumb tickled to announce that we'll be giving away more money than we ever have in the history of our festival. The 2017 National Paddling Festival was a gargantuan success thanks to volunteers, filmmakers, sponsors, and attendees!

We're donating \$14,000 to the following organizations that embody one of our missions--to protect, conserve, and make rivers accessible:

- \$9,000 to American Whitewater
- \$1,000 to Ecuadorian Rivers Institute
- \$1,000 to the Green River Access Fund
- \$1,000 to the North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy's Cain Creek/North Chick Access Initiative
- \$500 to West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- \$500 to Ottawa Riverkeepers (in honor of guesthost Katrina Van Wijk)
- \$500 to Bluegrass Wildwater Association
- \$500 for the Jess Albright Kayaking Education Endowment

This brings our donation total, over the course of the lifetime of the festival, to over \$172,000. Not bad for some hillbillies from Kentucky who love to paddle and who love to throw a big party.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to those of you who came to the festival, who volunteered at the festival, who submitted films, and who donated to our silent auction. We love you long time.

Entries for 2017 Nation Paddling Film Festival

AMATEUR

Garret Whittington	Effervescence	Amateur Documentary
Bill Parks	Rivering	Amateur Documentary
Shane Raw	Thrombosis Gorge South Africa - The rains return!	Amateur General Boating
Dawson Reynier	Church	Amateur General Boating
Yann Crist-Evans	Scott River Fun	Amateur General Boating
Taylor Thrash	Nantahala Cascades, North Carolina	Amateur General Boating
Caroline Jonsson	West Virginia Strong	Amateur General Boating
Caroline Jonsson	Bearded Vidiot	Amateur General Boating
Seth Burdette	Chasing Rainbows	Amateur General Boating

ACCOMPLISHED

Jacob Kastrup Haagensen	Inflatable People	Accomplished Documentary
Kelly Ann Sims	Holding On	Accomplished Documentary
Hugo Clouzeau	WHY	Accomplished Documentary
Cody M. Perry	The River Of Sorrow	Accomplished Documentary
Eric Adsit	The Journey	Accomplished General Boating

PROFESSIONAL

Bren Orton/Adrian Mattern	Fuego	Professional Documentary
Rush Sturges	Chasing Niagara	Professional Documentary
Will Lyons	Savage Slaughter	Professional Documentary
Steve Fisher	The Lost Valley of the Merced	Professional Documentary
Steve Fisher	Zambezi Dreamline: BLIND!	Professional Documentary
Will Stauffer-Norris	The Wild President	Professional Documentary
Seth Dahl	Kayaking Outtasight	Professional Documentary
Seth Dahl	In Love With Frank	Professional Documentary
Aaron Koch	Finding home. A SUP film.	Professional Documentary
Mike McKay	Jondachi	Professional General Boating
Dylan McKinney	California Oasis	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	Out To Lunch: Cold As Ice	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	The Little White from the Sky	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	Return To The Ditch	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	Be Water_Dane and Nick Surf Ruins	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	What The Little White Is Like	Professional General Boating
Rush Sturges	The Beater Reel	Professional General Boating
Steve Fisher	'With You'	Professional General Boating

2017 NPFF Winners



Still Image: Chris Anderson, *Success*

Paddlers Choice: Rush Sturges, *Chasing Niagra*

When pro kayaker Rafa Ortiz decides to follow his dream to paddle over Niagara Falls, he sets in motion an incredible series of events that eventually takes on a life of its own.

Amateur General: Garret Whittington, *Effervescence*

Ed Monroe is a West Virginia whitewater rafting pioneer for over 31 years. With having the loss of his wife, newborn daughter and brother within the same month at such an early age, Ed turned to the whitewater as an escape only to discover his one true love that would save him.

Accomplished General: Eric Adsit, *The Journey*

Whitewater kayaking is about more than just whitewater. It's about the people, places, and events leading up to, and following our on river experiences. It's never been about getting to the end that was so important, it's everything that happened in between.

Accomplished Documentary: Hugo Clouzeau, *Why*

Iceland. A cold, rugged and forbidding landscape where powerful rivers plunge through bedrock gorges, over massive waterfalls, toward the sea. Director Hugo Clouzeau and a crew of French kayakers travel here to ask the question, "Why?" "Why? Why do we do this." In the GoPro age, images of extreme feats flood our social media streams. We watch skiers drop into impossibly steep and narrow shoots. We follow jumpers in wing suits flying over mountains. We see climbers, slackliners, mountain bikers and paddlers doing things that appear to most people insane, but the action seems empty when we don't understand the motivation behind it. "Why?" we ask. "Why do they do this?" *WHY*, a short film from NRS and We Are Hungry, goes beyond the spectacle of extreme kayaking in search of an elusive answer.

Pro General: Mike McKay, *Jordachi*

The Jondachi river cuts its way through the jungles of the Napo Valley in Ecuador. For those who live with the river it provides more than a physical connection. It provides a connection that fills the spirit.

Pro Documentary: Will Stauffer-Norris, *The Wild President*

This short film explores the connection between former President Jimmy Carter's childhood in the Georgia outdoors, experience learning to canoe on the Chattooga River, and his legacy of conservation. Long Synopsis: Former US President Jimmy Carter grew up exploring the wild places of Georgia, an experience that deeply informed his years in political office. During Carter's service as Governor of Georgia, he learned to canoe, paddling the rapids of the Chattooga River. Carter later protected this river from development under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This film asks the question of one of the most prominent living



One of the things I been most impressed by during the years I have paddled is how so many paddlers find ways to relate their livelihood to boating. I have known many paddlers who found ways to earn a living, often in time a very good one, by starting a business that focused on some aspect of paddling. They have become manufacturers of canoes, kayaks, paddles, throw ropes, life jackets, videos, and just about anything that has a connection to paddling. Others found a good livelihood as an outfitter or catering to almost any thing we paddlers might desire.

A great example of this is James Locke, a supporter of the National Paddling Film Festival for several years. James donated *Foamies* & engraved signs for the auction and set up a table with his wares. Jim's business is called *Foamie Friends*. Foamies are hand crafted self-righting foamie canoes & kayaks. Jim describes them as a "great aide for teaching new boaters about whitewater safety and river hydrology, as well as lots of fun to play with.

Foamies are not some cheaply made toy watercraft. A great deal of craftsmanship & care goes into making them in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jim also takes pride in using materials from Tennessee or American if possible. He also helps the community by using *Sunshine Industries* (<http://www.sunshinekcarc.com>), an organization that works with adults with disabilities, to help him make *Foamies*.



Jim sources the wood locally, harvests the trees, mills it to the dimensions he needs, then carefully kiln-dry it. If the wood is Paulownia, Butternut, Poplar, they cut the tree all the way to the finished product. The Basswood and Buckeye is from a local family mill. Paulownia is prized because it is really light & buoyant yet amazingly strong for it's weight. Also, unlike Poplar and Basswood which are real fuzzy when you sand them leading to extra coats of sanding sealer, Paulownia does not.



Harvesting a Butternut Tree

The special high quality paints and finishes are also domestically made. The foam is made and water jetted right to our specifications right here in the USA, and all of our fiberglass rods are also sourced domestically.



Basswood, Buckeye, Poplar, Paulownia & Butternut woods are all carefully dried for a future Foamie.

While he hasn't been able to find any domestic supply of the foam he uses for heads, tooth picks, or for life jackets, *Foamies* are 100% produced in the USA from mostly domestically made materials. To make foamies more durable and to enhance the design he uses tougher minicell (6 pound not 2), with a shoulder design that has 4 contact points instead of 3 that extends through the body with no outside seam. The bodies, arms, and paddle blades are professionally water jetted for a consistent look. James says "I look forward to future innovations and love feedback from the community."



Foamies getting shaped up with some sanding.

One recent effort to further improve *Foamies* is that Jim has invested in a laser engraving machine to do logos, to personalize his products, and to make life jackets. He will soon paint faces on heads, and much more.

To quote James Locke: "We use the finest materials to hold up to abuse and make a product I am proud to sell." Foamie Friends are hand made with 1.5 hours labor in each boat plus 5.00-8.00 dollars per boat for material. A lot of hands-on effort goes into each *Foamie Friend!*



Bodies getting the big dip.



Scott Shipley President of S₂P Design & veteran of 3 Olympics and holder of 4 world titles with Ralph Budwig, Director, Center for Ecohydraulics Stream Laboratory testing a foamie on a wave idea for the for the Boise Idaho Whitewater Park

Foamies are so well designed that they have been used in testing waves on whitewater course ideas by Scott Shipley for the Boise Idaho Whitewater Park. Scott is a famous kayaker who participated in three Olympic games ('92, '96, '00) and is a holder of four world titles. Shipley has more than 25 years experience as a whitewater competitor and now uses his Engineering Design skills & his company (S₂O) being a designer for some of the world's most demanding whitewater design projects.



Yet another example of a boater who found a way to be connected to the Paddling world! Foamies can be both a friend to the user & to James who earns a living making & selling them.

Contact Info for Foamie Friends: James Locke Ph.865.742.2158
<http://www.foamiefriends.com>



Yes! You can customize a foamie if you want!



Editors note: A lot has changed since we wrote the By Laws in the old Sage Outfitters classroom in 1976. It is fair to say we could not have visualized all the changes to the club and to the world. Newsletters were printed with a mimeograph machine, there were no computers to use, no access to gauges, no internet for that matter, just a phone & word of mouth. We could not see the club growing to the size it is or doing things like the NPFF or being in a very different world. Much was good about the original by laws and served us well, but Bob Larkins proposal is a good starting point for the next 40 years of the BWA and deserves serious consideration.



Things change in 40 years...

A proposal to adjust a few things in our founding document from the BWA President

For years, as the club has grown, as technology has advanced and finally, as the need for the club to take on a more official standing has become apparent, it has become obvious that the BWA is in great need to have the Bylaws updated. Our official status as a "not for profit organization", things like online voting for some issues of great importance to the club and an expansion and in many cases, official recognition of the offices and duties of many of the clubs officers, are just a few of the things that have prompted this push to move forward with a change in our bylaws.

One of the few things that have hampered updating the bylaws for so many years were the "perceived" requirements needed to make these changes. The original bylaws state that the bylaws can be changed whenever the club deems it necessary by a majority vote of the clubs members. When this was first written the club was much smaller and online voting was still years off in the future. It has been assumed that the only way to make a change to the bylaws was by a majority vote of the clubs membership "at a meeting". No where in the bylaws does it say that an in person vote is required to change the bylaws, but rather, simply a "yes" vote by a majority of our members.

So the process will go as follows. The current bylaws, the new bylaws and a summary of changes will be posted in Bowlines as well as on the forum for (1) month. Discussion will be debated at the meetings on April 11th and May 9th, in which club members can discuss the new bylaws and any additional changes. Within a week after the close of the May 9th meeting, private online voting will be opened, as per a procedure that will be decided by the club at the 2 monthly meetings.(April 11th and May 9th). Voting will continue until a majority of the club has cast their ballots one way or the other. After the close of the May 9th meeting, no further changes will be accepted to the proposed bylaws and once voting starts, it will either be an up or down vote on the final revision agreed upon at the May 9th meeting.

Finally, voting will be private but a record of your vote will be maintained for a prescribed time, determined by the club during the two meetings, so that any challenges to the authenticity of the outcome can be verified.

The goal here is simply to act in the best interest of the club, both for now and in the future. A lot of effort has gone into the drafting of these changes, and I only ask that we all try to make our discussions as friendly and as productive as possible. Good luck everybody. I know changing the bylaws, or more accurately, redefining the bylaws will be a challenge, but I have faith in you that together, we can work to do what's best.

Bob Larkin
BWA President

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE BLUEGRASS WILDWATER ASSOCIATION

April 7, 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 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 or older, who is a competent swimmer, 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 super majority vote (2/3) 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.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section I: The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, River Conservation Liaison, Safety Officer, Program Director, Film Festival Coordinator, Web Meister, Gear Meister, Russell Fork River Rendezvous Coordinator, Member At Large, Membership Coordinator and Past President. 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: 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 two consecutive years prior to election as an Officer. The President, in particular, shall be a consistent and solid Class III 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. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in this office.

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 Russell Fork River Rendezvous Coordinator shall be responsible for directing the planning and activities of the BWA's Russell Fork River Rendezvous (RFRR) and shall maintain separate accounting procedures for the RFRR. There is no term limit for this office.

Section XI: The Web Meister shall be responsible for any website or other form of electronic communication on behalf of the BWA. No person shall serve more than three consecutive terms in this office.

Section XII: 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 XIII: 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 XIV: 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 XV: 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.

BWA Bylaws Summary of Changes

List of Major Changes.

Article III: Basic Policies:

Section I: States that the club shall be structured as per guidelines set forth by the IRS as it pertains to our official status.

Section II: States that the name of the organization or of its specific members shall not be used without the specific consent of the Steering Committee.

Section V: States the BWA fiscal year. July 1 through June 30.

Article IV: Membership and Dues.

Section II: Includes a provision for electronic voting when authorized by the Steering Committee.

Section III: Outlines both Individual and Family memberships. For “Family” memberships: voting rights only extend to up to 2 adults over the age of 18. Once children reach the age of 18 they would be required to obtain their own “Individual” membership.

Article V: General Membership and Meetings.

Section II: Highlights the requirements for “Individual” and “Family” memberships.

Section III: Spells out the procedure for making changes to the bylaws in the future. Allows for electronic voting, at the Steering Committees discretion and discusses the approval ration of a super majority of 2/3 active members.

Section IV: Caps the discussion time for topics at general meeting for a specific topic to 30 minutes. After this point the topic would be tabled to the Steering Committee.

Article VI: Steering Committee.

Section IV: Raises the cap on Steering Committee spending from \$300 to \$500.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election.

Section I: Outlines the procedure for creating new officers in the Steering Committee. This section also establishes several new officers, which for the most part have already been acting as such on the Steering Committee although they were not set forth in the previous bylaws. Listed below are the officers that would make up the Steering Committee with the new officers highlighted in “red”.

The Steering Committee:

President
Vice President
Past President
Secretary
Treasurer
Newsletter Editor
River Conservation Liaison
Program Director
Film Festival Coordinator
Russell Fork Rendezvous Coordinator
Safety Officer

Web Meister
Gear Meister
Membership Coordinator
Member at Large

Section V: Outlines the requirements to serve as an officer in the club. Regular officers shall have been in the club for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being elected. The President shall have held at least one other office for its full term and be a consistent and solid Class III paddler.

Article VIII: Duties of Officers.

This entire section outlines the duties of the Officers of the Steering Committee. The major change here is that it establishes and in some cases, removes these term limits for key offices. Listed below are the offices which will Not be subjected to term limits or that have had their term limits lengthened. Regardless of length of term limits, all offices are still required to be elected at the usual intervals.

Offices without term limits or lengthened term limits as noted:

Treasurer: No term limits.

Newsletter Editor: No term limits.

Film Festival Coordinator: No term limits.

Russell Fork Rendezvous Coordinator: No term limits.

Web Meister: May serve 3 consecutive years.

Original BWA By Laws from 1976

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To promote safety, and proficiency in all aspects of wildwater activities and to promote appreciation for the recreational value of wilderness waterways and whitewater sports. To chart and preserve wilderness waterways in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Section III: The objects of safe paddling shall be promoted through educational programs directed toward members and their families.

Article IV: Membership and Dues

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

Section II: The annual dues shall be all inclusive for membership in the Bluegrass Wildwater Association and shall be established at a general meeting by majority vote of the members present after it has been announced by letter or in the newsletter This amount shall be paid to the treasurer. Upon joining, the application for membership shall be completed by the signing, of a printed release of injury responsibility of the Association member guest.

Article V: Officers and Their Election

Section I: The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice president, Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, River Conservation Chairman and program director' and two members at large for the Steering Committee. These officers shall be elected annually by ballot. Officers shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and installed. No officers shall be eligible for the same office for more than two complete consecutive terms.

Section II: Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee.

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Article VI: Duties of Officers

Section I: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall be chairman Of the Steering Committee and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

Section II: The Vice President shall act as an aid to the President, presiding in the absence of that officer.

Section III: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all meeting and shall receive all monies and keep an accurate record regarding to a specific project, activity, or fund.

Section IV: The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for editing the contributions to the Newsletter, for arranging for the typing and distribution of the newsletter; for getting the material to the printer in time for it to be mailed.

Section V: The River Conservation Chairman will be responsible for keeping the club informed about projects or legislation which would mar the natural environment of our Kentucky Wildwater Systems and be the clubs liaison to other conservation minded organizations.

Section VI: The Program Director shall be responsible either working alone or as head of a committee for securing leaders for all trips scheduled by the Club and helping to organize educational programs at the meetings.

Article VII: Meeting

Meetings Of the membership shall be held monthly on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Article VIII: Steering Committee

Section I: The Steering Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association. the immediate past President and two members at large.

Section II: The duties of the Steering Committee shall be to draw up a tentative schedule of river trips and transact necessary business between club meetings. A majority shall constitute a quorum

Section III The Steering Committee shall meet once a month.

Article IX: Amendments

Section I: The membership shall have power at any time to make, amend, and repeal bylaws for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Association. This is to be enacted by a majority of the membership.

Article X: Voting

\Those entitled to vote shall be members in good standing when dues are paid. Individual members shall have one vote.

Article XI: Parliamentary Authority

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

Off the Cuff

Comments from the Forum Worth Remembering

We are getting a Flannagan Dam - Russell Fork (Va/Ky) feasibility study

February 24, 2017

Last week in our meeting the USACE indicated a positive assessment appeared to be on the horizon for the chance to get the feasibility study at Flannagan Dam. I received an advance copy yesterday of the assessment. posted this online today.

"Finally got my hands on and read the non-Final draft of the USACE initial appraisal for Russell Fork enhanced recreation releases and its safe to say I said wow a few times when I read it. As soon as an approved final draft is available somebody will share it but it is a very positive assessment for moving forward with a feasibility study to get downstream enhanced recreation added to the dams project purpose. It's a great day!"

it is a great day indeed folks. we keep moving this thing down the field. Were in the red zone now!

Jason Foley

Hell yeah brother! That is good to hear. It did sound like it was going to be positive last week at the meeting and I can't wait to see it even more now. Then it is on to the next big stage...and that will take a bunch of money coming from somewhere...

Brent

February 26

Brent, there is a bill in the KY house on creating a Mountain Recreation Authority to promote tourism. I wonder if there is any room in there to facilitate water recreation, too? I haven't actually read it yet. Of course the dam itself is in VA, but maybe it would help to open up access on the KY side? Or for other E. KY rivers?

HB 156 (Fugate and others)(H. Tourism)

Would establish the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority to promote outdoor recreation and tourism by developing a recreational trail system, prioritizing locations on private property made available by license or easement by willing landowners.

-Zina

Thanks Zina, I will defer to Jason Foley who is on top of all things political like that. Great idea.

Brent

Zina our battle is strictly in the Federal realm thankfully or our state would find a way to screw it up for us. And doubly thankfully its for a dam in VA in this case haha. Its a bad bill for business and I predict there will be a whole lot of new 4 wheeler trails come out of it because its strategy is to increase recreational activity on private land.

The regulating board (made up completely of politicians/appointees) they are suggesting prohibits anyone from building any kind of access or trail on their own in the mountain region unless the KMRA Board approves it. As soon as 16 counties sign on the KMRA will have a huge amount of political sway. Land owners come out in spades with the choice to participate or not and be rewarded if they do. The concept may be good but the landowners could extremely fragment any system quite like the Pine Mt trail is which prohibits it from being completed to its ideal. KMRA wouldn't have any power over any non-participating landowner ultimately.

My assessment of this bill is the party of less government and regulation in our state last night passed through the house a bill that creates a new regulatory authority under the guise of something else. It also doesn't do anything new than was already being done to promote tourism and it created mechanisms for users to pay fees and it prohibits individual cities, counties or governments from building their own recreation tourism without board approval. The same thing this bill does West Va allows each county to do on its own rather than tying it to a regional authority. I can tell you first hand paying them a fee isnt going to reflect any help to the businesses who now have to raise prices. It will be spent by the self-governing KMRA board. They essentially are making recreation more costly in this region and are forcing it to compete with other tourism in the state that wont levy user fees. In Kentucky we always f it up better than anyone else and this is no different.

I imagine if this passes it means one day soon zip lines, canoe liveries, climbing/kayak/raft guided trips in those counties will all have a KMRA surcharge added. Remember the old access fees at the Ocoee back in the day? 4-wheelers too but lets be honest they are the

one user group that can avoid the fees and will create a disproportionate user base who isn't paying the fee. Also river access point and trail head fees. Don't panic but if they charge John Q. Tourist a fee then you can sure expect that they want something from John Q. PrivateBoater.

I watched the debate with the best intentions to find necessary and prudent needs for the industry and our state. The sponsor from Perry Co. was such a poor communicator he would spend about half a sentence answering questions. The speaker of the house actually was answering questions for him. It was obvious but sad. Still needs to pass in the Senate. I only heard the government is coming and everything will be OK. Oh yeah and pay up soon suckers...

Jason Foley

SWR - RUSSELL FORK - 4/15-16
March 15, 2017

ust got off the phone with Jason Foley and we have got the weekend of 4/15 lined out for a swiftwater rescue class.

That's about all for meow. Details will become available as they become available. Should have a site set up in the next few days to start the registration down payment process, but we are locked in for that date.

Safety 1st and 3rd.

MFW

WHO: Jason Foley and the FIRST 16 that register!

DATE: 4/15-16

TIME: 8-4 each day (tentatively, just make sure you are there Friday night so you can be prepared Saturday morning)

WHERE: Russell Fork (exact location TBD based on water conditions and camping situation)

HOW:
online registration form will be loaded @kentuckywhite-water
Register and make down payment (\$50)

\$\$\$\$: \$125 (50+75)

Swiftwater Training

Message:

Hi All,

There's been a lot of talk about the club offering a subsidy for both of the SWR classes that Mike is putting together this year. As you know, we had originally planned just one class and had planned to offer a subsidy for it but during the recent Steering Committee meeting we decided, due to the backlog of students, that we would offer a class in the Spring as well.

First off, I'd like to make a couple of points; The first being, as Bethany pointed out in another post, \$125.00 is a great deal for a SWR class. They can normally run as much as \$300.00 or more but Jason Foley is one awesome guy and as usual, is taking care of us. The second point I'd like to make is that, this class was added at the last minute and there is only a little room in the budget to subsidize this class as much as we would like to. We all understand the importance of this class and want to do what we can to get as many people trained, but the facts are the facts. With that said, we will be offering a subsidy for this class on a "need" basis.

For "this" class, the subsidy that was authorized during the last club meeting will work like this;

1. The club will pay up to \$75.00 per student, IF the student requests this subsidy. The program only has a set amount of funds that we are drawing from other pre-approved events in order to make this happen, so if we don't have to spend it, we won't.
2. The objective of this program is to remove the financial burden and make it easier for everyone to attend, regardless of means. If you don't need the assistance, please save it for others that do.
3. In order to make sure that these funds are available to as many people as possible, one stipulation of this program is that if you request funds, you will still be required to pay the \$50.00 deposit first, and that deposit will be non-refundable.
4. The club has set aside \$800.00 for this program. As the math will tell you. \$800 at \$75.00 per person doesn't add up, so this program really is meant to relieve the burden on those that need it. The second class will be fully funded, meaning that there will still be a cost to attend but the subsidy program for that class will extend to all, regardless of means.

5. To request funds, just send me an email at BWApresident@gmail.com If you don't want the full \$75.00 subsidy, just let me know how much you would like, and I'll make sure it's available for you. Also know that any responses I get will be kept strictly confidential. We all have bills and we all have things we'd like to do and sometimes those things conflict with each other. Personally, I want as many of you to take the course as possible, so please sign up.

6. Lastly, if anyone would like to donate to make this subsidy program go further, just let me know. If so, and we get a lot of people requesting the subsidy, I'll make sure more people get a chance to use it. If not that many request the subsidy, I'll make sure it gets applied to everyone's overall cost evenly. Anyway, if you'd like to donate to this program, let me know via the email above and we'll work out the details.

SYOTR,
Bob

Drumming, Firespinning and more this weekend March 17, 2017

Yes, this weekend is our annual Equinox festivities and we will be, starting tonight, drumming, dancing and firespinning while hopefully getting some boating in tomorrow and Sunday. Right now, they are calling for heavy rain tonight and it is sprinkling on my head now. We are going to tarp up the Fire Circle off of the Pavilion and have plenty of dry space. Lows tonight are supposed to be 50 degrees. Highs tomorrow around 63 degrees. If we do get the rain tonight, the Little is nice and prime. I was just on it last week with my buddy John Regan. If you plan to come, please let me know in advance as we will have quite the crowd, many of whom were rolling in last night, and it is an entry donation of \$20 or work trade, mostly dealing with collecting cut up wood around the Grotto where all activities will be this weekend when we are off river. Oh, and the Pigeon runs almost every morning between about 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. if early birds want to get the worm.

Spring Equinox! Embrace balance!

Brent

March 18, 2017

Ok, morning report from the Smokies. I have 1.25 inches of rain in my gauge overnight. Things will be rocking here today and tomorrow. Wes is coming. We will have options for the next few days. Finally, a good

solid overnight rain. Fire is still going in the Grotto, tarp city is up. I went to bed and got rest, so there will be a bunch of boating for me today, followed by a night of celebrating spring. Tomorrow will be boating too. Guaranteed. Wish the Little gauge was working. Been down since 9 p.m. yesterday. Good morning BWAlandia!
Brent

March 20, 2017

Didn't get down there til late but managed to get in a run on lower Big Creek at 3.8ish before partying down at Brent's. It was a hoe down! Karen and I had a great time - drumming til 2 am when I had to call it because I only got 3 hrs sleep on the drive down. Last I saw Brent was going strong at 2am ... can't remember ever going bed before Brent lol. Karen said drumming was going on til dawn - that's a party! Little was at a great flow yesterday but didn't see anyone I knew and wasn't feeling up to paddling with strangers so we went for a nice hike up Griegs Creek trail. I had some carnage on Lower Big Creek ... with a swim after a big pourover experience because I was totally beat and out of breath going into the rapid. Time to get back in shape for Spring boating,

Wes

Wes,
I think I know the hole you are talking about. You were on it at a chunky level. It was great to have you here drumming with us. I am sorry I did not get to boat with you Saturday as I was already off river by 4:20. But, I will see you at the Cheoah tomorrow. Not sure yet what I am paddling Sunday. Something, but probably not a 600 level Cheoah...
Brent

8th Annual Not-NPFF Race

"The Jess Cup" - 2017 CLASS WINNERS

Eddy Lines of Interest

BWA General Club Meeting Rock House Brewery March 14, 2016

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Megan, Bob, Walt H, John M, B-randi, Don, Former President Clay Warren.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:49:59pm

Welcome to the group Evan!

Officer Reports

Don, Newsletter – New issue out at the end of this month. Anyone that has a story that they would like to tell, send it to Don!!

Megan, Conservation Officer – Red cleanup is on the way, looking at early May.

Michael D, Secretary – always hungry now and days. food has been taking priority over whitewater. might be problematic in the future. taking notes with the occasional joke.

Walt, Safety Officer – roll sessions are still going. Trying to get more people out.

Bob, President – Fairly full agenda. First of all BWA 40th anniversary party is on the horizon. We are looking right now at Mike Laramore's property on the Elkhorn Creek, mid to late June. Planning some live music for the party. DBP has been doing a worldwide river clean-up 30 clean ups on 30 rivers in 30 days. To honor the initiative, our part is to change the attitude of the people that visit the river. Talk about getting companies involved such as W6, Rock House, and Country Boy... at the end of the event there will be an award to the company that collects the most trash. Looking to make it an annual event around May or June. SWR course is coming up. One in the spring and one in fall, Mike Wilson has been talking to Jason Foley and there has been concern about lack of subsidization. There will be 16 open spots at \$125. We are looking to try to subsidize up to \$800 if we are able to. Budget right now is at about \$800 unreserved funds. Short discussion about just subsidizing

Flunker . Consensus says that we cannot subsidize Flunker unless he volunteers. Talk about subsidizing those that need it. Looking to gather donations for subsidization. MOTION BELOW. Next topic. Bylaws need to be amended due to changes in technology and income. There are some proposed changes some have been addressed and some have not. some of these changes authorize new positions and split old positions such as NPFF director. We will review the amendments (handed out.) Will be posted on the forum for all to see.

Motion to subsidize up to \$800 for people that need up to \$75 per person (that will not cover everyone) upon request and also give people the option. (DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT)

MOTION PASSED

Brandy, Vice-President – Clinic is June 3-5th, at ratliff hole. Looking for volunteers. Live music to jam out to, local food, good times.

John Mello, NPFF– Thanks to everyone that volunteered for NPFF. \$9400 from the silent auction. the door brought in \$7200, BWA table brought in \$2540. John is looking for people to step up for the NPFF 2018.

Clay W talks -- BWA brought home the Jess Cup!! Stellar top 5 finish.

Motion to adjourn at 8:58:12.

February 14 General Club Meeting

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Bob, B-randy, John M., Walt, Brandy Mello,. KY JIM

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm

Officer Reports

Michael D, Secretary – NPFF Menu is set and ordered, will need help transporting the food, pots, pans, serving equipment, ect... shouldn't be too much stuff.

Walt, Safety Officer – pool sessions still going on. Our attendance isn't as good as last year but we're getting new people, new members. Now is the time to start going, Looking to use the BWA booth to get more new people to the sessions.

Don P, Treasurer – We currently have \$3553.92 in assets. Dues income was about \$30 more than last Jan. Expenses were comparable to last Jan except for the 40th anniversary party seed money. The 4 roll sessions were subsidized by about \$96 which is much better than the 4 Nov/Dec sessions which cost us about \$163. Don P has resigned as treasurer and we will become a 501.7 club. The books are fine but he was concerned about a form that we should've filed over the last 40 years. Don will still be doing our books.

Dot, Member coordinator-- in the last 30 days, we have a total of 247 members, 5 new members, 4 individual and 1 family.

Bob, President – We need to officiate the club and become a 501.c7 club so we're putting forward \$300 to get an accountant to get this officiated. 40th anniversary party is gearing up but it's a still up in the air. so bounce some ideas around and see if we want to put it together at the Cheoah, mix it in with the summer party, or somewhere else. We have not changed the bylaws in a long time there are positions that are not in the bylaws. we are looking at making some changes on the bylaws. There needs to be an input session to make these changes. We need to get the majority of the club out to change the bylaws.

KY Jim- Need more volunteers. Got an email from Nate,

Mike W- We are aiming to move the meeting to Rockhouse and he would like to put together some money to secure Jason

Foley for SWR classes.

Brandy, Vice-President – First Clinic meeting was last week and we're working on a packet to get paddlers linked up. Trying to get a sponsor for cliff/laura/bully bars in order to have a self serve setup for breakfast. Still looking at the first weekend of June. Need a lead instructor and a dumpster for recycling as well.

John Mello, NPFF– This weekend is the film festival, awesome times, a few changes between now and then. New Volunteer post at the BWA booth selling Beer cups, npff cups/raffle ticket, npff applications. On Thursday, the River Funk from Ocoee TN will be at Cosmic Charlies on thursday. If you buy your ticket before then, you can get in for free to Cosmics. Movies are all set, Erin Savage is going to be our guest speaker and she's going to be an amazing speaker, super excited. We will be streaming our event from our facebook page for those who can't make it. We're working to get the audio/video streaming to the BFT bar TV. Buy a cup for the door raffle. Thursday at 11, meeting Sarah at BFT to get everything set up. Planning on being there at noon on Friday. Reached out to the Vikings and there is interest to take over the NPFF.

Motion on the table to extend memberships from NPFF to pro-rate memberships to June 2018. Motion passed.

New Business

Meeting Closed... 8:28

February Steering Committee Meeting Ethereal Brewery 2/7/17

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Bob, B-randy, John M., Walt, Dot

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm

Officer Reports

Michael D, Secretary – NPFF menu, talk about budget, volunteers.

Walt, Safety Officer – pool sessions still going on. Our attendance isn't as good as last year but we're getting new people, new members. Now is the time to start going,

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Bob, President –

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Brandy, Vice-President – Clinic is happening, informal meeting on wednesday. Clinic applications. Trying to get the ratliff

hole for the clinic but haven't heard back. Need help!!! Hit up Brandy!

John Mello, NPFF– Feb 17-18 there will be a party in Frankfort, Garrett tate dropped out Erin Savage is coming out to be our guest host. Cosmic Charlies meet and greet on the thursday, the river funk will be playing and if you get a ticket to npff by wednesday 11:59pm will get in for free. The cups idea fell apart but if you buy a NPFF cup for \$10, you get entered into the raffle for a kayak!! there will be a booth with clinic applications, bwa applications, and the cups. Talk about moving the npff to vessel saturday night river funk, restless leg

Motion to use \$300 to seek find finical advisor to advise the club to help a figure a direction for the club by John M. Seconded by Walt, unanimous.

Motion to close by Bob seconded by Dot

New Business

Meeting Closed... 8:23

BWA General Club Meeting Ethereal Brewery Jan 10th, 2017, 7:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Bob, Ky Jim,, Don P, Don, B-randy, John M., Walt, Megan.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

Welcome to the Gary Sevo from the Explore KY Initiative. A SUP racing

Officer Reports

Megan, Conservation Officer – No report.

Michael D, Secretary – Finally was able to repair the network interface card on laptop fixed

Walt, Safety Officer – pool sessions continuing, it's a nice warm setup. 7:45 at the Pinnacle Pool.

MFV, Program Director-- Jan 19th the roadshow at 7:00 Rockhouse Brewery. Swift water rescue class is being finalize the class with Jason Foley, we need more people interested,

Don P, Treasurer – Trying to manage for our low spring balance. we have a check from last May that hasn't been. \$485 for a 13 months. Wild apricot forum is looking to raise prices. Elk-horn Put in parking is still. ACA membership is at \$225. New members are coming in as expected. Looking to get around \$600 from new members. We are looking to spend \$1500 for NPFF. Worst case we will be at \$965 in April.

Bob, President – Volunteer of the year... dum dum dummmmm JOHN MELLO!! Big thanks to B-randy, Adelessa, Chris Mullins, Ky Jim, Michael D. The second award goes to..... MARK BRANCH!!! Thanks so much for all your help. 40th anniversary party March 25th. Making t-shirts. Looking for a location, open to all previous members along with old members are welcome. Kentucky fish and wildlife is looking to make paddler lives better including river access, dam portages, and other im-

provements such as bathrooms. Boat registration is not a part of this meeting.

Brandy, Vice-President – Spring Clinic is set for June 4th and 5th hopefully at the Russell Fork River. Need volunteers!!!!

John Mello, NPFF– NPFF is having the 36th annual festival. We showcase the film makers but we are about making money for AW. We are stoked to announce the guest speakers!!!! (sorry you weren't at the meeting!) We have bands food for sale, food for free, vendors, BEER included with price of admission, Please reach out to film makers and get them to send in videos! Send an e-mail, send a telegram, telegraph, smoke signal. get it in. We need help setting up and running the silent auction We do need several volunteers and the sheet will be posted in early February. Deadlines for films are at npff.org

KY Jim, Member at large-- Working with Mike W. with swift water rescue

Motion to close by John M. at 8:40, second by Mike D, meeting closed

Motion to give NPFF up to \$1500 to use. Motion carried!

New Business

Discussion about the Boater registration, Fish and Wildlife is self funded through licensing fees. The money will go towards improving river access and cleaning the water clean. We need an overall stance for the club and help steer the course of the regulations,

Motion to close... 8:33pm

BWA General Meeting Panda Cuisine November 8th, 2016, 7:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees: Mike D, Bob, Megan, Walt, KY Jim, Don P

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

Up-n-coming:

Officer Reports

Megan, Conservation Officer – Elkhorn Acres renovation in work, we are having to jump through some hoops, having to contact other boating clubs to gain approval. Looking for volunteers,

Michael D, Secretary –

Dot, Membership Coordinator – First aid class is going to be on Monday and roll sessions are starting up on Friday! Larry Cable might do a swiftwater class in the spring.

in the past month we've had 3 new members 230 active members currently

(don p email) \$5797

Walt, Safety Officer –

Bob, President – We had Rendezvous, all the hard work BIG thanks to the volunteers, made it twice as big as last year. Everything was amazing, the food tent was great. We made about 5500, 2200 in profit, we sent AW a check for \$2160. We were looking to move to Haisi but we're reconsidering aqz1 G

KY Jim, Members at large- Elkhorn Acres logistics in work, still trying to figure out cost and labor.

John M- Meeting for NPFF volunteers this thursday at 7:30, Emily G is working on design for t-shirts, Vessel and RLSB are willing to play. NPFF is set for Feb 17 and 18th of February. The website is up and we're looking for submissions so if you know any video makers or like any videos, contact them and get them to send it in. NPFF Roadshow is shooting for Nov 17th.

Beginners clinic will be the first weekend in June but we still have to work it out with the Army Corp of Engineers,

BWA General Meeting Meeting Panda Cuisine November 8th, 2016, 7:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees: Dot, Kyle, Bob, Megan, Walt

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

Officer Reports

Walt, Safety Officer – 1 more roll session for 2016

Kyle- got unit code and number of storage unit to Don Jr.

Bob, President – about \$6k in bank, AW lifetime membership talk, same info from committee meeting. Club voted to be first supporting club. Club voted to give Bob up to \$2k for BWA 40th anniversary party. Venue, date, and time tbd. Elkhorn Acres gravel down but needs to be packed.

KY Jim, Members at large- Elkhorn Acres logistics in work, still trying to figure out cost and labor.

John M- NPFF update working on guest host, working on auction items, beer cup idea to reduce solo cup trash

Dot - 1 new family, 1 individual, 233 current members



Coming this June 11

BWA 40th Anniversary party

Free for all current & former BWA members

WHY: The BWA has always like to have a celebration

WHERE: Mike Larimore's on the Elkhorn River at 2385 Sullivan Ln. Frankfort, Ky. 40601

WHAT: Bonfires, music, drum circles, games, contests. (Other stuff is still being worked out)

FOOD: Club provides Main Dish (meat), members bring side dish to share. (BYOB)

CAMPING: Will be possible Friday /Saturday Night (space available).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help, Contact Bob Larkin: bwapresident@gmail.com

RSVP Info

To Come

Check <http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org>



Tee shirts are being worked on and will be available soon for advance purchase.