

BOWLINES

Award Winning Newsletter of The Bluegrass Wildwater Association since 1976. March/April 2019


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Looking Ahead

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm

BWA Monthly Meeting

Location can vary

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

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



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Pool Canoe/Kayak Roll Sessions

140 Pavilion Dr, Georgetown, KY 40324-8778
6:30-8:30 a Sunday session may be added

For date updates check:
<http://bwa.shuttlepod.org/event>

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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



- °Learn to wet exit, bow rescue, and roll.
- °Meet BWA members and be involved.
- °Wash your boats, inside and out, before arrival.



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

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

About the BWA's Bowlines

The Bowlines has been a unique record of the BWA and its members. Unique in that it has been more than a listing of club activities and general information about paddling and related issues. When you read Bowlines you read about each of us and what we thought and did over the years. Members have contributed articles not only about paddling, conservation, and the club, but also stories crafted with humor, imagination, and the spirit of enthusiasm of life and enjoyment of each other. These are only a small portion of the many articles worth rereading. There have been songs, poems, soap operas, jokes, cartoons, wedding announcements, birth announcements, and unique trip reports among all the issues. Not what you might think you would see in a whitewater club newsletter.

We owe a thank you to all the newsletter editors that spent countless hours preparing each issue. To all you club members a big BWA hand for your contributions. Please keep it up! Now dig in and enjoy old memories or chuckle at the amusing stories, poems and pictures...

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When?

Saturday and Sunday May 11th and 12th, 2019. Arrive Friday night to camp. Instruction starts early Saturday morning.



Ratliff Hole Beach at Clinic Camp

Where?

The 2018 Spring Beginner's Clinic will take place at Ratliff Hole Campground in the Breaks Interstate Park in Elkhorn City, KY. Instruction will be given on the class II and III sections of the Russell Fork River. **DIRECTIONS TO SPRING CLINIC**

Why?

Because we love boating, wild places, adventuring on and around rivers, and the friendships and camaraderie that are formed on boating trips and around a campfire. Because we want to help other people love these things as much as we do.

How do I register and what does that include?

Clinic student cost includes: camping fees, shuttles, gear loaning as necessary, 3 meals, 2 days of river instruction memories that will last a lifetime.

All students must join the BWA to participate in the clinic. BWA membership for a year is \$20 for individuals and \$25 for family membership.

Clinic Student, early bird (before March 30th): \$99*
Clinic Student, standard registration, before April 20th: \$120*

Late Registration, as spots are available: \$150**

* Must use the email your membership profile is set up under to register. Registration includes Saturday and Sunday instruction, camping, and food for the student only.

** Late Registration is available only on a discretionary basis. Contact the clinic organizer if you want to register after the deadline at VP@BluegrassWildwater.org **



Clinic Food, Always Good & Plenty!

What IF?

What if I just want to hang out and not be a student or volunteer?

Non-Student (1 person): \$25*

Family non-student (2 adults and up to 3 minors): \$60*

* Covers 2 nights camping, and 3 meals. Contact clinic organizer if you need to bundle more than three kids at VP@BluegrassWildwater.org and we'll work something out.

Registration deadline for students and campers only is Monday, May 2nd, 2019.

What if something comes up? What about refunds?

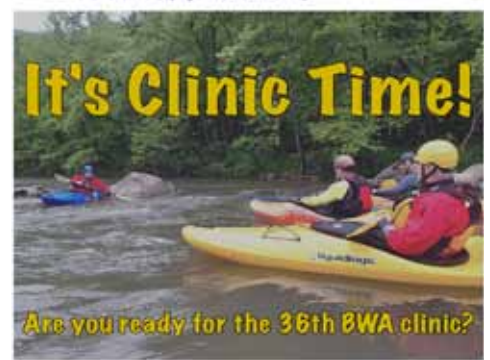
The clinic is a big undertaking and requires a lot of planning and money out of pocket, so it's important for us if you must cancel that you do so as early as possible. Please email the clinic organizer, Hanley Loller, at VP@BluegrassWildwater.org and let us know what your situation is. Full refunds will be issued to anyone cancelling by March 30th. 75% by April 6th. 50% by April 13th. 25% by April 20th. No refunds will be issued after April 20th. More Info about the Clinic and the Russell Fork Area from Bowlines 2015

Link to current info and to register for 2019 Clinic:

<http://bwa.shuttlepod.org/event-3195013?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=4/16/2019>



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More about BWA Clinics & the Russell Fork Area in Bowlines 2015 Issue
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In November 2017, with my new gear in tow, I went to my first BWA roll session at the Pinnacle Pool in Lexington. With help from Robert Milgate, Andrew Van Horn, and Hanley Loller, I finally got my pool roll down after several sessions. I did get frustrated when I saw other new boaters get the hang of it much quicker than me - after all, I was a natural athlete and had been around water my whole life! I had to remind myself that I should only be comparing my skill growth to my own benchmarks, not to other people's.

In January 2018, I finally got the chance to hit the water. Using a borrowed PFD, pogies, and drysuit, I was excited to finally see if I was going to like this whole whitewater kayaking thing I had already invested so much in. My excitement did nothing to lessen my nerves, but a few quick swigs from the flask definitely helped. After arriving at the Elkhorn, we found that the creek was frozen over at the normal put-in, but my crew speculated that it would be runnable below the dam. After listening to a classic Rob Watts / Ben Mudd debate for nearly an hour, and after Tim Miller warned that we might watch our friends fall through the ice and die (thanks for that, Tim!), the debate was finally settled when Justin Thompson walked out into the middle of the creek with his boat and jumped up and down, saying, "See guys, it's fine!" (I have thought the Vikings were crazy ever since.)



Using ropes and carabiners, we lowered the boats down the steep muddy hill at the dam wave park and play, and skirted along the edge of the ice, keeping spread out from one another but hugging the shore to hopefully avoid putting too much strain on the surface. We portaged the dam and saw free-flowing water below. Although the water level was running at only 350 cfs, dam wave looked huge to me! I remember little else about my first run, other than I was stoked to be out on the water, marveling at the huge bluffs and enormous icicles, and enjoying the camaraderie with this ragtag crew that would soon become my paddling family.

Needless to say, I was hooked. Though a conservative boater in cold water, my skills improved rapidly. I started hitting other creeks like Glenn's and Jessamine. I began slowly acquiring the rest of the gear I needed - a PFD (which I quickly upgraded to a rescue PFD), a signature Rob Watts Frankensuit, and even a new smartphone that was waterproof so I could take pictures on the water. In early March we made our first trip to the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC and it was there that I finally hit my first combat roll (and second, and third). In early May I got my first taste of a waterfall on Silver Creek - and then I ran it several more times for good measure.

Memorial Day weekend was spent doing laps on the Upper Pigeon and by that time I had been officially adopted by the subset of the BWA members who call themselves "Team Honey". Although they have a bit of a reputation as a bunch of beaters, we all know the real beaters are in the Vikings (JK Vikings, you know I love you). The Team Honey crew was always willing and excited to show a new boater down a waterway, provide constructive criticism and encouragement, and never made me drink a booty beer (though that may partially be because my self-rescuing skills are usually on-point).

By the time the Summer Party rolled around, I was ready for the Middle Ocoee. Although immediately after setting in I got bumped by a raft, rolled up, got bumped again, panicked, and swam the rest of the way through the raft line at Grumpy's. Coming out of Grumpy's throwing up water, my initial nerves were out of the way and I decided, "What the hell, I can't do any worse than that." And I didn't. I felt myself getting better every lap and was stoked to be running the biggest water of my tiny but blossoming whitewater career.



Later that same month I drove down to Saluda, North Carolina with Sarah Leach and Gina Cunningham for the Green River Takeover, a one-day all-women's whitewater festival. Although the take-out for the Upper Green is not for the faint of heart, it was worth the hike to have the chance to see a hoard of badass lady paddlers slaying it through the Narrows. Someday, maybe, that'll be me.

I was starting to dream about boating when I wasn't on the water, which is unfortunately more often than not. My rain chasing abilities are severely limited by my regular full-time work schedule. Even when I'm not at work, I'm currently pursuing a masters degree and I'm a board member for a nonprofit (in addition to being elected to the steering committee for the BWA), so even my limited "free time" is pretty regulated. Michael and I try to find ways to squeeze paddling into our other adventures when we can, such as attending the Moonshiner's Ball in October (a music festival that just happens to be on the Rockcastle River). I try not to get TOO jealous when he goes boating without me on those rainy weekdays between 9-5...but the struggle is real.

The last two first descents of my inaugural year of paddling were the Upper Russell Fork and the Big South Fork Gorge. The latter of which I dry-haired thanks to Storzee showing me the lines. When I started thinking about 2019 new year's resolutions, a list of rivers and steep creeks were what came to mind. I'm still in my trusty bright green Dagger Mamba, but I'm starting to get a lot of "when are you going to get a playboat?" questions. Don't worry y'all, I'm eyeing a few different options. My Frankensuit is holding up well on it's second winter, but the brightly-colored drysuits that don't force me to climb out ass-first are starting to look appealing.

I still go to roll sessions every chance I get. Learning to kayak is like teaching your body a new language (in addition to the actual new vocabulary acquired, like "steezy boofs" and "munchy holes"). Even master musicians warm up by playing the basic scales every day and I'm a helluva long way from being a master of whitewater. My off-side roll still needs work and I like practicing my brace and other techniques in the pool. I also like to go because sometimes roll sessions are the only chance I have to get in my kayak all week, and I want to drink beer and eat pie at Ramsey's with my friends.



Looking back on my first year of whitewater, I can't believe how much I've improved and how many friends I've made. I would never have thought that I would become so close to this rowdy crew known as the Bluegrass Wildwater Association. And although I admit that part of my motivation for getting into this sport was fueled by a desire to impress the cute guy I had just started dating, that quickly vanished when I experienced the thrill of the rapids and the serenity of exploring the majesty and might of the outdoors in a brand new way. I may still be a new boater, but my love runs as deep as the river runs wild, and I can't wait to see what's around the bend.

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I took an electronic survey last fall that was captured by American Whitewater with questions I thought were desired by the USACE for their decision making process on this subject. At the time (mid October), the USACE had just added additional release days in November for what I thought was a trial run to see if additional release weekends would draw whitewater enthusiasts. I, along with many of my paddling companions, were overjoyed at this possibility. Never in a million years would I have thought it possible the USACE would consider taking away or altering any of the four October release weekends we currently have in place. I thought we would only be adding to what we already have.

For clarification purposes, I want to re-state the four options I viewed on the John W. Flannagan Lake, USACE Facebook page on March 14th, 2019, and number them so I can refer back to them when giving my comments.

- 1) Four Day weekend high volume release throughout October
- 2) Fourteen consecutive days of high volume release from the 3rd Monday to the last Sunday of October
- 3) Seventeen consecutive days of high volume release from the 2nd Saturday to the last Monday of October
- 4) No action- no change from current existing conditions

In my humble opinion, option #2 and #3 above appear to serve no benefit to any user group that I can think of. I would be very curious to see the data used by the USACE to support those two alternatives. If moving forward, the four options stated above are the *only* options available, option #1 would stand well above the others as my preferred alternative...with one caveat. The caveat is that the fourth October release weekend still have Saturday and Sunday releases of 1000cfs. This may sound trivial to those not knowledgeable about the whitewater community, but that weekend of the higher release draws paddlers literally from around the world. From a statistical perspective it is proof positive that this particular weekend sees the highest number of paddlers visit the Russell Fork Gorge and surrounding area out of any weekend the entire year. With option #2 and #3 being non-starters for me, that leaves alternative #4 as my only fallback if alternative #1 cannot be implemented with the caveat. I would think it a shame if the result from all this work and input would leave us with no increases in releases, however.

With all this being said, I would like to state for the record, my personal preferred alternative would be to have an 800cfs release Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the first three weekends of October, then have a 1000cfs release Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the fourth weekend of October. Then if the lake is still above winter pool, have one or more of the following weekends (either a Saturday/Sunday or a Friday through Sunday) to provide some stated flow that is at least 350cfs or higher.

One last comment is that it would most likely benefit all user groups, no matter what their interest may be, if throughout the year the USACE could feasibly provide a prediction as to what the release may be the next day or even better, the next 3 days beyond the current day so the user groups could plan accordingly. Generally I can look at the Flannagan Dam water management web page and sort of guess what it will be based off of current lake elevation, inflow and weather forecast but I really think it would draw many more users if we had at least rough prediction. Many of the whitewater enthusiasts drive from several hours away to paddle the Russell Fork and it's hard to make that commitment to come there if there may be widely fluctuating levels.

Respectfully,
Clay Warren

**Proposal to stop Russell Fork Releases first two weekends in October -
Public meeting April 2nd at Breaks Park at 6:30 pm.**

Please Be There or email to: jami.l.buchanan@usace.army.mil

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Friday Night
a lot of
volunteers
brought
crockpots
of home-
made Chili
for all to
eat..



Of course, as in the past, you bring it,
boaters will eat it!

Wow!

That was some
powerful chili
to blow the lid
up like that!!



Just what
the stomach
needed!

BWA Volunteers Fed Them again!!!

OK. We are ready...and yes, you are first



On my mark, get ready get set.....I'm first in line!!



Oh Boy!!

It looks & smells great.

Let us at it!



Don't get in my way!!!!



If you're still hungry after a plate of great good....come back and I will make sure you do not leave hungry!!!

I'm a good Judge, and I say this looks better than the chow at Applebees!



Dave Forman, & Chris Mullins, and Bob Larkin, the fast and efficient Seal Team of Chow servers. Job well done!

The Event & Our Special Guests

Guest Host Diane Brasuell is a M.D. and also paddles for Kokatat and Jackson. She talked about how she has balanced her numerous international paddling adventures with all her other aspects of her busy life.



With his passion for both whitewater and filming, Guest Host John Grace has made his living out of doing both. Well known for the whitewater kayaking film series, Lunch Video Magazine that ran from 2006-10, John is now president and owner of AMONGSTiT Inc. that has made over 300 commercial videos, created dozens of events with the promise to "Produce an amazing xperience".

It was truly a serendipitous moment when AW's new Membership Director (former long time NPFF Director Bethany (Beverly) Overfield) was able to present the winner of the AW membership raffle with a new Dagger Mamba, and that winner was the new NPFF Director Ben Mudd. It came as a welcome premium for a hard working volunteer who took over the job when the previous director had to move across the country. Thanks Ben!



Always a hit, the Silent auction and the boat raffle. BWA volunteers did a great job of getting donations and setting it up!



A big "Thank You" to all those that contributed to the success of the NPFF. We could not have done it without the help of American Whitewater, the many vendors & companies as well as many folks that gave time and effort over the year.

2019 NPFF Still Image Contest



Still Images are voted on at the Festival and the favorite is the winner.

This years favorite photo is from Jeff Macklin, other entries are show on following pages.



Winner: Still Image:
Photo by Jeff Macklin, Fog Rising, Fike Run, PA



Photo by Regina Nicolardi,
Fluid Dynamics



Photo by Chad Blotner,
Church



Photo by Kevin Kennedy,
Paddler Leif Anderson, Ruins Wave Ottawa City



Photo by Carson Lindsay,
Taylor Cofer on Fossa River



Photo by Jeff Macklin,
River Wedding
National Falls, Upper Yough



Photo by Daniel Brasuell,
Mikel De Ruytter Staring in Fox Glacier, NZ



Photo by Christopher Paulo,
Daybreak After an Overnight Wind Storm on the Colorado



Photo by J. Macklin,
Wonder Falls Kiss,
Lower Big Sandy, WV

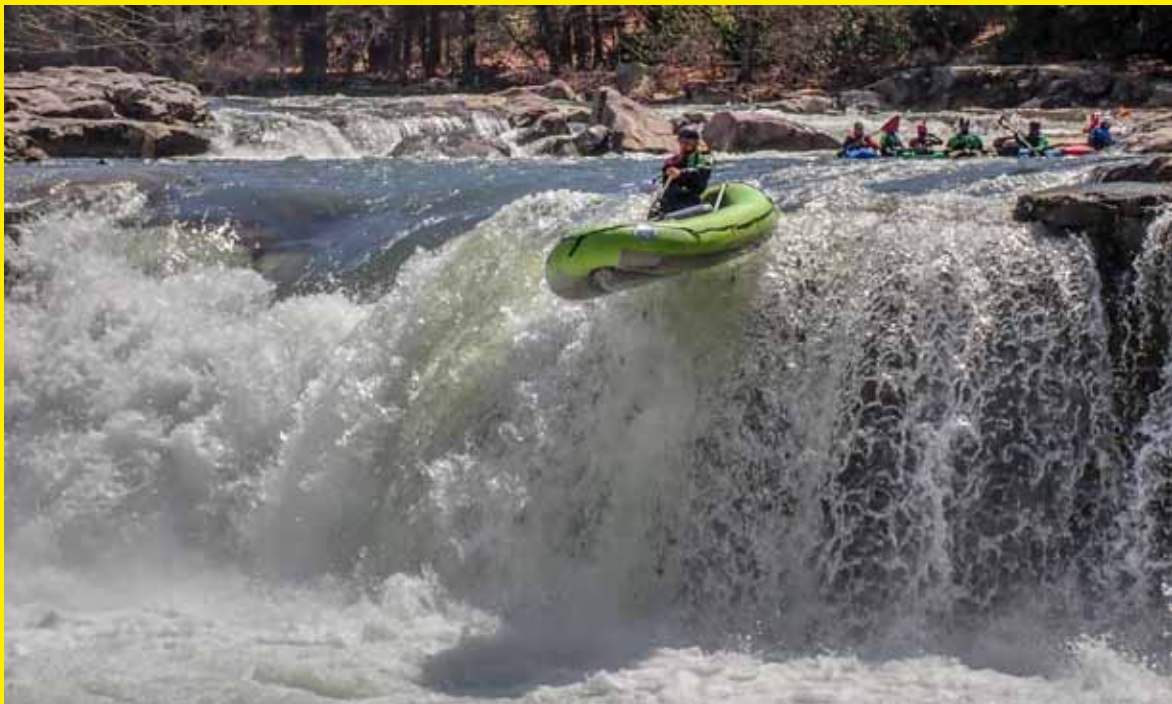


Photo by Jeff Macklin
R1 Boofing Wonder Falls,
Lower Big Sandy, WV

2019 NPFF Video Contest



Benn Mudd
NPFF Director



Amateur General

White water is my Passion by Mikey McVey

Amateur Documentary

Eclipse by Kenzington C. Stalwart

Accomplished General

Facing the Gorgon by Brian Knight

Accomplished Documentary

Glen Canyon Rediscovered by Taylor Graham

Pro General

A Woman Knows Her Place by Darby McAdams

Pro Documentary

Run Wild and Free by Shane Anderson

National Paddling Film Festival Video Submissions 2019

EntryTitle	Division	Name
Comfort Zones	<i>Amateur</i>	Robert F Watts
Going Solo	<i>Professional</i>	Ant Hoard
Embrace the Carnage	<i>Amateur</i>	William Phillips
The Longest Swim	<i>Amateur</i>	Will Phillips
Russell Creek - Kentucky	<i>Amateur</i>	Brian K. Harris
Never The Same River Twice	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Hugo Krispyn
20 Seconds In Lava	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Christian Knight
Nesowadnehunk Falls Float-A-thon	<i>Amateur</i>	Mikey McVey
Whitewater is My Passion	<i>Amateur</i>	Mikey McVey
Gulf Hagas R2 Maine	<i>Amateur</i>	Mikey McVey
Penetrating Earth: Riverboarding World Record Waterfall	<i>Amateur</i>	Mikey McVey
PucÃ³n Kayak Hostel 2018/2019 Staff Highlights	<i>Professional</i>	Casey Bryant Jones
Glen Canyon Rediscovered	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Taylor Graham
A Woman Knows Her Place	<i>Professional</i>	Darby McAdams @RiverRoots
The Klinaklini	<i>Amateur</i>	Darby McAdams
Wildlife and the Wall	<i>Professional</i>	Ben Masters
2018 Whitewater adventures	<i>Amateur</i>	Shawn Booth
Ride Green Medicine	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Brian Knight
Run Wild Run Free	<i>Professional</i>	Shane Anderson
This is the Nolichucky	<i>Professional</i>	John Grace
Cullasaja in Fall.	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Sarah E Ruhlen
Finding Flow I A Tribute to the Dammed Share	<i>Professional</i>	Dylan K McKinney
Learnin' and Surfin': The Tale of a Budding Beater	<i>Amateur</i>	Cooper McClellan Leist and Jessee Lynch
Facing The Gorgon	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Brian Knight
SUP 4 Water	<i>Amateur</i>	Pete Savard
Eclipse	<i>Amateur</i>	Kenzington C. Stalwart
Canoeheads	<i>Accom Amateur</i>	Keith Robertson

The 2019 Not NPPF Race for the Jess Cup

While not part of the NPPF, the Race for Jess Cup is always on the same weekend as the NPPF



The Gathering

Elkhorn Creek
Frankfort, KY

Year	Club	Winner
2010	BWA	Clay Warren Sarah Mello
2011	VCC	Jess Albright Sarah Mello
2012	VCC	Jess Albright Sarah Mello
2013	VCC	Clay Warren Penny Kaphart
2014	VCC	Carolins and Sven Jonsson (K2) Jess Albright (Long Boat) Emily Grimes
2015	VCC	Clay Warren Emily Grimes
2016	VCC	Terry Smith Christine Warren
2017	BWA	Bernie Engelman Emily Jackson
2018	VCC	Dan Spitter Teresa Tweed

Not NPPF RACE



They're Off!



Paddle Hardah!

2019 Jess Cup Winners

Bernie Engelan BWA

Dan Spitler VCC



First 10 Race Finishers

Bernie Engelan	0:26:44	BWA	Pyranha Speeder
Dan Spitler	0:26:49	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Josh Hettich	0:27:11	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Justin Thompson	0:27:59	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Clint Schevone	0:28:22	BWA	Pyranha Speeder
Fred Wilson	0:28:43	BWA	Pyranha Speeder
Matt Gossett	0:29:05	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Isaac Thompson	0:29:11	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Ayran Sherman	0:29:47	VCC	Pyranha Speeder
Steve Price	0:30:03	BWA	Liquid Logic Stinger

Last Place:
Wayne Boes & Jon Belcher **0:54:27** **VCC** **Air mattress**

Worth a mention: Sarah Leach's great performance. In a Dagger Piedra (plastic boat under 10') she finished first in the under 10' class for men and women, & first in the women's class overall, beating several men in fast longboats and all the women in longboats.

Time for a Breather



Time for Pizza



Time for Winners Loot



Time for Cold Pizza



Off the Cuff

**I propose a Smokies Weekend at Nippur Feb 22-24
February 19, 2019**

I just got back down here to TN, and noted 2.8 inches of rain in my rain gauge. The Greenbrier was 1.8 this morning according to Scotty and I see the Little is still nearly 3.4 feet. All well and good here, and the ground is sopping wet. They are calling for rain for the next 6 days, up to 5-7 inches through Sunday this weekend with temps in the mid 60s. So, this would be a good weekend for a boating party at Nippur. That said, I can accommodate a pretty good number of campers, (50 or so) and there is shelter space by the house and down by the Fairy Grotto to camp out of the rain unless folks want to sleep in the floor of the kitchen as happens quite often. This is a good opportunity to catch some big runs, like Ramseys, West Prong, Hike up Big Creek, and some big flows on the Greenbrier and Lower Big Creek. The hike up Elkmont and Tremont should be good and there are easier sections of the Little to paddle or the section below Greenbrier is a hoot at high water, which I might opt for if the Greenbrier is over 3'. Also, I truly enjoy the big water feel of a high water Pigeon. All this and more this weekend if any of you boaters want to come and hang. I suspect there will be a gaggle. Bring your own booze, extra coffee, TP and paper towels. If you require half and half or sugar, bring it. I don't use them. This weekend looks totally awesome. Hope some of ya'll come on down.
Brent

February 21, 2019

Weather, rainfall and river levels:

Greenbrier this morning was 2.4, a great level. We had .8" of rain last night. Today, we had another .4 inches and the Greenbrier was still at 2.4 around 4:20 today. Right now the Little is a robust 3.8 drifting up. The Pigeon is a beautiful 4470 cfs. Hae not heard reports today on the Pigeon Dries or Big Creek. I imagine the former is big and the latter is good. Looks like another inch forecast in the next 24 hours, so that will all stay good into Friday. Then, another inch on Friday. Might be just right and not get too big that way. Weekend should be there on most things it appears. Stay tuned.
Brent

Good morning! Things are looking awesome around here. Raining now, not hard, but more coming according to radar. Little is big, at 4.15 at the moment and the Pigeon is climbing, currently at 6480. Fifty degrees at the moment. I will have a report on Greenbrier later this morning

Comments from the Forum Worth Remembering

when Scotty goes into work, but I imagine it is close to 3'. Absolutely, most things are going to be running all day today around here.

Also, my friend Sammy Muller is coming up to join us and bringing a few friends. I think the party is starting to form...
May have some Asheville folks over. Chief, what are you doing?

Brent

Greenbrier gage is 2.4 at 7:30 per Scotty. Great level. More rain coming...
Brent

Can't make it this weekend but hopefully soon. Even with the banks all busting up here and more on the way, nothing replenishes the soul like a trip to Nippur.

Bob

February 22, 2019

Bob, catch ya soon I am sure.

Today's weather: 50 degrees and the highs are supposed to be 55 today. I have .8 inches in my rain "gauge" from overnight. It is still raining, mostly heavy drizzle but it appears more is coming. Scotty is going to look at Greenbrier "gage" in a bit and I will report that. The Little is running 4' so I imagine the Greenbrier "gage" is between 2.5 and 2.7, but we will see after Scotty looks at it. If so, that is a perfect Ramsey's level for those looking for that kinda action. The Pigeon is rocking at a phat 8350, and it is going up, so it is Grand Canyon size out there right now and will be all day. That is an awesome level, with one wave at the bottom almost the size of Hermit! Have not heard about Big Creek, but would take a wild guess and say it is between 3.5 and 4', based on my guess of Greenbrier and the level of the Pigeon, which is a great level for the Lower. Lap city if so.

And, wow, the radar shows some substantial weather headed straight for the Plateau, coming out of the north corner of Miss and Ala. driving northeast towards the Cumberland Plateau. If it drifts south, we are going to get creamed. If not, wow is all I can say about the huge Plateau action. Hopefully the river "gages" in the Park will stay in the levels they are now, which is plenty of juice. I will keep an eye on my rain "gauge" in the interim. It is wet. Full rain "gauges" equals high river "gages"...going

to be a solid weekend of choices in warm weather here...

Beat the blahs from indoor living and indoor light all winter. Get out and boat the river of your choice this weekend ya'll!

SYOTR, Brent

Greenbrier gage is 2.6 per Scotty at 9:36 a.m. Super strong level and great for Ramsey's crowd. Good level to start going below the bridge below the Greenbrier section too. Solid class IIs and a couple of IIIs in a beautiful stretch of water.

Brent

**2019 NPFF
February 19, 2019**

Ben and all,

Thanks so much for the awesome job with the NPFF this year. As always, the BWA continues to shine bright in the boating world. Would love to see everyone of you BWAers and Vikings join AW and make our Kentucky clubs some of the most AW saturated members out there. I also think warm wet weather kept a number of boaters at bay. It is the cold crappy NPFF weekends that we often get our best crowds. Keep up the good work.

Brent

I couldn't agree more with all of that. We NEED more AW members. Our membership expired right before NPFF and it was nice having Bethany sign us back up. As far as attendance is concerned, you work your butt off to throw a great event and nice weather with a little rain will kill your attendance. It's the nature of the beast in this sport. A big thanks to all those involved for all their hard work, even with the lower attendance, it was one hell of an event.

Bob

**Proposal to stop Russell Fork Releases first two weekends in October - Public meeting April 2nd at Breaks Park
March 12, 2019**

Bad news, but it appears there is a very active push by fishing interests to discontinue releases on the Russell Fork in the first two weekends in October. A survey conducted by the Army Corp of Engineers has resulted in a large response from fishing interests which claim the releases on the weekends hurts fishing on the lake. For some reason, the boaters response to the survey was about ten names on one page. There was an electronic survey and we are attempting to see if that was considered. The ACOE is attempting to arrange a public

comment meeting at the Breaks Park on Tuesday, April 2nd, time to be announced. Apparently the fishing folks will swamp the meeting like the last one in the fall. There were maybe three or four boaters and about 30 or 40 fishermen. I was one of the boaters. Mike Morrow was there and Gerald DeLong was there. That was it. If that happens again, we will lose big.

Brent

Here are the survey results from 146 respondents, attached.

Brent

Russell Fork River Flow and Access Survey
http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bwaforum/file.php?7,file=1295,filename=2018.1.14_Full_Russell_Fork_Report.pdf

March 15, 2019

Meeting is going to be April 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Breaks Park. Please rearrange your schedule and appear.

Brent

From Fred Wilson. He makes a good point about reaching out to Mitch McConnell. Please do it!

Brent

Morning all,

This is terrible news. It seems the fishing community has played the game well and currently has us in check but the game is not over yet. Austin, am I correct in assuming that the locals are mainly from Virginia? If so we do have a very powerful Allied in our corner from Kentucky. Mitch McConnell is one the most powerful men in our county and has voiced his support for extending whitewater releases. If he is still on our side we need him in our corner now more than ever. The only way he will hear us is if Kentucky voters write him. Below is the link to all of his offices. At the least we need to flood his Washington office quickly with support letters. I have called his office and was told out of state letters carry less weight but still help. If he is still with us and not the fishermen we need to act quickly! I will reach out to the BWA and Viking canoe club presidents to help spread the word.

Washington DC Office

202-224-2541

317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

votesmart.org/public-statement/1278823/senator-mc-

connell-praises-decision-to-extend-whitewater-rafting-season-in-eastern-kentucky#.XluGq0kpA0M

[kentuckytoday.com]

<http://kentuckytoday.com/stories/mcconnell-pikeville-groups-hope-to-extend-whitewater-season,13806>

www.contactingcongress.org/3-1-1-1-1/n/McConnell

Thank you,
Fred Wilson

From Jason Foley who makes a good point that comments should go to the Army Corp now.
Brent

. We need to organize a call for comments on this as individual peoples comments will have the strongest best result. Right now its so much more vital to contact the USACE rather than your elected reps. Then have a large as possible contingency of paddlers at the April public meeting. Doing both will yield the best result.

Until I saw the public scoping document this morning i had a message started but have altered it since. Its a simple paragraph stating my desires on how they should manage the draw down to winter pool. I also requested to have a notification at the end of October on what they are going to do with the extra 11 feet or more they have each year after those releases.

We have a rather large support base and only once source of objection and they organized well and caught us sleeping last fall. The comments from the paddling public are the essential piece here.

The comments can simply be emailed to jami.l.buchanan@usace.army.mil or can be snail mailed to the Huntington District, USACE.

Jason Foley

Is this call for support going out to AW? To other clubs who travel there to paddle?

Z

March 16, 2019

Yes Zina, AW has posted the meeting and we are reaching out to many.

As to the comment to Jami Buchanan, please do that. Here is what I sent yesterday to her so anything along those lines would work:

Jami

Please allow this to serve as comment on the March 14, 2019 Announcement regarding four alternatives being looked at. I much prefer the first option, which is a 4 day weekend of high water releases. In my 30 years of paddling in the gorge, that will be a huge draw to not only local paddlers, but paddlers all over the globe that want to come and experience this scenic river. On the other hand, it would be better to keep things as they are now than later releases in the month on consecutive days, in order to provide access to the river for the most users.
Brent Austin

So, these comments will get to Jami and she is responding. Please send them in and come to the April 2 meeting. Here is what she said in response to my comment:

Brent,

Thanks so much for reaching out. This is the type of feedback that we are looking for.

I want to stress that no decision has been made yet. We continue to seek feedback and information and we're continuing to reach out to the resource agencies. Please encourage other stakeholders to attend the public meeting on 2 April.

If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks
Jami

Jami L. Buchanan
DSMMCX Planner
Office - 304.399.5347
Mobile - 304.617.1172

I want to make sure you all have a copy of the proposals. See the attached.

Brent

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bwforum/read.php?7,33645,33655#msg-33655>

With only 25 views that is seems have been made to this post, thus far, after 6 days, it seems I may be wasting my time here.

Hope you who do read this, can get the word out. Your river to lose. I will stop.

Brent

Eddy Lines of Interest

BWA Steering Committee Meeting August 7, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity

EIN: 82-3598723

August 7, 2018

7:30PM

Ethereal Brewery

Minutes accepted as posted on the BWA Forum under Meeting Minutes

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Dan Durick	Y
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

Rob Watts, Bob Larkin

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

Vice-President James Welch

-Request for money for the BWA Annual Summer Party for: food, fire wood and camping. Vikings are matching BWA payment. Any extra money leftover from the will be d

Secretary Dot Edwards

-Meeting minutes are posted on the BWA Forum.

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

-BWA funds will be moved from PNC Bank to the Commonwealth Credit Union. This will link the BWA's Tax ID to its accounts. BWA will need to file 990EZ by November 15. All and any expenditures need to have a receipt. Currently the BWA has about \$6000 with \$1000 allocated to the Russell Fork Rendezvous, \$1000 allocated to the Annual Club Party, \$500 allocated to the 2019 Clinic for the Jess Albright Scholarship Fund and \$400 allocated for roll sessions. The Annual Report has been submitted to the Secretary of State. Parking pass fee has been paid to the Elkhorn Campground. Kyle made a motion to have \$150 for accounting funds (receipts, blank checks, etc.) seconded by Brian Storz. Motion passed.

NPFF Director Dan Durick

-Dan has reprised his role as NPFF Director.

Program Director Sam Arnold

-Kyle Koberlein will present about Whitewater Photography at the next meeting. Bart Bledsoe will be presenting in a future meeting.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

-Roll sessions have had good attendance, but still at a loss of

about \$150.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

-Sandra has contacted other whitewater communities to discuss working together for future cleanups/conservation efforts.

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

-Lane Boldman, Director of the Kentucky Conservation Committee

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

-Hanley spoke on behalf of Joe. Hanley collected the emails of current officers to update on Wild Apricot.

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

-Sarah needed the key and location of the storage unit and trailers.

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

Adjournment

Jim Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8/7/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Sam Arnold.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
8/7/2018

BWA General Meeting August 14, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity

EIN: 82-3598723

August 14, 2018

7:30PM

Rock House Brewery

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 15

Total: 24

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Dan Durick	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

Gave reminders about the Russell Fork Rendezvous. Need volunteers for the NPFF booth at GauleyFest.

Vice-President James Welch
 Secretary Dot Edwards
 Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein
 NPFF Director Dan Durick
 Program Director Sam Arnold

Safety Officer Hanley Loller
 Due to the tax change, Hanley needs an additional \$26 for roll sessions. Hanley made a motion for an additional \$26 to cover the extra taxes for roll sessions, seconded by Robert Milgate. Motion passed.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus
 Gave an announcement about a Bike Summit the will be held all day the coming Thursday and Friday at Transylvania University. More information is at www.kybikesummit.com
 Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz
 The BWA will have a booth at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival on August 30th. Brian Storz made a motion to donate 1 membership with 2 roll sessions for the festival so that the BWA can count as official sponsors, seconded by Hanley Loller. Motion passed. Clay Warren volunteered to donate a pair of neoprene socks for the event, also.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley
 Gear Meister Sarah Leach
 Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Kyle Koberlein gave a presentation about whitewater photography followed by a Q&A session.

Hanley Loller gave a trip announcement that he and Jeff Kirkner will be making a run down the Upper Gauley on Thursday, September 6th.

Trip Reports we given. BWA/Vikings Annual Club Party was a success.

Adjournment

Brent Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8/14/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Robert Milgate. Motion passed.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 8/14/2018

BWA Steering Committee Meeting Sept 4, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 September 4, 2018
 7:30PM
 Blue Stallion Brewing

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Dan Durick	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 2

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

- We need to streamline the BWA website. Joe Wheatley, Mike Daugherty and Kyle Koberlein are going to meet to go over the website and logistical options.

Vice-President James Welch

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

-Kyle had 2 BWA banners and 1000 business cards printed. Mike Daugherty made a motion to cover the cost of the print job of \$130, seconded by Sam Arnold. Motion passed. Old memberships are deleted from Wild Apricot since larger number of entries costs more money and causes forum login logistical problems during the time of much later renewals.

NPFF Director Dan Durick

-Daniel Durick has stepped down officially as NPFF Director. A new director will need to be voted in. Jim Welch has volunteered to be the new NPFF Director with Kyle Koberlein seconding the nomination. The nomination will be posted in the forum and a vote will be held at the next General Club Meeting. Roadshow volunteers, Silent Auction leader and GauleyFest volunteers are needed. NPFF roadshow in Louisville on August 27 raised ~\$600 for the Russell Fork Rendezvous.

Program Director Sam Arnold

-The topic for the next meeting will be about the NPFF and the NPFF Roadshow. A video that is part of the roadshow will be played along with a discussion of NPFF's history and planning for NPFF 2019.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller n/a

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

-Sandra and Sarah Leach attended the Green River Takeover. This has motivated them to plan a female oriented trip to be planned by the both of them in the future. As part of Sandra's MPA program, she will be sending a weekly report about the BWA to her professor for her Strategic Planning and Organizational Structure class.

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

-Brian had a booth at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival at the Kentucky Theater on August 30. He will have a booth at River Jam in Frankfort on September 22. Brian is looking for an event

in October to have a booth. The BWA currently has 255 active memberships. Brian made a motion to add a free registration for the BWA Clinic to Wild and Scenic Silent Auction package, Kyle Koberlein seconded. Motion passed.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley
 Gear Meister Sarah Leach
 Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

Adjournment

Jim Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9/4/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Brian Storz.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 9/4/2018

BWA General Club Meeting September 11, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 September 11, 2018
 7:30PM
 Rock House Brewery
 Non-Committee Members in Attendance 8

Reports

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Dan Durick	n/a
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	N
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	N
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	N
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	N
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

President Mike Daugherty

- A new vote is to commence for the NFPP Director. Jim Welch was nominated at the Steering Committee Meeting. He ran unopposed and has officially accepted the position. Since the BWA is officially a charity, the club is actively building partnerships with outdoor companies allowing for discounts for club members. Russell Fork Rendezvous will be happening in October. There will be a booth at GauleyFest for NPFF and another booth for the Russell Fork Rendezvous. The RFR has a Phat Cat raft to be raffled off along with T-shirts for sale. The RFR will be held at Haysi providing more room, campsites with a special designated quiet campsite area, space for local arts vendors and more music. Unlimited shuttle will be provided for a one time fee. People who race the Lord of the Forks Race will have free admission.

Vice-President James Welch

-Jim Welch has requested for \$200 for a 20x30 tent rental for the NPFF booth at GauleyFest to ensure a dry space for the videos,

seconded Bob Larkin. Motion passed. The tent rental is \$400. NPFF will be paying for the other half of the fee. The goal of the booth at GauleyFest is to get people to submit videos and to attend the festival.

-Tentatively, Jim would like to have the Spring Clinic to be held the weekend of May 11, 2019.

Secretary Dot Edwards
 Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein
 NPFF Director Dan Durick
 Program Director Sam Arnold
 Safety Officer Hanley Loller
 Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus
 Newsletter Editor Don Spangler
 Membership Coordinator Brian Storz
 Web Meister Joe Wheatley
 Gear Meister Sarah Leach
 Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Trip reports were given. Gauley season has begun. NPFF videos were shown.

Announcements

Adjournment

Kyle Koberlein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9/11/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Mike Wilson.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 9/11/2018

BWA Steering Committee Meeting October 2, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 BWA Steering Committee Meeting
 October 2, 2018 7:30PM
 Henry Clay Public House

Non-Committee Members in Attendance Bob Larkin & Robert Watt

Reports

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	James Welch	-
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	N
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	N
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

November 6, 2018
7:30PM
Rock House Brewery

President Mike Daugherty

- Mike plans to research how Army Corps. Of Engineer tracks boater traffic on the Russell Fork in the hopes of gaining more river releases and permission to camp at Ratliffe Hole into November. Russell Fork Rendezvous will be at Haysi from October 25-28. Organizers of Lord of the Forks need volunteers to set up safety on the river.

Vice-President James Welch

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

- BWA spent \$81 more than was taken in. BWA will have a free booth at the 2019 Kentucky Sport, Boat & Recreation Show on February 8 & 10. Even though it is free, the electric cost is \$58. They would like to have a representative to discuss river conservation. Sandra Broadas and/or Hanley Loller will present. Brian Storz will also be in attendance to discuss BWA membership. Hanley Loller made a motion for the BWA to provide \$58 to pay for the electric for the booth, seconded by Sandra Broadas. Motion passed. Kyle Koeberlein made a motion for the www.bluegrasswildwater.org to automatically redirect to the BWA Wild Apricot site and to allow Joe Wheatley to modify the websites as he sees fit, seconded by Sarah Leach. Motion passed. Kyle has used gear donated from Zack May and Cassidy Bond for members to use. The gear has been handed over to Sarah.

NPFF Director Jim Welch

- NPFF booth was a success at GauleyFest.

Program Director Sam Arnold

- J&H Outfitters/Sam Arnold will be presenting at the next general meeting about cold weather boater and camping gear and attire needs. November's presentation will be given by Sam Arnold again in regards to Western Big River Permits. November's meeting will be at Minglewood Restaurant.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

- Hanley is hoping to have CPR classes held for members in the end of October or mid November. He is working to resume roll sessions in November upon confirmation for pool space and time. Hanley trying to set up a Swiftwater Rescue course in the 3rd weekend in November.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

- Sarah has been in communication with the Statewide Adventure and Tourism Director Seth Wheat to see if he could assist in advertising BWA events.

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler n/a

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz n/a

Web Meister Joe Wheatley n/a

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

- Sarah Leach will make an inventory of donated gear for members to check out. A list of the gear will be posted in the forum. Borrowers will sign a waiver.

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill n/a

Announcements Today marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic River Act.

Adjournment

Sarah Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10/2/2018 at 9:25PM and it was seconded by Sandra Broadus.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
10/2/2018

BWA Steering Committee Meeting Nov 6, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity

EIN: 82-3598723

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	James Welch	N
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	N
NPFF Director	Jim Welch	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	N
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance Ben Mudd, Brandy Mello and John Mello

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

- A huge thank you goes to Bob Larkin for coordinating a successful Russell Fork Rendezvous. Bob thanked Brandy Mello for her huge help.

Vice-President James Welch

- Jim is stepping down as VP and NPFF Director. He is moving to Oregon. Ben Mudd nominated Hanley Loller as the new Vice-President, seconded by Mike Daugherty. Hanley accepted the nomination.

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

- Kyle requested for \$400 via Mike for the BWA holiday party. Hanley made a motion allowing Kyle to spend up to \$400 for BWA funds for the BWA holiday party, seconded by Brian Storz. Motion passed. Kyle has found a CPA for the club. The operational cost for the CPA will be \$500.

NPFF Director Jim Welch

- Hanley Loller nominated Ben Mudd to be the new NPFF Director, seconded by Brian Storz. Brian accepted the nomination.

Program Director Sam Arnold

- Sam will discuss Western Big River Permits at the next General Meeting.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

- Hanley requested \$375 to cover the cost of roll sessions through November. Sam Arnold made a motion for the BWA to spend \$375 for the cost of roll sessions through November, seconded by Dorothy Edwards. Motion passed. The BWA has an old domain that is still paid for that is not being maintained. Storz made a motion to eliminate the surfky-bwa.org website, Bob Larkin seconded. Motion passed. Hanley request \$95 for payment of the BWA domain names. Storz made a motion to give \$95 to Hanley for payment for BWA's domains, seconded by Bob Larkin, motion passed. Storz wants new members to receive parking passes by request, since parking passes are regularly given out as advertise-

ment to gain new members. New members often times already have a pass so Storz would like to keep costs down by not double sending passes. Discussion was made about how to inform new members that they need to request for a pass.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus n/a
 Newsletter Editor Don Spangler n/a
 Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

Brian had a booth at the River Jam in Frankfort in September. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, attendance was low. We have 268 active members.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley n/a

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

- Sarah now knows where that BWA storage unit gear is. Bob will make extra storage key copies. Sarah will contact Kyle to see what repairs are needed for the trailer.

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill n/a

Announcements

Mike will post a message in the forum that there will be a vote for a new Vice-President and NPFF Director at the next general meeting. New nominations will be accepted through the day of the vote.

Adjournment

Dorothy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11/6/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Brandy Mello.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 11/6/2018

BWA Steering Committee Meeting Nov 13, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 November 13, 2018
 7:30PM
 Minglewood Restaurant

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President		n/a
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	N
NPFF Director		n/a
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	N
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 18
 Reports

President Mike Daugherty

Vice-President

- Hanley Loller was voted in as the new Vice-President.

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

NPFF Director

- Ben Mudd was voted in as the new NPFF Director. He made a request for an NPFF Treasurer, Silent Auction Coordinator and general volunteers.

Program Director Sam Arnold

- Sam was the program presenter: "Permits and Boating/Rafting for Western Big Rivers" with handouts, slide show and Q&A session.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

- The BWA Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at Rockhouse Brewery. Door prizes will be given. Catering provided by Bourbon & Toulouse. Dirty Santa gifts will be given to anyone that participates. Donations will be collected for charity for the homeless.

- Big congratulations given to Bob Larkin for coordinating a very successful Russell Fork Rendezvous.

Adjournment

Dorothy Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11/13/2018 at PM and it was seconded by John Mello.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 11/13/2018

BWA Steering Committee Meeting Dec 4, 2018

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 7:30PM
 Minglewood Restaurant

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	Y
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	N
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	N
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance 2

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

- Christmas party will be held in lieu of General Club Meeting at Rockhouse Brewery on Tuesday, December 11.
 - January Steering Committee Meeting will be rescheduled TBD instead of January 1.

Vice-President

- Hanley is currently planning to hold the BWA Spring Clinic at the Russell Fork in Elkhorn City on April 27-28.

Secretary Dot Edwards

- none

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

- Kyle organized the Christmas Party. There will be door prizes. Kyle made a motion to spend up to \$300 using Astral discount for various safety gear. Gear will be used as door prizes at various BWA events, seconded by Sandra Broadas. Motion passed. Wild Apricot mistakenly made a double charge. The account will be credited in December.

NPFF Director

- Ben has started planning, especially with the Silent Auction. He's developed is core of voluteers. Ben is putting together final details for the speaker.

Program Director Sam Arnold

- Richard Taylor, author who wrote about the Elkhorn River will be January's speaker. Robert Watt will discuss drytop/drysuit repair in February.

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

- Hanley made a motion to spend \$400 to fund December roll sessions, including lifeguard costs, seconded by Sandra Broadas. Motion passed. Hanley made a Facebook poll to see if there should be a December 28 roll session. Due to that response, he plans to start that session early and to make it kid oriented. Roll Sessions continue to bring in memberships.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

- Sandra has been speaking with Seth Wheat, KY Adventure Tourism Director. He can help with social media exposure for the club. He's invited to the Christmas Party to get an idea of what the club is about.

- Sandra Broadas reached out to the Chevy Chaser to see how the BWA could be part of the Good Giving Guide for 2019.

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

- Don plans to put out the December Bowlines by the weekend.

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

- n/a

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

- n/a

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

- n/a

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

- n/a

Announcements

Adjournment

Hanley Loller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12/4/2018 at PM and it was seconded by Ben Mudd.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 12/4/2018

BWA General Committee Meeting January 9, 2019

501 (C) (3) Public Charity
 EIN: 82-3598723
 January 9, 2019
 7:30PM
 Rock House Brewery

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	N
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	N
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Stortz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	Y

Presentation given by Professor Richard Taylor, Ph.D, History of the Elkhorn

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 30

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

- BWA Clinic will be held the second weekend in May, May 10-12. NPFF is coming up on February 15 & 16.

Vice-President

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

NPFF Director

Program Director Sam Arnold

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

Adjournment

_ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7/3/2018 at PM and it was seconded by _.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards
 7/3/2018