

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – March 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Via Zoom; Tim Osborn, Mary Kowalski, Mike Schirott, Jenna Labash, Mary Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 by President Tim Osborn

READING OF THE MINUTES: None. 2020 did not have any regular monthly meetings

TREASURER'S REPORT: We currently have between \$45,000-45,500 in our checking account

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to discuss/report

B. Water/Environmental:

1. **Secchi Testing:** We will begin Secchi testing in May. Mike Schirott will once again coordinate.
2. **Mosquito Spraying for 2021:** The contract with Agriflight has been signed and mailed to them, so we are ready to go. Tim Miller will once again coordinate.
3. **Geese Control for 2021:** In 2020 the State of Michigan was not approving any applications for geese removal. Mary Kowalski has contacted them, and they are approving applications this year. A motion was made and approved to submit our application to the state this year. Mary Kowalski will coordinate. Once our application is approved and we receive a date from Goose Busters we will notify homeowners as in the past.
4. **Weed Control for 2021:** Last fall we approved to proceed with Aquatic Weed Control for treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil and began the process of obtaining approval from lakefront property owners. Tim will check with Aquatic to see if they have received permission slips from all homeowners in the affected areas and have sent the application in to the State. Mike will check with Porter Township to see who owns the land on both sides of the channel.
5. **Road Clean-up:** The Spring clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Either Mike or Tim will get the bags and vests from the Road Commission.
6. **Swan Control:** At this time there is nothing we can do to control the swan population. We cannot hire someone like Goose Busters to remove them. It was noted that swans do not typically come on shore and poop everywhere.

C. Community Affairs:

1. **Newsletter / Membership Mailing / Dues Renewal:** It was decided to do one mailing again like we did last year. The mailing will include a one-page newsletter and BLA membership form. A motion was made and approved to have membership stickers again and the color will be turquoise. We currently have 146 BLA members, approximately 53%. We also have 8 lake residents who donated for mosquito spraying only.
2. **Annual Meeting – July 10th:** We will schedule our annual meeting for July 10, 2021, to be held in the outdoor pavilion of the Conservation Club. Mike will renew his membership and schedule the pavilion for this day.

D. Social:

1. **Poker Run – July 17th:** We currently have the Whistle Pigs lined up to play on July 17th. Ideas are being tossed around of things we could do in lieu of our traditional Poker Run, such as a raffle, boat parade / flotilla with a theme, ending the day with Music on the Water.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Music on the Water:** Do we want to expand Music on the Water and have it more often, and what would be the BLA's involvement? The BLA could pick up part of the cost or just promote it on Facebook and via email. We need to determine our liability if we do have a part in it, and whether we would need to purchase additional insurance. Mike will contact our insurance agent to see what our current policy covers and what the cost of additional insurance would be. We will discuss further when the liability question is answered.
- B. **BLA Zoom Account:** Do we want to open our monthly meetings to everyone to attend via Zoom? Yes. Jenna will set up a Zoom account for the BLA with multiple administrators. Mary Johnson to be an administrator to set up meetings and send out invites. We will try to set up all BLA officers as administrators.
- C. **Porter Township:** There will be a special meeting of the Porter Township Planning Commission on April 19th, at 6:00pm regarding the installation of bubblers around individual homeowners' docks. Homeowners are doing this to prevent having to remove docks and lifts each fall, as the bubbler keeps ice from forming. There are homeowners for and against this. Mary Johnson will send an email to inform residents about the meeting, as well as post something on Facebook.
- D. **Election of Officers 2021:** The offices of President, Secretary and one Vice President will be voted on this year at the July 10th Annual Meeting. We are also seeking to add a Membership Chairperson and a Social Chairperson. Current board members will spread the word and try to get more people involved and new faces on the board. Mary Johnson will put something on the Facebook page as well.

OPEN DISCUSSION: none

ADJOURN: 11:15

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 17th, 9:00am, via Zoom