

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Maintain and preserve our lake community for future generations through education, communication, and commitment to Baldwin Lake

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2021

- **Attendees:** A sign up sheet was passed around; approximately 75 people in attendance.
- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Osborn, at 9:10
- **Membership Enrollment:** Dues and membership forms were collected prior to the 9:10 call to order.
- **Review of the Minutes:** The minutes of the 2020 annual meeting have been made available to everyone on the website.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current bank balance is just over \$51,000. A lot of dues were collected at the meeting in July last year and are included in this year's income due to our fiscal year, plus, this year a lot of people paid dues in June; that is why the membership amount is inflated for 2020-2021. Mosquito fund is in the black for the first time in several years; at one time the fund was \$10,000 in the red. A lot of residents donated \$100 to the fund when paying their dues. We will probably not break even this year, depending on how many sprays we need.
- **Correspondence:** We received our annual invoice for our insurance policy; given to Jenna Labash to pay.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Water & Boating Safety:** Nothing to report.
 - B. **Water/Environment:**
 - 1. **Water Quality:** It seems we are back to normal. Water clarity down at this time of year, due to traffic on lake and rain.
 - 2. **Mosquito Spraying:** - June 3 and July 6. Last spray was disappointing at best. Tim Miller is our coordinator, and he has been in touch with Agriflight. They have provided the GPS print out of route and everything was covered as usual. Motion made and passed to have Agriflight spray again as soon as possible, requesting spraying later in the evening and at a lower altitude. If we need 5 sprays this year, we will just have to have them.
 - 3. **Boat Count:** 473 (+11 over 2020, +40 over 2019; same as 2018) Boat count completed by Mike Schirott and Mike Crofoot. The 473 total breaks down as follows: Pontoons 261, PWCs 87, Speedboats 97, Fishing Boats 28. Commercial partners on the lake are in compliance; Willow Shores allowed 87 and they have 82. Is there a total number of boats allowed on the lake? Not that we know of, would be something controlled by the DNR.
 - 4. **Geese Control:** June 24th Goose Busters removed 43 geese from Baldwin Lake and around 100 on Long Lake. We will never completely get rid of geese, but we have made a significant impact. As for all the swans on the lake, the MLSA is tracking which lakes are trying different methods to deal with swans and which are successful. Once a successful method is found all lakes will jump on board. Swan removal must be done through the DNR, no "swan busters".
 - 5. **Eurasian Milfoil:** - North Hilltop sprayed June 8th. Based on the lake analysis we had completed in 2020 this is the area where the greatest concentration of milfoil was found. Milfoil is an invasive, fast growing weed that is being treated in most lakes in the area. 5 acres of weeds were sprayed. At this time no other areas of milfoil on the lake need to be treated. The next step in the process is just to keep an eye on the lake and see if milfoil pops up anywhere else. Several individual homeowners hired the firm to treat weeds in front of their property at a cost of \$400. On individual lake frontage all weeds were killed, not just milfoil.
 - C. **Community Affairs:**
 - 1. **Website:** We have had a website for several years and the software we were using is no longer accepted, so a new website had to be created. We hired Digital Hill Multimedia, Troy Rumpfelt, to design at a cost of \$1600 and \$300 annually to maintain, which includes 5 hours of programming per year. Website currently undergoing some fine tuning before it goes live. We need someone to work with Troy to keep the website current. Ian Kettering volunteered to be our interface. Tim to get Ian Troy's contact information.

D. Membership:

1. **Update from Mary Hansen Membership Director.** It was decided to separate out the membership duties from the Secretary position and Mary Hansen volunteered to take on the membership director role. She will maintain the spreadsheet of lake residents and members. As of midnight last night we had 144 paid members out of 293 households.
2. **Zone Advisors.** The lake is divided into 10 zones and each zone has an advisor who acts as a spokesperson for their neighborhood. Mary Hansen has put together a map of the zones around the lake and it will be included on the website. Today she has maps for all zone advisors in attendance. She will be meeting with all zone advisors in the future to put together a list of responsibilities. Advisors are as follows: Zone 2 – Laurie Macri, Zone 3 – Mike Caddigan, Zone 4 – Carol Erbe, Zone 5 – Mike Schirott, Zone 6 – Mary Hansen, Zone 7 – Barb Jaski, Zone 9 – Jenna Labash, Zone 10 – Claire DeLano. Zones 1 and 8 are open.

E. Social:

1. **Social Directors – Laurie Macri and Mary Wain:** We needed to have someone to coordinate all the social events on the lake and Laurie and Mary volunteered. The flotilla was coordinated by them and was a success. Two Music on the Lake events are scheduled, one for July 17 and one for July 31. The event on July 31 will be a fundraiser for Constantine High School. Every Friday from 6-8:00pm will be a Friday Float at the sandbar. Just go! Get together with others on the lake. Laurie and Mary want people to come to them with ideas. Best way to communicate with them is through Facebook Messenger. All events will be communicated to residents via Facebook, email, Instagram, our website, and signs around the lake. Zone Advisors will also communicate with neighbors. Should we have an avenue for members to advertise items for sale? It was noted there is already a group on Facebook, Lake Trash, that was created by a Long Lake resident. Residents should use this group.
2. **Poker Run – cancelled for 2021 due to lack of volunteers.** Mary and Laurie are already working on the 2022 Poker Run and possibly have someone to be coordinator. The biggest challenge is finding people to work the day of the Poker Run. At least 30 people are needed, and the more dealers opening cards the better. It was suggested to put something on the website stating who is needed to do what and to enlist volunteers. The zone advisors can also get the word out as to volunteer opportunities.
3. **Fireworks on Baldwin:** At the June meeting there was discussion regarding having fireworks on Baldwin Lake. After discussion, a motion was made, voted on and approved that if the Baldwin Lake Association hires or donates to someone doing fireworks on the lake this person or business must be licensed and insured. There are a lot of questions regarding fireworks, and this is a topic for the Board to work on. Jeff Labash to investigate the feasibility of virtual fireworks using drones.
4. **Music on the Lake – July 17 and July 31:** See information under Social Directors.
5. **Apparel Sales:** We would like to have something set up on our new website for apparel sales where individual residents can order whatever they would like at any time. Several members have ideas, designs and vendors we can work with. Any information should be forwarded to our social directors.
6. **Christmas Party:** Typically, the Christmas Party is the first Saturday in December at Jimmy's. This is a topic for the Board to take up.

• Officer Election:

- A. **President – replacement for Tim Osborn: Mary Kowalski or Bryce Erbe candidates**
- B. **Vice President – currently Mary Kowalski. Andrew Doublestein candidate**
- C. **Secretary – replacement for Mary Johnson. Jen Erbe candidate**

Prior to any voting the floor was open to any other members that wanted to step up and run for any open office; there were none. Andrew Doublestein and Jen Erbe were voted in as Vice President and Secretary respectively by a simple voice vote. The office of President will be decided by paper ballot, which will be verified and tallied after the meeting.

- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
 - A. **Boat landing asphalt needs to be sealed.** The landing needs to be sealed this fall. It will need to be closed for 24 hours and we will post signs once a date is determined. Bob Petit volunteered to donate having the landing sealed. The BLA only needs to give Bob a date.
 - B. **Amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws.** A committee has been put together to review and recommend changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. The committee consists of Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Bryce Erbe, Andrew Doublestein, Jenna Labash and Susie Vosmik. Any changes will need to be voted on at the next annual meeting and need a 2/3 affirmative vote to pass. A motion was made and passed for the committee to continue to meet and recommend changes to be voted on in 2022.
 - C. **Future Monthly Meetings.** Should future monthly meetings continue to be done via Zoom, or in person? If in person, at member's homes or a place of business? This is something the Board will decide, but it was recommended it be one way or the other, as it is hard to do both.
- **Open Discussion:** A question was raised as to whether we can do anything about the traffic on Sunset Blvd; the speed, the noise, the carelessness. Andrew Doublestein, Bob Petit and Brian Erbe will get together and discuss possible options, with Mike Schirott as a resource person, as Mike has attempted to get something done in the past.

A question was also raised regarding the helicopter that lands on property on Baldwin Lake. It is a private helicopter landing on private property, and he is entitled to do so if FAA rules are being followed.

- **Adjourn: 10:45**

Officer Election Results: After the meeting adjourned, the paper ballots for the office of President were counted. Ballots were verified against the current membership list. Mary Kowalski received 39 votes and Bryce Erbe received 25 votes. Mary Kowalski is the next BLA President. The results were posted on Facebook and an email was sent out to all residents.