

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
July 14, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Coffee & Donuts – Pay dues, purchase t-shirts, buy Poker Run tickets and sign-up sheet

ATTENDEES: See attached Sign-In sheet; approximately 50 people were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President, Tim Osborn.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were available for all to read.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jenna Labash presented the 2017-18 Fiscal Year Financial Report; copy attached. The loss in the Social column represents unsold t-shirts. More people are donating to the Mosquito fund, however it is still operating at a deficit.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to report

B. Water/Environmental:

- Secchi Testing:** The results of recent testing were discussed. The results are available for the past several years for all lake association members to review.
- Fecal Count Testing:** The results of recent testing were discussed. We will keep monitoring. The results are available for all lake association members to review.
- Mosquito Spraying:** We contract with Agriflight each year to spray to keep mosquitos under control. Will spray again before the holiday and as needed.
- Boat Count:** The annual boat count was recently completed. Thank you to Mike Crofoot for help with conducting the count. Both Willow Shores and Lake Effect Marine are in compliance with the total number they are permitted to have, 87 and 16 respectively. Below are this year’s total numbers compared to last:

	2018	2017	+/-
Pontoon boats	258	244	+14
Speed Boats	106	118	-12
PWC	87	81	+6
Fishing Boats	22	15	+7
Sail Boats	10	9	+1
TOTALS	483	467	+16

- Geese Control – Goose Busters:** This year was the first time we worked with Goose Busters to control the goose population on the lake. We needed to first have Porter Township pass a resolution. We then needed to fill out an application and pay a fee of \$200 and submit it to the DNR for approval. Once approved we could proceed. Goose Busters (out of Northern Michigan) came out to the lake, humanely herded the geese

out of the lake into a fenced in area and then loaded them into a hay bed on a truck to be released in less populated locations in Northern Michigan. It is recommended that we round them up annually for 5 years to break the migrating habit. We rounded-up 56 geese this year but discovered a group of 20 shortly afterward that must have been nesting. The cost each year is the \$200 application fee, plus \$500-\$700 for Goose Busters. Every year we must go through the entire process. At last year's meeting it was approved to hire Goose Busters for 2018. Motion made by Tim Osborn and seconded by Jenna Labash to contract with Goose Busters again in 2019. Motion unanimously approved by all in attendance.

6. **Lake Savers Presentation:** John Tucci spend an afternoon examing Baldwin Lake and made a presentation on their services and the results of his review. John did not see a need to use his firm at this time, based on the condition of the lake, but recommended we start the process of proactively managing the lake by having a detailed analysis completed by a scientist on the condition of the lake, at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Per John it is very unusual for a lake of our size not to have a lake management plan in place.
7. **Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC:** 2018 was an unusual weather year with heavy rains and high heat. The result of the heavy rains was that the St. Joseph River backed up into Baldwin Lake. The condition of our lake is not as good as last year, with higher fecal test scores and lower Secchi readings. However, it is difficult to say if this is a trend going forward or a one-time occurrence due to the unusual weather. John Tucci suggested we should be doing nitrogen and phosphorus testing to have a better idea of the condition of the lake. Mike Crofoot spoke and said in his opinion we should wait a year and don't over react. Let's see if the lake can heal itself.

Motion made by Tim Osborn to be proactive and get other solutions to discuss at the next annual meeting. If other companies identify an issue that needs to be addressed immediately we will notify the association members of the situation. Paul DeLano agreed to provide the names of other companies for the Board to contact to have other proposals to examine.

C. Community Affairs:

1. **Website:** www.baldwinlakeassociation.com We will post a summary of the Michigan boating laws and responsibilities on the website.
2. **Porter Township Representation:** A motion was made to authorize the expenditure of \$500 to the Cass County Marine Patrol to monitor lake activities to make sure that boaters are following laws, and to do a safety check of boats. The motion was approved with 2 dissenting votes.
3. **10% of Poker Run Proceeds to Charity:**
 - i. **Edwardsburg Food Pantry**
 - ii. **Cass County Conservation Club**
 - iii. **American Liver Foundation**

Tim Osborn made a motion for the Lake Association to donate \$1000 to the American Liver Foundation in honor of Tamara Wyland. The motion was approved.

D. Membership:

1. **Advisors:** All zones currently have advisors.
2. **Update:** No update at this time, as Mary Johnson could not attend meeting.

E. Social:

1. **Poker Run – July 21st**
2. **Christmas Party – December 1st**

OFFICER ELECTION: Members present at the meeting voted in favor of:

Mike Schirott – Vice President

Jenna Labash – Treasurer

They will both serve for two years, through June 30, 2020. At the 2019 Annual Meeting the offices of President, one Vice President and Secretary will be up for election.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN: 11:14 am

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!