

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – June 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Via Zoom; Tim Osborn, Mary Kowalski, Mike Schirott, Jenna Labash, Mary Johnson, Mary Hansen, Randy & Val Miller, Bartt Smith, Len Morreale, Art Ickes, Andrew & Gwen Doubblestein, Barb Jaski, Jen Erbe, Mary Wain, Bryce Erbe, Cheryl Walsh, Tracy Donati, Mike & Eileen Caddigan, Claire DeLano, Bartt Smith, Susie Vosmik, and several others.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 by President Tim Osborn

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 15, 2021 meeting, as previously distributed, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was approved. Activity has increased as dues are coming in. The mosquito fund is in the black for the first time in several years. The cost to spray for mosquitoes has increased, by approximately 17%, up to \$2398.80.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to report

B. Water/Environmental:

- Secchi Testing:** Another test has been completed, two more will be done before our annual meeting. Numbers are not as good as last year, but the lake seems to have recovered from the flooding and backup from Long Lake. Water temp is in the 80's. There are signs of an algae bloom.
- Mosquito Spraying for 2021:** First one done on June 3rd.
- Geese Control for 2021:** Goosebusters is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th, beginning at 10:30. More help is still needed, contact Mary Kowalski. Long Lake will be rounding up geese right after us. The hardest part of the day is finding where the geese are hiding on the lake; during the roundup if you spot geese anywhere text Mary at 574-532-4745.
- Weed Control for 2021:** On June 8th North Hilltop was treated for Eurasian Milfoil. This was done based on the analysis completed last year where isolated areas were identified to be treated. At this time there are no other areas of the lake that have been identified.

C. Community Affairs:

- Membership Coordinator – Mary Hansen:** Mary Hansen and Mary Johnson have not met yet but will do so next week. Mary Hansen has contacted the zone advisors and Dahn Johnson – zone 1, Tim Miller – zone 5, and Tracy Donati – zone 8, are stepping down from their positions. Zone 5 will be filled by Mike Schirott and Mary Hansen will take over his zone. We need advisors for zones 1 and 8. We will send an email out to everyone with a map of the zones and a list of current zone advisors and those zones needing to be filled.
- Annual Meeting – July 10th:** There was much discussion regarding the BLA Constitution and Bylaws, job descriptions of officers on the Board, and the role of zone advisors. The BLA was formed in 1994. The Constitution and Bylaws have not had any major changes since then and now is a good time to readdress what we do as an association and to amend. A motion was made and passed to form a committee to look at the constitution and bylaws and make recommendations as to changes. The committee will consist of Mike

Schirott, Andrew Doublestein, Jenna Labash, Bryce Erbe and Mary Kowalski. Any changes to the constitution or bylaws will need to be approved by a 2/3 vote at the Annual Meeting.

One topic of discussion was Baldwin Lake having their own fireworks. This would be a good topic for discussion at the Annual Meeting and we will try to gather information to present. Bartt Smith will talk with Bob King to investigate opportunities of contributing to King's firework show, and Mary Wain will talk to the people on Indiana Lake that do the fireworks to obtain information.

There are three open officer positions to be voted on at the annual meeting. Notice needs to be sent to lake residents of candidates two weeks prior to the meeting, and their names will be on the agenda. Running for the open offices are President – Mary Kowalski and Bryce Erbe; Vice President – Andrew Doublestein; Secretary – Jen Erbe and Mary Johnson.

3. **Website Update:** A draft version of the new website is available to look at. Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Mary Johnson, Bryce Erbe and Susan Vosmik will review the website and make recommendations.
4. **Planning Commission Discussing Ban on Bubblers:** Not discussed

D. Social:

1. **Social Director Update – Mary Wain:** Music on the Lake – private party on land, but everyone is invited to enjoy the music from the lake; Saturday, July 17th, from 3:00-6:00 the Whistle Pigs will be at McArt's. Saturday, July 31st from 6:00-9:00 Marcus Dakota will be at the Smith's. The Smiths would like to use their event as a fund raiser for a local high school. Because it is a private event they are welcome to do so. Mary Wain needs our insurance agent's information so she can let Sue know when an event is scheduled. July 4th we will have a flotilla on the lake from 11:00-1:00. Everyone decorates their boats patriotically and parade around the lake. An event in August is also in the works.

Mary Wain has access to the BLA Facebook page but would also like to be able to send out emails. Mary Johnson will get her set up on Mail Chimp so that she can do so. It was also voted on and approved to have Mary Wain set up an Instagram account for the BLA. Mary would also like to purchase signs that can be placed around the lake for various social events. It was voted on and approved for Mary to spend up to \$300 to purchase signs.

There was also a discussion regarding selling apparel, and doing it like how Long Lake does, where each interested person orders what they want off a website. Mary Hansen has information on such a company and will send that information to Mary Wain. Also, Jen Erbe is interested in creating a design for the apparel; she will get in touch with Mary Wain as well. It was also brought up that it would be nice if we would have the ability to sell apparel from our new website.

2. **Music on the Lake – July 17th Whistle Pigs:** More information will be posted on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ADJOURN: 10:30

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting; Saturday, July 10th