

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION - May 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Dana Bergerson, Mary Johnson, Tim & Vicki Osborn, John Grill, Jenna Labash

CALL TO ORDER: President Tim Osborn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Mary Kowalski and John Grill hosted the meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 21, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash emailed a copy of the Treasurer's Report to the Board and Advisors. As of April 30 we have a cash balance of \$29,961.06. The BLA's net proceeds from Spring Fling were \$1,420.50. We have received \$2,075 in advertising fees.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the ML&SA confirming the renewal of our membership through May 4, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: The "No Wake" sign going into the bay needs to be put back up.

B. Water/Environmental:

Secchi Testing: The first Secchi test was done on May 11th, shortly after we got 3" of rain in 5 days. The readings were the worst since May of 2012, with the average reading being 14'4". Numbers are even lower than last fall. The lake is high, up about 6" with lots of wash from the rain we recently had. Mike Schirott will try to do another test before Memorial Day weekend; we just need a slight break in the rain.

Fecal Count Testing: Dana Bergerson is working on setting a date to collect water samples. She will get together with Carol Erbe. Mike has also offered to help.

Boat Count: This is typically done right before the 4th of July.

Mosquito Spraying: Tim Miller has contacted Agriflight to let them know we would like our first spraying to be just prior to Memorial Day weekend. The past two years we have had 4 sprays; typically we collect enough money for 2 sprays, so the mosquito spraying fund is always running at a deficit.

Geese Control: Things are moving along with Goose Busters. Permits will be issued within the next couple weeks. We have set a tentative date of Tuesday, June 12th for the goose round-up. Sets of 3 boats are used to "push" the geese up on to the shore. Vicki Osborn, Mike Schirott and John Grill have volunteered to use their boats and help. Goose Busters also brings kayaks to help with the push, as well as nets and cages and people to do all the work. The round-up is easier if we know where the geese are ahead of time, so we are to be on the look out to see where geese are nesting. We will work with homeowners where the geese are nesting prior to the round-up. Pricing is as follows: 1-25 geese removed, \$350; 26-50 geese removed, \$500; and an additional \$150 per set of 25 removed. Once we have the permit and the date is set, we will send out an email to everyone on the lake resident email list.

Lake-Savers: John Tucci from Lake-Savers will be here in June to go around the lake with Mike. Arland Heistand will also go around the lake with them; he is knowledgeable from a biological perspective and will ask questions. John Tucci will be at the annual meeting in July to present.

Clean Lakes Cooperative: As of now, the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) and the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program will officially end September 30, 2018. The ML&SA is asking lake residents to contact their

local representatives to encourage their support for the continuation of funding for this program. We will forward the email received to all lake residents. The BLA will also send a letter.

C. Community Affairs:

Website: We received a complimentary letter from a teacher in Kentucky whose class came across our website. They felt we had a very good website.

Dump Day in Union is June 9th.

Porter Township: Marty Russell's daughter has taken over as Porter Township Clerk.

ML&SA: Mike Schirott attended the May 5th Region 3 meeting. A lot of the talk from other lakes was regarding weed control. All other lakes have severe weed control issues. On Baldwin Lake we do have the "bad" weeds, but they are currently under control. Mike is planning on attending the meeting in October. He would like to have Cory Marlow attend to speak on how the DNR can cooperate with local government to resolve lake issues. The ML&SA also asked people to write to their representatives to continue funding to MiCorps.

D. Membership: We are still looking for an advisor for Zone 3.

E. Social:

Spring Fling: Spring Fling was held on April 28th. The net proceeds were split evenly between the Baldwin Lake Association and the Long/Coverdale Lake Association. There was talk of moving it to the Shriner's Club in Union next year.

Poker Run: July 21st. We will need a new chairperson next year for the Poker Run; this will be Vicki Osborn's last year 😞. The BLA will donate 10% of ticket sales to a local charity this year. Lake residents will be asked to nominate a charity, the BLA will narrow it down to the top three, and then it will be voted on at the annual meeting on July 14th. We will include this information in the next newsletter as well as in an email regarding the Poker Run.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: We will look into the possibility of donating once again to SEPSA. We will investigate to see what their needs are.

Should we carry Directors & Officers Insurance? Tim Osborn will investigate costs.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Long Lake has issued a No Wake, High Water Warning. We have not done anything on Baldwin Lake; we will just remind people to use common sense and be mindful of others.

ADJOURN: 10:30

NEXT MEETING: June 16th, 9:00 am
Mike & Nancy Schirott to Host
70163 Hilltop Road

