

## **BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – May 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Via Zoom; Tim Osborn, Mary Kowalski, Mike Schirott, Jenna Labash, Mary Johnson, Mary & Art Hansen, Randy & Val Miller, Bartt Smith, Len Morreale

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00 by President Tim Osborn

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 17, 2021 meeting, as previously distributed, were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The treasurer’s report was approved. Riparian Magazine fees were paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence from our insurance agent Sue McCammon wondering if we are going to have any special events this year. Discussed below under Social.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Water & Boating Safety:** Nothing to report

**B. Water/Environmental:**

1. **Secchi Testing:** Mike has numbers for the first two Secchi tests done on May 7 and May 14; South End 23.9 & 27, Middle 22.5 & 27, Bay 18.6 & 17.7, North End 17 & ---. Our testing equipment broke prior to being able to get final reading on North End. A motion was made and passed to purchase new equipment for Secchi testing and to enroll in CLMP; not to exceed \$150 total. Note that Tim is recording all the Secchi test numbers on a spreadsheet. Mike asked that if anyone sees cloudy water when they are on the lake to notify him.

Oxygen Meter: Long/Coverdale Lake Association has proposed purchasing an oxygen meter that can be shared between our two lake associations. This would measure the dissolved oxygen in the lake, readings would be taken once or twice a year. Our baseline would be the level measured by Restorative Lake Sciences in 2019 when they completed their lake analysis. Also, MLSA is helpful in determining if our numbers are good or bad. A motion was made and approved to purchase an oxygen meter with Long/Coverdale Lake Association, our cost not to exceed \$300.

2. **Mosquito Spraying for 2021:** Possibly first spraying before Memorial Day, if needed
3. **Geese Control for 2021:** Long/Coverdale has approved hiring Goose Busters and it is agreed the round-up should take place on Baldwin Lake the same day as theirs. Mary K will reach out to Katy Barhydt from Long/Coverdale to see where they are in obtaining the needed township resolution and state permit. We are hoping to have round-up completed first two weeks of June.
4. **Weed Control for 2021:** Everything is in place to begin, just waiting for the water temperature to warm up to where it needs to be; possibly end of June.
5. **Landing:** Bob & Lisa Dumm’s kids will mow the landing this summer; the \$20 per week cost was previously approved. Mike also mentioned that we may need to re-tar the landing in the Fall to seal it up.

### C. Community Affairs:

1. **Newsletter / Membership Mailing / Dues Renewal:** Tim will work on President's comments for the annual mailing and send to Mary J. It was suggested to give a shout-out to the CCCC and the benefits of becoming a member. Mary will have everything printed and folded at Staples and send out a text to Board members when things are ready to be assembled.
2. **Annual Meeting – July 10th:** The Pavilion has been reserved for July 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will request the building be opened so that we can use the bathrooms.
3. **Website Update:** The software our current website is built on does not work anymore; the website is still there, but we cannot make any changes and soon the website could just disappear. Art Hansen did research on vendors to design a new website for us and found Digital Hill Multimedia, Troy Rumfelt (who has a home on Baldwin Lake). A motion was made and approved to retain Digital Hill Multimedia to create our new website and to host it at a cost not to exceed \$1700 for design and \$450 annually to host and secure license.
4. **Planning Commission Discussing Ban on Bubblers:** Currently the Planning Commission is trying to determine Riparian rights. As a lake association do we want/need to do anything on this topic? It has been suggested that a panel group be formed with members from various lake associations in Porter Township to discuss and come up with unified thoughts on the matter. Agreed. Mike will stay in touch with Katy Barhydt from Long/Coverdale so that we have representation on the panel. Katy has taken Tim's place on the Planning Commission.

### D. Social:

1. **Social Directors:** Laurie Macri and Mary Wain are wondering how do they begin? Is the Lake Association going to pitch in and pay for social events? If so, what events and how much? Mike spoke with our insurance agent and all the BLA will need to do insurance related is to purchase a rider for \$50 per event. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to have the BLA pay the \$50 charge for insurance and half the cost of a band, up to \$500, for two additional Music on the Water events, one in June and one in August. The band must play down by the lake so that boats on the lake will be able to hear the music, and the music must be at a property that is easy and safe for boats to be out in front of. It was also discussed that Zone Advisors need to be rallied to be become more involved.
2. **Poker Run – July 17th (Whistle Pigs):** The Whistle Pigs are booked; we are still in search of a place for them to play, as 220-amp circuits are needed. There will be no Poker Run this year, although the day will be a fun day on the lake with Music on the Water 😊.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Mary Hansen expressed an interest in becoming the Membership Chairperson. Mary Johnson will get together with Mary Hansen.

**ADJOURN:** 10:10

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, via Zoom