



# October BLA Meeting

Wednesday, October 19th 2022

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

## Attendees

Jen Erbe

Mike Schirott

Mary Kowalski

Maribeth Yost

Nancy and David Smith

Jenna Labash

Barb DeCocq

Mike Crofoot

Laurie Macri

Mary Wain

Call to order - Mary Kowalski at 7:04pm

## Treasurer's Report:

Balance of \$50,847.31 as of October 1st

- Looked into getting an interest bearing account to put money aside for the landing repairs.
  - Current checking account is non-interest bearing
  - Changing to a business checking account would garner some interest, but any interest income gained would be offset by the fees charged by the bank
  - Savings account options are only earning .5% or less
  - CONCLUSION: at this time, a savings account or business checking account does not earn enough interest to make it worthwhile
- Going to look into I-bonds, interest rate is currently 9.62%; investment needs to be made by 10/28/2022 to earn the 9.62%
- Updating the checking account
  - Current signers on the checking account are Jenna Labash, Mike Schirott and Tim Osborn
  - Need to remove Tim and add Mary Kowalski; need meeting minutes from annual meeting where Mary was elected President (July 2021) as documentation

- Mary Kowalski and Mike Schirott will go to the bank to update
- Updated access to online banking
- **TO-DO:** There is still an issue with Tim Osborn receiving confirmations when a payment is made on PayPal. It appears to be something that is linked through Wix. Jenna has dug into PayPal and changed everything on PayPal. Jenna has looked through Wix, but cannot find the issue. Need to reach out to Lisa for help with Wix
- **TO-DO:** Need to set up a separate email account as a repository for email confirmations from PayPal. This will serve as a resource for the Membership director (currently Mary Hansen) to reference regarding who has paid memberships through PayPal. Wix should be set up to do an automatic "Thank you for your payment" reply and then cc the membership email (suggest [membership@baldwinlakeassociation.com](mailto:membership@baldwinlakeassociation.com)). Ongoing, as Membership Director changes hands, that person would have access to "membership" email.

## Correspondence:

A few more membership forms have come in the mail. No new bills.

## Water & Boat Safety

- Signs are still up at the public landing about repairs

## Water/Environment

1. **Water Testing** - concluded for the year. Mike Schirott has mailed in the water testing and still needs to mail in the secchi test by the end of the month.
  - a. Oxygen levels: past 40 feet, The oxygen is depleted and not many fish past that depth.

Secchi test: 11.3 feet. Visibility lower than average this year, but still better than surrounding lakes. Surrounding lakes are seeing the same results due to higher algae levels.

Algae blooms are still happening. The Temperature was 53 degrees today in Baldwin Lake. A good cold long winter will help algae blooms stop.

2. **Mosquito Spray** - we are done for the year. We completed 2 sprays for summer 2022.
3. **Landing Repair Updates** -

- a. Finally received verbal approval of permit from the State of Michigan. We need to send a \$100.00 check to the State of Michigan. Unsure when the repairs are going to be. Either when all the boats are out or early spring. We were hoping to get it done by the end of the year. But dealing with the State of Michigan has not been easy. Everything is very slow.
- b. Permit was filed 2 months ago. Once we get the physical permit, Bob will go ahead and get repairs done. We still need to sign the contract with his company for repairs.

**GOAL: Have repairs done by Thanksgiving. It all depends one when we receive the permit.**

#### **4. Wake Boats - MLSA report**

- a. We will be posting a link to the latest report on the website. BLA just wants to get the information out to lake residents about this study and report.

## **Community Affairs**

#### **1. Sawyer Lehman - Fish Stocking Project**

- a. He is trying to set up a fundraiser for the fish stocking project. Mike Shefler is going to get in contact with Sawyer Lehman to help with this project.
2. **Website Calendar** - Has been updated. Unfortunately, there was a glitch in our website and the calendar had to be deleted. The calendar for 2022-2023 will be updated by this weekend.
    - a. The Fireworks graph will be updated this weekend as well.

## **Social**

#### **1. Turkey Trot - Maribeth Yost/John Ulrich**

Thanksgiving day, there is no sign up for this event

9:00 AM Hilltop Road

5K and including a kids race.

Flyers will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

#### **2. Christmas Party - December 3rd, 6:00pm at Zimmy's - has been confirmed!**

- a. Bring canned goods.

#### **3. Apparel Store Update** - Store ended.

- a. Estimated ship date is 11/1
- b. We raised \$186.02 toward the Fireworks fund

- 4. Fishing Tournament** - Mike Crofoot has officially offered to sponsor the Fishing Tournament again. **Scheduled for JUNE 10th 2023.** This is the free fishing weekend for the state of Michigan.

## Committee Reports

- 1. Sponsorship/Budget** - No updates. We will meet in the winter to discuss this topic.

## New Business

No new business

## Open Discussion

No topics were put forth for open discussion

## Upcoming events:

### **Trick or Treating**

Saturday, October 29th

5:00PM - 8:00PM

### **Christmas Party @ Zimmys**

Saturday, December 3rd 6:00PM

### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **March 2023**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm .