
August BLA Meeting

Tuesday, August 16th

Attendees

Mary Kowalski

Jen Erbe

Mike and Nancy Schirott

Jenna Labash

Lauri Macri

Mary Hansen

Eileen Caddigan

Julie Kershner

Claire Delano

Brian Arbogast

Nancy and David Smith

Karen Tan

Tim Osborn

Agenda

Treasurer's Report: Approx. \$51,138.50 as of July 31st.

- **Next year's budget:** Call for a meeting to discuss all our expenses and outline a budget.
 - We need to create a committee.
 - Create a streamlined sponsorship form, providing options for events to sponsor, suggested minimum sponsorship and potentially different "levels" of sponsorship; need to define what the sponsor "receives" for their sponsorship (signage, representation on any t-shirts, etc)
 - Create a preliminary projection for how much money we need to raise in memberships / sponsorships to cover our expenses for events and the landing repairs that are being done this fall.

Motion: Mary Kowalski - Form a committee to come up with a budget

- Mike Schirott seconds. All agree.

COMMITTEE: Jenna, Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Nancy Smith, Claire DeLano, Gwen Doublestein, Tim Osborn, Karen Tan,

This will be an open meeting and anyone interested can join the committee.

Meeting: Wednesday September 14

6:30pm

Mike Schirott's House

70163 Hilltop

● **Future Landing Repairs:**

The landing has slabs that go out 28ft. A combination of natural springs and power loading boats has eroded and undermined the edge of the landing.

Temporary solution is to fill in with river rock.

- We need to pull a permit. The last slab is tipped about ½ inch.
- To repair it correctly, permanently, it would cost about 100,000 - 150,000. We do not have this in the budget. We will temporarily repair it with river rock to fill in the wash out. Estimate for "band aid repair" is \$5,000. Mike Schirott will follow up and pull permits.
- We are looking for someone to monitor and maintain the landing on-going and to help Mike Schirott with regard to future repairs.

Seeking sponsorships for future events:

We did not get sponsorships for the BLT, since this was our first year and we were not sure of our needs.

We need to organize a list of sponsors. Asking them to sponsor specific events. This way we do not ask the same sponsors to donate over and over again for multiple events. We will approach sponsors in the Spring and outline the events the BLA is hosting for the year.

- An Idea that was brought up: Having different levels of sponsorships: gold,silver,bronze
 - there are certain things they get with those levels.

We will have a future meeting to discuss a new sponsorship form and when to get it sent out. We hope to have the process re-defined by November / December. Goal is to contact sponsors beginning in April 2023, regarding Summer 2023 BLA events.

Correspondence:

- **Email from Jeff Chupp containing information on weeds in Little Baldwin**

- Email stated that a neighbor is cutting the weeds and not raking them out, they float and travel. Resident is concerned that this causes the weeds to multiply and root again elsewhere.
- We discussed getting Aquatic Weed Control back out here to talk to residents on how to maintain the weed level and how to take care of the weeds properly.

There was a suggestion on having Jim Donohue come back for another proposal for treatment. About \$400.00

(this was not finalized, will revisit at future meeting)

We are also working on getting this information on our website so residents know what weeds to look for, how to remove properly and also how to keep our lake safe.

This will include information on fertilizing your yard, etc.

Annual Meeting Takeaway:

- **What can we do better for next year?**
 - Sign - in sheet, remind people to sign in at beginning and end of meeting. Put in email that there will be a sign-in at the meeting.
 - If we are voting for anything, only 1 member from each family can vote. There was concern that members of households had voted twice in the formal ballots in July 2021. BLA Board counted ballots and verified against the membership list, removing any multiple ballots. **When doing a “show of hands” vote, we need to remind members to only vote once per household.**
 - Become more familiar with Robert’s Rule of Order
 - Having more members or residents present to help make sure the meeting goes well, counting voters, making sure everyone signs in, collecting renewal membership forms, selling poker run tickets, etc.

Water & Boat Safety:

Fish stocking has been ordered for 2023.

Water/Environment:

Water testing: water testing is continuing. Oxygen tests are done every 2 weeks.

Secchi test is improving

Mosquito Spray: We are on the list for spray

- They have confirmed that they will plan to spray Friday, August 19th around 7:00pm

Landing repair updates: When Mike Schirott gets a final estimate, permit pulled and progress, residents and members will be notified by email, facebook and on the website.

Community Affairs:

As of end of July, memberships are down from last year.

Mary Hansen has put together a list of people in each zone that has not paid yet.

- Red: mosquito only
- Green: paid
- White: not paid.

These lists were given to the zone advisors that were present at the meeting. Others will be delivered by Mary Hansen.

We have two spreadsheets: Membership spreadsheet and all residents spreadsheet

We discussed possibly merging the two spreadsheets. -*Winter Project.*

Social:

- **Poker Run Recap:** Poker Run Profit was \$15,295.00.
 - We took in about \$4,000 in sponsorships.
 - We paid out about \$11,000.
- **BLT Recap:**
 - Had a great committee. Bill and Lori Ott helped plan the Triathlon.
 - The outcome of the volunteers was amazing!
 - We had overwhelmingly positive feedback. Our long-term goal was to break even for the event, though we knew we would not break even this year. We did not know how to budget this new event, given that we could not predict the interest level (\$\$ coming in) or what our expenses would be (\$\$ going out).

- Overall we spent about \$1,700.
- Given the positive feedback from participants and community members, we WILL do this event again in 2023. The goal would be to break even. However, if we are successful in pursuing event sponsors, there is potential to make \$\$.
- Send out thank you cards and a donation to Cass County Sheriff's Dept, SEPSA and Cass County Road Commission.

MOTION: give \$250.00 each as a total of \$500.00 to Cass County Sheriff Dept. and SEPSA -Mike S all approved.

Schedule dates for the end of this year and next year.

September

- "Budget Meeting" Wednesday, September 14th 6:30pm @ Mike Schirott's
- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st 7:00pm @ Jenna Labash's

October

- Road Clean-Up in conjunction with LCLA & ILA: Saturday, October 1st
- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 19th 7:00pm @ Mary Kowalski

November

- Monthly Meeting (*last one for 2022*): Wednesday November 9th 7:00pm @ TBD

December

- BLA Christmas Party at Zimmy's: Saturday December 3rd 6:00pm - Laurie and Mary Wain will confirm. **Bring non-perishables to donate to the food pantry.**

March

- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th 7:00pm

April

- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, April 19th 7:00pm

May

- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, May 17th 7:00pm

June

- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, June 21st 7:00pm
- Fishing Tournament: June 10th

July

- Dates for Fireworks (potential): 1st choice: July 3rd; 2nd choice: July 1st; 3rd choice: July 2nd
- Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 8th
- Poker Run: Saturday, July 15th
- BLT: Saturday, July 29th

August

- Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 16th 7:00pm

New Business:

Get SAVE THE DATES OUT for BLT,POKER RUN, ANNUAL MEETING, FIREWORKS (once confirmed) -by mail,fb page, email.

For 2023 - send out an invoice through email/website to pay dues. -JEN ERBE.

Open Discussion:

Music on the water August 26th on Treasure Island.

70040 Treasure Island at the home of Greg Desmond and Mike Segobiano

Marcus Dakota 5-8pm

A plant parasite is present at Mary Hansen's house on Hilltop. They are working to get it removed. We will add this information to the website and facebook so everyone is aware.

A marsh weed is growing around, it needs to be pulled, bagged or burned.

This also will be posted on our website and facebook page.

Meeting ended at 8:57pm