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# Baldwin Lake Association

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

**Thursday, March 23rd**

## **Attendees**

Barb DeCocq  
Mary Kowalski  
Claire Delano  
Gwen and Andy Doublestein  
Tracy Lehman  
Mike Crofoot  
Mike Schirott  
Jenna Labash

**Treasurer's Report:** approximately \$43,700 in checking

## **Water & Boat Safety:**

1. Discussed the possibility of re-implementing safety checks with the Sheriff's department. Baldwin has done this in the past, Long Lake has done this most recently. Baldwin stopped doing this several years ago, as there was a drop in interest. Doing a safety check and receiving a sticker does not exempt anyone from being stopped by the Sheriff's department. It was decided that we would not move forward on this at this time.

## **Water/Environment:**

### **1. Water Testing:**

- a. secchi/dissolved oxygen
  - i. Phosphorus testing to be done by Mike Schirott soon. Mary Kowalski and Claire Delano expressed interest in joining to learn more about this process.

### **2. Mosquito Spray**

- a. Agriflite has communicated a projected increase in the cost of the spray. This is due to increased prices in fuel and other materials.

- b. Agriflite will contact Jen Erbe when they are ready to spray; Jen will communicate date / time of spray via FB and email

### 3. Landing Repair Updates:

- a. Repairs were completed in December
- b. Need to inspect
- c. Need to consider long-term solution and possible future rebuild.

## Community Affairs:

### 1. Fish stocking project (supplemental fundraising by Sawyer Lehman)

- a. Fish have been ordered, permit obtained.
- b. Sawyer has raised approx \$2,000, so far. Remaining balance will be paid by BLA, per previously approved funding proposal. (BLA had previously committed to fund fish stocking for 3 years, beginning 2022)

### 2. Discussed swan issue

- a. Some area lakes had indicated concern over the number of swans on the lakes
- b. Baldwin Lake's swan population are mute swans (orange beaks). While mute swans are invasive to North America, they are protected in Michigan.
- c. BLA is not taking any action regarding the swan population at this time

### 3. Goose round-up

- a. Due to the on-going issues of bird flu, the state of MI is not allowing round-up or relocation programs for geese.
- b. BLA will proceed as last year, with Goose Busters
- c. Goose Busters will collect eggs and flip nests to deter nesting geese

### 4. Date for Spring Roadside Clean-up: April 29th with Indiana and Long/Coverdale lakes.

## Social:

### 1. Flares

- a. Last year, Indiana Lake hosted a "light up the lake" event. They sold flares and everyone lit their flares at a designated date and time. ILA plans to do this event again this year and asked if BLA wanted to go in on their flare order.
- b. These are road flares. "Light up" would be done at a designated date/time.
- c. BLA tabled this topic for now, based on interest.

2. **Apparel Store:** Jen and Gwen are working on a few new designs right now and new apparel options
  - a. We will include trucker hats, blankets, extended sizes, etc.
  - b. Jen hopes to have the store ready by Mid-April.
  - c. **Make this a fundraiser?** yes
  
3. **BLT**
  - a. BLT 2023 planning is underway
  - b. Mike Schirott / Jenna Labash will contact Porter Township and Cass County Road Commission for authorization / notification of road closure, similar to last year
  
4. **FISHING TOURNAMENT:** June 10th (free fishing weekend)
  - a. Mike Crofoot is working on sponsorships and new signage
  - b. Discussed getting new signs with changeable placards for dates
  
5. **FIREWORKS**
  - a. Date still TBD
  - b. Cost is approximately \$15,000
  - c. Memberships, apparel store and specific donations all contribute to supporting this event

## Committee Reports:

1. **Sponsorship**
  - a. BLA sponsorship committee members are working on a new sponsorship form
  - b. Goal is to streamline and simplify sponsorship of BLA events
  - c. Focus is on our 4 main events (Fishing tournament, BLT, Poker Run, and Fireworks)
  - d. Goal is to send out sponsorship forms by April 1st
  - e. Follow-up is planned for May 1st

**New Business:** Nothing new at this time.

**Open Discussion:**

## **Membership for 2022-2023**

195 Homes on membership list (households who were BLA members at some point)

159 active BLA members

7 pay for mosquito spray only

29 households unpaid (not current members)

**NEXT BLA MEETING:** Wednesday April 26th

6:30pm

Mike Schirott's House

70163 Hilltop Drive