



Baldwin Lake Association

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

Saturday, July 13th, 2024
Annual Meeting

Attendees:

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| Ryan Sailor | Jenna Labash | Ami Sailor |
| Barb DeCocq | Dan Tufts | Lisa Tufts |
| Robin Linzy | Julie Lawson | Greg Strintz |
| Paul Delano | Cliff Yehle | John Wall |
| Tara Svatos | Fern Michaels | Tim Michaels |
| Brian Clark | Diana Clark | Tracei Lehman |
| Randy Miller | Valerie Miller | Terry Stewart |
| Chris Jaworski | Kevin Sharick | Heidi McArt |
| Connie Holt | Tom Hilfman | Gwen Doublestein |
| Larry Cook | Mike Schirott | Andrew Doublestein |
| Doreen Kauffman | Deb Murphy | Jack Gehring |
| Mona Gehring | Phil Miller | Bridget Miller |
| Mary Hansen | Art Hansen | Nancy Smith |
| Dave Smith | John Banks | Patty Whitmer |
| Susan Hughes | | |

Ryan Sailor called the meeting to order: 9:03 am

Water/Environment

1. Boat Count for summer of 2024 – Mike Schirott

Total: 485

There are 79 boats /PWCs at Willow Shores. All neighbors are following allowable boats/PWC numbers.

The aggregate numbers for all locations are:

- 265 pontoons – 4 more than 2023
- 91 PWCs – 2 less than 2023
- 92 speed and or wake/surf boats – 7 less than 2023. Of these 20 are wake boats.
- 37 fishing boats – 1 more than 2023

2. Water Quality - Mike

The water quality is tested every week to 10 days. Chlorophyll and phosphorus will be tested the end of August. Testing results are average for this time of year and are comparable to Long Lake's results. Water clarity is 9 feet but expect the clarity to lessen as the summer goes on. With the increase in temperatures the algae are in full bloom. Watch out for blue green algae and keep your kids and pets away from it. This type of algae is toxic and can cause illness and allergic reactions.

3. Landing Update - Mike

The 2022 repair on the boat landing is holding but the center is starting to erode. We need to save money for a renovation in the future which promises to be pricey.

Community Affairs

1. AED Update – Ryan Sailor

We purchased 3 AED machines along with 3 first aid kits. Their locations have been posted on our website and on Facebook. If you call 911 from any of the AED locations and give them the number on the box, the ambulance will know where to find you. There was a training last year to familiarize residents with the AEDs.

2. Membership & Zone Advisors – Mary Hansen

135 residents have paid their dues, but there are still 85 from last year who haven't paid. She will talk to zone advisors about reminding those who haven't paid to do so. Since there has been so much movement over the past few years, she would also like them to confirm the occupants of each residence to make sure our resident list is up to date. She needs volunteers to be zone advisors for zones 1 (eastern part of Pleasant, northern Sunset and Michigan Ave) and zone 8 (western part of Pleasant). The map of lake zones and advisors is on the website.

3. Fish Stocking – Mike Schirott

This year marks the end of our 3-year fish stocking commitment. The BLA paid for 2 of the years and Sawyer Lehman raised funds to pay this past year. The price for fish stocking increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000 during this time. There is no environmental ramification to the lake from either stocking or not. The increased wake boat traffic does, however, disturb spawning beds so the fish population would probably decrease if we don't stock. Mike estimates the cost next year to stock perch will be \$5,000. Mike proposed we stock perch in 2025. The proposal passed.

4. Mute Swan Resolution – Mike Schirott

Mute swans are an invasive species that have chased away the indigenous Trumpet Swans. To deal with the growing number of Mute Swans on the lake we would need to have a resolution passed. Long Lake has done this. As Mute Swans mate for life, removing the male from the mated pair would break the reproductive cycle and control the population. We have 3 mating pairs and Long Lake has 2. Passing a resolution does not force us to go ahead with anything, it just allows us to move forward if we decide to.

Mike proposed we pass a resolution. The proposal passed.

Sponsorship – Jenna Labash

We have received donations from 25 sponsors this year (compared to 19 in 2023) and are anticipating donations from 3 more sponsors. This includes 6 new sponsors in 2024.

There were 4 sponsors who donated “in-kind”.

Total Corporate Sponsorship is up over \$5,000 from 2023 to \$16,600.

Fishing Tournament - \$2,660 (\$1,415 in 2023)

Fireworks - \$4,300 (\$3,350 in 2023)

Poker Run - \$6,100 (\$4,800 in 2023)

BLT - \$4,200 (\$1,900 in prizes, \$2,300 in cash)

Personal Sponsorships for Fireworks

One family - \$5,000

Hilltop Neighbors \$1,174

Total Sponsorship donations for Fireworks is \$10,474.

The website has been updated with event information, sponsorships, and fireworks donations.

Elections

1. President

Mary Kowalski was nominated and was unanimously approved. Congratulations!

2. Vice President

Mike Schirott was nominated and was unanimously approved. Congratulations!

3. Treasurer

Jenna Labash was nominated and was unanimously approved. Congratulations!

Treasurer Report - Jenna

Account balance as of June 30 was \$53,528.57

Expenses for 2024

- Expenses were up from previous years.
- Boating and Safety - \$9,040.92 for AEDs and first aid kits.
- Fish stocking - \$2,223 for 2022, \$3,250 for 2023, and \$4,420 for 2024.
- Mosquito spray
- Admin – increased expenses for use of Paypal, insurance, and website.
- Fireworks – 2023 cost was \$15,000 (raised \$14,300). 2024 was \$20,000 (raised \$18,460. Of this only about half was donated by residents and half came from sponsors).

Poker Run

Total profit for the 2023 Poker Run was \$10,219. Revenue from ticket sales (\$15,290) and Sponsorship (\$4,800) totaled \$20,090. Expenses including Payouts (\$7,638) were \$9,871.

BLT

Even with participation down from last year we are set to make a little money because we have cut expenses. We ran this even at a loss the past two years.

Social

1. Apparel Store – Ami Sailor

The last store did very well selling 50 items. The proceeds will go towards our fireworks fund. Another store will open Monday featuring 4 new designs and will remain open for 2 weeks. Information about the store will be posted on Facebook.

2. Fishing Tournament – Nancy Smith & Susan Hughes

The tournament this year was a success. Thanks again to Mike and Janice Crofoot! We are looking for a volunteer to host the event in 2025. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please email board@baldwinlakeassociation.com.

3. Poker Run – Nancy Smith & Susan Hughes

The Poker Run is this week! If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, we would love your help. We can always use help setting up in the morning, opening cards in the afternoon, or helping to clean up in the evening. Please contact Susan Hughes or Nancy Smith or send an email to Board@BaldwinLakeAssociation.com to let us know how you'd like to help!

Along with the poker hands, we are selling 50/50 raffle tickets for \$10 apiece. Sales times are listed on the website and have been posted on Facebook. Ryan stressed the importance of safety during the event. There was an injury at Long Lake's Poker Run due to a boat running into a dock. Remember to put your boat in neutral and be extra cautious at the stops.

4. BLT - Jenna

- Registration for our third year is currently up to 50.
- Sunset will be closed on Saturday, July 27th from 8:00 am to 10:30. The road will re-open by 10:30 or as soon as the last racer is in, whichever comes first.
- AEDs and first aid kits will be available on the swim and bike courses, and at the transition area. Jeff Labash will have an AED on the bike course, Mike Schirott will have an AED on his boat on the swim course, and Margie O'Connor will have their AED at the transition area.
- We will use the new buoys on the swim course and cones/flags along the bike course.
- Chip Timing will be used for the event.
- There will be a keg and BLTs from Mill's again this year.
- Last year we basically broke even and we expect to make a little money this year.
- Don't forget to go out and cheer the athletes on!!

5. Fireworks - Jenna

Our fireworks cost \$20,000 this year. Long Lake's were \$17,000. It was suggested that we reach out to Long Lake's company for next year. Also, members thought it would be a good idea to coordinate with Long and Indiana so that the fireworks shows would all be on different nights.

6. Christmas Party - Nancy

There was wide agreement that we should plan a Christmas party again this year. Nancy and Susan will look into options other than the CCCC.

New Business

There was no new business.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 15th

Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.