



Baldwin Lake Association

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Attendees:

Mary Kowalski	Chris Jaworski	Len Ferguson
Mike Schirott	Ryan Sailor	Ami Sailor
Mary Hansen	Mike Crofoot	Julie Cripe
Carol Arbogast	Heidi Johnson	Julie Lawson
Jenna Labash	Susan Hughes	Dahn Johnson
Margie O'Connor	Dave Smith	Nancy Smith

Mary Kowlaski called the meeting to order: 6:30 pm

Agriflite

Dave from Agriflite gave a presentation regarding mosquito spraying. Conditions must be calm (winds less than 5 mph), without inversion, and be above 70 degrees for spraying to be effective. Dibrom (insecticide) kills adult mosquitos but does not harm people, pets, or livestock. Because the insecticide must come in contact with the mosquitos, PBO may be added to make them more active. Once sprayed in the spring it is best to follow up with another spraying in 1-2 weeks.

Mosquito spraying is only a small part of Agriflite's business. They need about a week lead time to ensure their planes are available and to give them time to clean and fill the planes with insecticide. We will coordinate spraying with Long, Coverdale, and Indiana Lakes.

The handout with FAQs he passed around will be available on the BLA website.

Water/Environment

1. Water Quality

Mike Schirott reported we are signed up for testing through the state. He will start Secchi testing the first week in May. Chlorophyl and summer phosphorus testing will be the end of September. Mary Kowlaski will be attending the MLSA meeting soon.

2. Mute Swan resolution

Long Lake will discuss their plan on Tuesday and report to the BLA. We will discuss further at the May meeting.

3. Goose roundup

There will be no roundup this year due to the bird flu. We have opted out of egg collection because of the poor communication and service they provided last year. We will address the need for this type of program again next year.

Community Affairs

1. Road Cleanup

Mary Kowalski reported that the cleanup will be May 4th. Long and Coverdale lake Associations will also be cleaning up that day. The BLA is responsible for Sunset. Meet at Mills at 9:00 a.m. to organize and collect bags and vests. Donuts will be served!

2. AEDs

The three AEDs and first aid kits are all in place on the lake. Flags will be placed on the docks to mark their locations. A map highlighting their locations and photos of the AED training that was held at the fire station are on the BLA website. If you are at an AED station and need assistance, call 911 and the first responders will know where the station is.

3. Fish stocking

We have completed our three-year fish stocking commitment this year with \$4,000 of perch. Many thanks to Sawyer Lehman for raising the money for this effort! The

comments so far have been positive this year. We will vote at the annual meeting on July 13th whether to continue stocking fish next year. Mary Kowalski will reach out to the DNR about a study to find out what fish we have in the lake.

3. Boat safety

Mike Crofoot brought up the boater safety classes at the CCCC available if there is enough interest.

Treasurer

There was \$38,710.37 as of May 31st. This amount does not reflect the fish stocking and \$10,000 down payment for the fireworks. We will need to pay out another \$10,000 for fireworks and begin payments for mosquito spray.

Social

1. Apparel Store

Jen Erbe and Gwen Doublestein have agreed to continue with the apparel store.

2. BLT

Mike Crofoot reported that the contest is all set to go on June 8th. Updated signs will be placed at the public access, Mills, Zimmy's, Mike's yard, and at Jaworski's. All information is on the BLA website.

3. Poker Run

Plans for the poker run on July 20th are moving forward. Nancy Smith, Margie O'Connor, and Susan Hughes will head up the planning committee.

4. Leprechaun Leap

It was very cold and very quick but 8 brave souls took a dive in the lake on March 17th! Photos of the event are on the BLA website.

4. Upcoming Events

All upcoming event information is on the BLA website.

Membership & Committee Reports

1. Sponsorship committee

Mary Kowalski, Claire Delano, Jenna Labash and Nancy Smith will get together to plan outreach to sponsors this year.

2. Newsletter

The BLA sent out a newsletter to all residents of Baldwin Lake covering all current and upcoming events. Also included was a 2024 membership form.

No new business or open discussion items.

Next meeting: TBD.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.