



Baldwin Lake Association

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

Thursday, June 22nd 2023

Attendees:

Mary Kowlaski

Susan Hughes

Laurie Macri

Mary Wain

Jenna Labash

Jen Erbe

Nancy & Dave Smith

Mike Crofoot

Mike Schirott

Mike & Beth Bubik

Andrew Doublestein

Ryan & Ami Sailor

Call to Order at 6:35 by Mary Kowalski

Correspondence:

We have been receiving sponsorship renewals in the mail, as well as via PayPal. No other significant correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: End of May: \$47,049.98

In June, we had a lot of sponsorships coming in and paid for fireworks.

Fireworks:

- We have received approximately \$12,600 for fireworks. Of that balance, approximately \$8,500 have come from sponsors.

Sponsorships:

- We have received approximately \$9000 from 14 local sponsors. We are still following up and have reached out to a couple new sponsors.

Water Testing:

Drought is helping with water clarity. We have not had any algae blooms. Secchi test read at 24.3ft, which is very impressive for June. Oxygen levels are higher than they were from last June.

Social:

- **Store Update** - \$265.32 raised for Fireworks.
 - Because orders are not processed until the store closes, we wouldn't want to have a store open continuously. We can, however, open stores more frequently. Some of the merchandise you may have seen before but maybe you missed out on ordering.
 - We will open another store next week.
- **Fireworks:** We have yet to reach our goal of \$15,000. We have raised approximately \$12,600
- **Poker Run Updates:** AstroNots unexpectedly had to cancel. We do, however, have a new band: Small Paul & THE DIFFERENCE. They will send an invoice and contract.
 - We secured a porta potty for the Poker Run for \$150.00
 - The first poker run meeting with all of the stops is next week.
 - We need card openers. This will be advertised on facebook, website and mailchimp.
 - July 7th at Jimmy's.5:30 - 7:00 pm
 - July 8th at Annual meeting
 - July 12th at George's 5:30-7:00 pm
 - July 14th at Jimmy's 5:30-7:00 pm
 - July 15th 9:00-11:00 am at Poker Run site.
- **BLT Updates:**
 - We have been approved for road closure by Cass County Road Commission.
 - Sunset will be closed from Michigan Ave to Wayne St, ONLY for the duration of the race (approximately 8:00am to 10:00am).
 - No one will be "stuck" at their house. J

- We will have volunteers posted at each closure point to direct traffic and move blockades, in case of an emergency.
 - We will start getting signs to communicate the road closure. We will also post road closure to various lake and community groups.
- **Music On The Water:** August 5th and August 12th. These two events are on our calendar.
- **Flotilla:** theme this year is Holidays!
 - Same day as Fireworks, July 3rd.
 - Meet in Little Baldwin at 11:30.
- **Fishing Tournament:**
 - Pictures from this year's event have been added to our website and Facebook. It was another great turn out.
 - Thank you to Mike & Janice Crofoot for hosting, along with our sponsors! ESCO, Halls Bait & Tackle, Cheryl Walsh (Calcutta Outdoors), Lake Effect, Four Lakes and Mike Wain State Farm were our sponsors.
 - There was over \$600.00 worth of fishing gear distributed to all the 27 kids.

Planning agenda for Annual Meeting: Saturday July 8th @9:00am

- Prior to the start of the meeting, we will have someone designated to collect dues and sell Poker Run tickets. Mike Shirrott will work the door and direct people.
- We will have two sign-in sheets. Everyone attending the meeting, please sign in.

Doors will open at 8:30 am so anyone interested in paying dues and purchasing Poker Run tickets can do so.

- Topics:
 - MI 500 feet proposed rule for wake boats.
 - Recommendations made by the study.
 - Copies of the study will be available for people to read.
 - Mike - water update
 - Jenna - Annual Report
 - Jenna - Sponsorships
 - Elections - Mary K
 - Voting for 3 positions
 - Secretary
 - Vice President
 - President
 - Guest Speakers

- Fire Chief Mike Holderman - SEPSA App for phones. Updates
 - Pat Doyle: Shoreline Steward Program
- Social - upcoming events, including Christmas party.
 - Move Christmas Party to the Cass County Conservation Club December 2nd
 - We will vote on this at the meeting.
 - Need to follow up with CCCC after the Annual meeting to book it.
 - Wakeside trains people on how to drive their wake boats properly. - Sailors will follow up on Scott to possibly come to the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Fireworks: July 3rd

Flotilla:

- Meet in Little Baldwin 11:30
- Theme: Holidays - Will post and email to everyone.

BLA Annual Meeting: July 8th 9:00 am at the CCCC. Doors open at 8:30am to pay dues and purchase Poker Run tickets.

Poker Run: July 15th

- We have all 5 stops.

Host: Bob & Lisa Dumm and Ike Smith

Band: Small Paul and THE DIFFERENCE.

Baldwin Lake Triathlon: July 29th 8:00am to 10:00am

MUSIC ON THE WATER:

- August 5th RocketDogs at Smailorville in Little Baldwin.
- August 12th Mike and Janice Crofoot's House

Open Discussion:

No new topics were brought forward at this time.

Next BLA meeting: Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 8th at 9:00am (doors open at 8:30am) @ Cass County Conservation Club

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm