



Baldwin Lake Association

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

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Attendees:

Mary Kowalski

Barb DeCocq

Mike Schirott

Laurie Macri

Mary Wain

Nancy Smith

Ryan Sailor

Ami Sailor

Jenna Labash

Susan Hughes

Mary Hansen

Dave Smith

Mary Kowlaski called the meeting to order: 7:02 pm

Water/Environment

1. Water Quality

Mike Schirott reported that the Secchi test showed visibility to 7' 8". Oxygen levels at 56' are low, but that is normal for this time of year due to the algae on the surface. He has taken water samples to be studied and expects reports back in January.

2. Mosquito spray

The last spray of the season was performed the week before Labor Day.

3. Tree grant opportunity

Mike Schirott spoke of a possible opportunity through the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. They are planning to apply for a grant from the US Forest Service to plant trees around our lakes to support water quality. There would be no cost to landowners. Mike expressed our interest in Baldwin Lake's participation to

the MLSA. Work would likely be done during the fall of 2024 and during 2025. More details will follow as they become available.

Community Affairs

1. Road Cleanup

Mary Kowalski reported that the cleanup will be October 21st. Long/Coverdale and Indiana Lake Associations will also be cleaning up that day. She will get the bags and vests again this year for all three associations. The BLA is responsible for Sunset. Meet at Mills at 9:00 a.m. to organize. Donuts will be served!

2. AEDs

- Ryan Sailor purchased 3 AEDs (pediatric pads included) for Baldwin Lake. Ami Sailor presented an option for the necessary weather-proof cases.
- Training is available for \$530 for 6 people and \$45 per additional person. Mary will check with SEPSA to see if we can't find a cheaper option. Some wondered if training was necessary since the AEDs are completely automatic and are fully guided with safeguards.
- The AEDs will be placed at Labash's property on the north bay, Schirott's home on the main lake, and on Little Baldwin (perhaps Sailor's property).

A motion was brought by Mary Kowalski to purchase the cases. Mike Schirott seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

2. First aid kits

Susan Hughes presented an option for first aid kits including wound cleaning/dressing supplies and basic first aid medications. These items will cost \$75-\$80 per kit. Bag options are \$20-\$25 apiece. These kits will be placed with the AEDs.

A motion for the purchase of these 3 first aid kit items by Mary Kowalski. Mike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

There is \$50,052.09 as of August 31st. There were significant September expenses, so currently at about \$45,000. It was brought up again that we need to look into investing some of these funds. Since the bank we use will not invest for a non-profit, we would need to find an opportunity elsewhere. Mike Schirott and Jenna will follow up on this.

Social

1. Apparel Store

The last store's sales were low. We can open another one at any time. It was agreed that having one for the holiday season would be a good idea. New designs were requested. Mary Kowalski will check to see if we can get a break on shipping costs if we pick up the order.

2. BLT

Jenna proposed purchasing necessary items for next year's BLT. 2 large 5' buoys, ski course buoys, safety flags, cones, and caution tape are needed.

Motion to buy reasonable, necessary items not to exceed \$1,500 by Mike Schirott, seconded by Nancy Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Music on the Water

The Labashes have scheduled a Music on the Water event for next year on June 15th. The Incredible Johnsons will be playing. See the website for information.

4. Christmas Party

- The Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at the CCCC from 6pm - 10pm.
- Mary Wain and Laurie Macri will speak with Zack from Mills this week about the heavy hors d'oeuvres. Mike Schirott will check out the sound system.
- A canned food drive for that evening was discussed. Large boxes would be required.
- A save-the-date email will go out with details of the evening and instructions to go to the website to RSVP.

Membership

There have been a good number of new memberships from a mailing that was sent out this month. There are 121 paid members. 84 members have not yet paid. Mary will try to alert those with outstanding balances. 2024 membership forms will be sent out by mail next year in May.

Next meeting: October 19th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.