

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – April 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Mary Kowalski, Mary Hansen, Mary Johnson, Jenna Labash, Mike Schirott, Tim Osborn, Vicki Osborn

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Tim Osborn, President. Tim and Vicki Osborn were hosts.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the October 20, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was very little activity since our meeting in October 2018. Jenna will prepare a report and send to Board. Approximate balance in checking account \$34,000.

CORRESPONDENCE: MLSA dues and membership form; due May 2019. A motion was made, voted on and approved to pay our MLSA dues for 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Mailing on jet ski operating procedures. As was discussed at the October 2018 meeting we will put together a packet of information regarding jet ski operating procedures and general Michigan boating laws and distribute to all homeowners on the lake. Tim Osborn put some initial jet ski guidelines together, Mary Johnson will take this and make up a pamphlet that will fit into a plastic "door hang" style bag, along with the information on boating laws and an BLA membership application. We will have packets ready to be distributed to all the zone advisors at the May meeting so that the advisors can hand out to all homes in their zone prior to Memorial Day. The information will be put together so that the advisors can hang on the mailbox or front door. We will also give some to Willow Shores, and possibly Mill's. We are still discussing putting a sign with regulations at the landing.

B. Water/Environmental:

1. Secchi Testing (water clarity): Mike Schirott will try to do the first Secchi test this coming week.
2. Fecal Count Testing (water quality): We probably won't ever do the fecal count testing again, as it does not measure what we need to have measured, phosphorous and nitrates. Mike Schirott will be able to do this testing once he is trained at the MLSA conference.
3. Boat Count: Will be done 4th of July week.
4. Mosquito Spraying: We will continue with the use of Agriflight for spraying. Tim Miller has taken care of sending in the form and we are set to go.
5. Geese Control: DNR Approval ad Goose Busters application. We were approved by Porter Township to contract to control the goose population for 5 years; we have 4 more left. We need to apply for approval again with the DNR and send in our \$200 application fee. Once we hear from the DNR we will set a date for the round up with Goose Busters, which will probably be the first part of June. Residents will be notified to let us know if they have geese on their property, as well as to let us know if they do not want us to round up geese from their property. An email will be sent, as we did last year. There is concern that if we remove most of the geese, will the swan population increase. Mary Kowalski will check with her contact at the DNR, as well as to see if there is anything we can do if the swan population does continue to increase.

C. Community Affairs:

1. Update on www.baldwinlakeassociation.com website. The flyer for Spring Fling has been posted on the website.
2. Porter Township Update: Mike Schirott is now on the Porter Township zoning board of appeals. Ron Jaski is on the sewer board. Tim Osborn is interested in a position on the planning commission for Porter Township. It is important we have lake representation in local government.

3. MLSA annual meeting May 3rd: Mike Schirott will be attending. He will get 300 pamphlets from MLSA, "Are You Observing the 100' Rule?" to be distributed to all homes on the lake. Mike will also be trained on water testing and become certified in the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). The Board has concerns regarding becoming part of the testing, such as will this put our lake under more scrutiny, and we are not sure if we want our results posted on the MiCorps website. We will continue the discussion once Mike completes the training. We may still be able to use the lab in South Bend that we have been using for any additional testing we may want.
4. Road Clean-up – Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am. Meet at Mills or at Johnson's, 70119 Hilltop. Mary Johnson will send an email to all residents and let Kena know so that Long Lake can help if they want. Mike will check with Zimmy's and George's to see if they want to offer breakfast for those participating. Vicki Osborn will get bags and vests from the road commission.

D. Membership:

1. Advisors: All zone advisor positions are filled.
2. Update from Mary Johnson: The price on the Riparian has increased to \$14. Mary will change it on the membership application.
3. Newsletters – mailed and electronic: A motion was made to have only one newsletter per year, the hard copy mailed newsletter that we send out in June, and to email lake residents more often regarding events, items of concerns, water testing, educational information, etc., and to charge advertisers \$50 to advertise in the newsletter as well as on our website. Motion voted on and passed. We will have the newsletter ready to go to the printer by June 1st, mailed prior to June 15th. Vicki Osborn will get pricing on printing the newsletter and having it mailed as well. We will decide how to have it printed at the May meeting.
4. Advertising. Tim Osborn will contact advertisers for advertising in the newsletter as well as for the Poker Run.

E. Social:

1. Spring Fling – April 27th
2. Annual Meeting – July 13th
3. Poker Run – July 20th

OLD BUSINESS: Where are we on having the lake evaluated? We currently have proposals from two vendors that need to be evaluated. Mike Schirott will take an in-depth look at one proposal and Mary Hansen will examine the other. Other lakes in the area have been evaluated and we need to find out who used who. Mike will be able to get more information at the MLSA meeting. Tim Osborn will check with Cory on Shavehead Lake to see what they have done. We also would like to have a couple of Secchi readings to compare to last year. We will discuss at the May meeting. We will need to be able to make a recommendation to all lake residents at the annual meeting in July.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN DISCUSSION: We would like to have more social get togethers for everyone on the lake. We will have inaugural "Friday Float", on May 24th, the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Osborns will be the hosts. Everyone is invited to anchor and hook their boats together in front of Osborn's from 6:00-8:00 pm. Osborns will provide music on the shore and everyone is to bring an appetizer to share between boats. BYOB. Mary Johnson will email everyone.

ADJOURN: 10:20

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am. Jenna Labash will host, 69377 Lake Street

Schedule of Meetings: May 18th, Jenna Labash; June 15th, Mary Kowalski; July 13th Annual Meeting; August 17th, Mary Hansen; September 21st, Mary Johnson; October 19th, TBD; November 16th, TBD