

August 20, 2016 BLA MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Mary Hansen, Mary Kowalski, Mike Schirott, Dahn Johnson, Tim Miller, Tim Osborn, Mary Johnson, Jenna Labash, Chip Estep, Tara Svatos, Tony Svatos, Connie Holt

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Tim Osborn

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 18, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash gave the Treasurer's report. Since July 1 there have been \$18,306.05 in deposits and \$9,713.59 in expenses. With a beginning balance of \$13,352.46 we now have an ending balance of \$21,944.92. Jenna noted there is a \$455.95 discrepancy between our ledger balance and the bank balance; she believes it has something to do with our PayPal account and will have it resolved by the next meeting. Treasurer's report approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: With all of the rain we have had is it possible to post no wake signs. No. Cass county puts out public no wake advisories when the water levels are high and we have posted these on our Facebook page.

B. Water/Environmental: Carol Erbe will be ready with her water test report after Labor Day. Chip Estep and Tim Miller volunteered to meet with her. Mosquito spraying will be done as soon as conditions are right. We will spray with Long Lake this time. Do we need a 4th spraying this year? We will see how the mosquitos are. If anyone has problems with them let Tim Miller know. The spraying of Willow Shores was discussed, as they do not contribute but do benefit. It was decided to contact the owner prior to next year's spraying to see if he would be willing to have residents pay something for spraying. From talking to people who live there it seems they would be willing to pitch in.

Goose control was discussed. Mike Crofoot knows the person who coordinated Goose Busters on Shavehead Lake and has contacted him to get in touch with Goose Busters, along with Mike Schirott. Diamond Lake also has rounded up geese in an effort to get rid of them. Mary Kowalski will contact Diamond Lake to see how they did it and if it is working. We will continue to gather information at this point.

C. Community Affairs: The website is coming along. Art Hansen is open to any ideas. Some possibilities are a Classified section, a Directory of preferred businesses, and a Calendar of events. Mike Schirott is still trying to contact the woman who wrote a historical book on Baldwin Prairie to see if we can get some historical pictures.

Our Fall road clean-up will be October 1st. The Sunset crew will meet at Mills and the Hilltop crew will meet at Johnsons. Mike Schirott to contact Phil Yoder to get bags.

The grass at the landing is not being mowed and we need to hire someone to do it on a regular basis. A motion was made, seconded and approved to hire someone and pay them up to \$10

per week, May 1 through October 1. Mike Schirott to coordinate. The boulders at the landing should be done in approximately 2 weeks.

The next newsletter will go out after Labor Day. We will put something in the newsletter about the fall road clean up.

- D. Membership:** We currently have approximately 33% of lake residents as members, at 99 members; this includes 2 lifetime members and 6 that have donated to the mosquito fund only. After a brief discussion it was decided to mail out reminder postcards to people that have paid dues in the past few years but not yet this year. Mary Johnson will work on this. Providing Baldwin Lake Association stickers to paid members was also discussed. We will look at pricing and try to have these ready to go for next year. Tony Svatos has a contact that may be able to print the stickers for us, he will check and let us know. A lake resident inquired as to whether or not the Baldwin Lake t-shirts can still be purchased. Misty Calhoun is the person we had printing the t-shirts in the past; Tim Osborn will contact her to see if she is still interested in doing this.
- E. Social:** We need to set the date for next year's Poker Run. Tim Osborn will contact Bob and Lisa Dumm to see what dates work for them; the card opening and party will be at their place next year as Macri's property will not be available. A concern was mentioned regarding the traffic on Sunset; this may need to be addressed. The Christmas Party on December 3rd has been confirmed with Jimmy's. We will participate in the Spring Fling next year with Long Lake; we need to find out the date.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Connie Holt was at the meeting to express the concern with wake (bladder) boats on Long Lake destroying the shoreline. Long Lake has a committee set up to work on addressing the problem and requested that if anyone has factual information on damage that has been done by wake boats to please contact them.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

MEETING SCHEDULE: September 17th, 9:00am
Tim & Janet Miller's home
70659 Hilltop Road

October 15th, 9:00am
Terry & Mary Johnson's home
70119 Hilltop Road

November 19th, 9:00am
Mike & Nancy Schirott's home
70163 Hilltop Road

ADJOURN: 10:25