

## BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION - August 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**ATTENDEES:** Connie Hileman, Rick & Christine Conte, Art & Mary Hansen, Mike Schirott, Mary Johnson, Tim Osborn, Randy & Val Miller, Brian Arbogast, Moe Jacobson, Connie Holt, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash, Tom Hilfman

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:07 by President Tim Osborn. Mary & Terry Johnson hosted.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was distributed, reviewed and approved. Ending cash balance is \$45,769.58. The mosquito fund is -\$10,355.40.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Water & Boating Safety:** There was discussion regarding the recent accidents on Shavehead and Long Lakes and of the continued unsafe boating practices being observed on Baldwin. What can residents do? If a picture or video of the unsafe boating practice is taken we can post it on our Baldwin Lake Association Facebook page. If it is sent in a message to the BLA page it can be anonymously posted to the page. Also, we will contact the Cass County Sherriff Department to see if we can host a boater safety class in the spring. An email blast can also be sent out in the spring with a reminder of safe boating practices.
  
- B. **Water/Environmental:**
  1. **Secchi Testing:** We have completed 9 tests so far this year. Results are continuing to deteriorate.
  2. **Phosphorus and Nitrate Testing:** Restorative Lake Sciences will be completing this testing. People have questioned at times whether it is safe to swim in the lake. The lake association can't have the water tested and then tell people they can or can't swim. Testing is always a single point in time. The best way to stay informed on the healthiness of the lake is to come to meetings or attend such meetings as the Shoreline Symposium in Kalamazoo. Restorative Lake Sciences will have a written and oral report on the lake in October.
  3. **Boat Count:** A second boat count was not done this year. We have moved the count to right before the annual meeting in 2020.
  4. **Mosquito Spraying:** We have had 4 sprayings this year. Will try to get one more in before Labor Day.
  5. **Geese Control:** It was approved at the Annual Meeting to complete the geese removal again in 2020. There is nothing that can be done now about the geese on the lake; they need to be rounded up when they cannot fly. If you keep your grass longer at the water's edge it may help stop them from coming up on your lawn.
  6. **Restorative Lake Sciences:** They started their lake study on August 5 and will be out on the lake one more time. Try to see if they can let us know ahead of time so that we can go out with them and learn with them. They have gone around the lake and done sonar mapping, taken water samples and taken pictures. After this second time on the lake they will work on analysis. No date has been set for their presentation in October. We will want to know when they are ready far enough in advance to give notice to all lake residents of when the presentation will be.
  
- C. **Community Affairs:**
  1. **Website:** The website does have information on boater safety, as well as the link to take the boater safety class on test online.
  2. **Porter Township: Zoning:** Shavehead Lake has most of the activity regarding zoning issues. **Planning Committee:** Working on the question of whether the township should legalize golf carts to be driven on the roads.

**D. Membership:**

1. **Advisors:** no update
2. **Update on Membership:** Will use our advisors to try to increase membership. Give \$100 to the advisor who gets the most people to sign up. Tim will contact them. Also, will try to get the word out on everything the lake association does. The \$25 is a way of showing support for what the lake association does.

**E. Social:**

1. **Annual Meeting:** The 2020 annual meeting is scheduled for July 11.
2. **Poker Run:** the 2020 poker run is scheduled for July 18. Moe Jacobson knows of a band that may be good for the Poker Run, Ginger and Her Baked Goods. He will check to see if they are available. We will set up committees for the Poker Run at the October meeting.
3. **Road Clean-Up:** Fall road clean up is scheduled for September 21. It will take the place of our September meeting.
4. **Christmas Party:** Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 7

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** One way to be able to continue to test the oxygen levels in the lake is to purchase our own oxygen meter. As they are expensive, maybe the lake associations in the area could go in together to purchase one. Will be discussed further later.

**ADJOURN:** 10:20

**NEXT MEETING:** October 19. Location TBD