

August 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Mike & Nancy Schirott, Dahn Johnson, Mary Kowalski, Mary Kowalski, Vicki & Tim Osborn, Heather Reser, Mary Hansen, Chip Estep, Tim Miller, Ron & Barb Jaski, Mary Johnson. Terry & Mary Johnson were hosts.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 by Tim Osborn, President.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 17, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash could not attend the meeting, but emailed the Treasurer's Report to everyone. The report was reviewed and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the MLSA regarding an upcoming evening meeting on October 4th. Mike Schirott is interested in attending and will review the information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to report.

B. Water/Environmental: Two more Secchi tests will be completed this year.

Water Testing: There was discussion regarding the fecal count test results. Mary Kowalski has the historical data if anyone would like to see prior years' results. It is available to anyone in the lake association. Tim Miller is doing some additional testing on his property and will report the results once they are obtained.

Wake Boats: The lake association will continue to remind everyone that they are responsible for any damage caused by the wake from their boat, and to use common sense when boating on the lake so that damage doesn't occur. We will also remind residents of the 100-foot rule.

Mosquito Spraying: We have had 3 sprays already this year; we have budgeted for 4. Depending upon when we spray for the 4th time it could be a 5-spray year. Tim Miller remind everyone to please email him if we feel the mosquitoes are getting bad again. We will aim to spray one more time before Labor Day.

Geese Control: Approval was received at the annual meeting to proceed with contracting with Goose Busters to control the geese population on the lake. Chip Estep will get the contact information for Goose Busters and forward to Mary Kowalski so that we can begin the process.

Purple Loosestrife: Mike Schirott reported that purple loosestrife is beginning to show up along the shore of the lake. This is an invasive perennial that can rapidly degrade wetlands, diminishing their value for wildlife habitat. In the past, lake association members would go around the lake and pull it out. Residents that notice it on their property are encouraged to pull it out and burn it or put it in a bag for disposal. We will put an article in the newsletter.

- C. Community Affairs:** Mike Schirott attended the last Porter Township meeting. There was a presentation on Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services out of Three Rivers. We will include information in the next newsletter. The township has found an Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Mike Hayden. He will work on a per diem basis for the township, along with other local towns. The Planning Commission will have a public hearing on September 20, 6:00pm, to discuss multiple issues. Mike will attend this meeting and encourages more people to attend.
- D. Membership:** Laurie Macri has agreed to be advisor for Zone 2, so we currently have advisors for all 10 zones. We are currently at 95 lake association members, with an additional 6 residents donating toward mosquito spraying only, which is down slightly from last year. Mary Johnson will send out reminder postcards again this year, after Labor Day. The next newsletter is targeted to go out the week of August 20th.
- E. Social:** Poker Run: The 2017 Poker Run is in the books, and proved to be the most successful to date, surpassing net proceeds of last year by almost \$2000. The lake association netted just over \$11,000, paying out just over \$7600 in prizes. Some things to consider for next year are; more volunteers are needed; more people to open cards, set up and clean up, and line up sponsors. Also, consider having a pit boss next year to oversee the board. The location for card opening, etc. will be the same next year, as the hosts have already agreed. Traffic was not a problem. Eight different locations have already agreed to be stops in 2018. Congratulations to Dahn & Margie Johnson for the winning stop this year, The Wizard of Oz. And, a big thank you to Vicki Osborn for organizing another successful year!

Fireworks: There was some discussion regarding having fireworks on Baldwin Lake in 2018, however, before it can proceed any further someone is needed to head up this endeavor. If anyone is interested, please let Tim Osborn know.

T-shirts, Tanks and Koozies: The sale of t-shirts and tanks has been a success, as we have passed the breakeven point and are in the black approximately \$200. Tracy Donati could not attend the meeting, but we are currently in the process of approving and printing koozies.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The 2018 Annual Meeting has been penciled in for July 14, 2018, and the 2018 Poker Run for July 21, 2018. The fall road clean-up will Saturday, October 7th, at 9:00am. The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at Jimmy's; the date still needs to be confirmed. These are the dates and locations for the remainder of the 2017 BLA meetings; September 16th at Mary Kowalski's home, October 18th at Osborn's home, and November 18th at Schirott's home. All meetings are scheduled to start at 9:00am.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN: 10:35

NEXT MEETING: September 16th, 9:00am
Mary Kowalski's home
69402 Lake Street