

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 15, 2017

ATTENDEES: Brian Arbogast, Paul DeLano, Mike Schirott, Pete & Amy Holland, Phil & Bridget Miller, Jay & Tricia Miller, Marvin & Valerie Dolph, Phil Yoder, Mary & Art Hansen, Elise Hansen, Brian & Ginger Hartman, Scot & Kim Smith & family, Dana Bergerson, Tom Miller, Christy & Toby Gerber, Ron Jaski, Christine Falkenberg, Vickie Schoeffler, Tim Miller, Dave & Karen Tan, Diana Clark, Connie Holt, Chip Estep, Tim & Vicki Osborn, Mary Johnson, Jenna Labash

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Tim Osborn, President at 9:20.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The 2016 annual meeting minutes were not read; copies of the 2016 annual meeting minutes were available for everyone and they have been posted on the lake association website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Financial Report were available for everyone. Our biggest sources of money coming in were the Poker Run and Spring Fling, for a combined positive cash flow of \$7,835.79. Money received from membership dues was up over the previous fiscal year. We only take in about half of what we need to pay for mosquito spraying. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was amended to include approving the previous year's meeting minutes as well, motion seconded and passed; the 2016 annual meeting minutes and 2016-17 fiscal year financial report were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: From Union Insurance Agency Certificate of liability insurance for poker run. Donation of \$50 from Charlotte Fletcher in the memory of Don Henke who passed away July 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to report

B. Water/Environmental:

Water Testing: Carol Erbe gave a report on water testing. Some background information; we know that we live on a wonderful lake, it is also one of the cleanest in the entire area. Baldwin Lake as the 4th largest watershed in the state, and our lake water changes over every 2.85 years, compared to 7 for Long Lake and 21 for Indiana Lake. We used to test the water in the lake at different spots every year, but since the sewer system has come in we have focused on testing inlets every year. The counts in the lake that we still do are always good, partly because the water is dispersed so quickly once it gets to the lake. Anyone who is a member of the lake association is entitled to see the results. If anyone would like a copy, let Tim Osborn know and Carol will get a copy to you. If ever a problem is found with any of the inlets, homeowners will be informed. Well water was tested a few years ago, and it tested good. Dana Bergerson will be taking over water testing. Carol was thanked for her 21 years of water testing.

Mosquito Spraying: Two mosquito sprayings have been done thus far. Tim Miller explained how it is more effective to do 2 or 3 sprays in quick succession of each other, so that is what we have been doing the past couple years rather than spreading them out over the summer; seems to be working. If we do a 3rd spray, chances are we will need a 4th. We have budgeted for 4. Mosquito spraying is one of the most valuable things the lake association coordinates.

Geese Control: The lake association has investigated options but hasn't moved forward on any geese control measures. It has been determined that if we really want to take care of the geese problem, we should move forward with Goose Busters. Both Shavehead and Diamond Lakes are using Goose Busters and are seeing good results. If we want to proceed, the cost will be between \$3000-5000 annually, and we would need to make a 3-year commitment. Mary Kowalski made a motion that we proceed with Goose Busters, it was seconded, voted on and approved.

Boat Count: The boat count is conducted annually primarily to make sure that our commercial neighbors, Willow Shores and the marina, are not exceeding the number of boats they are permitted, which was a problem years ago. They are both within their limits, with Willow Shores at 70 (permitted 87) and the marina at 11 (permitted 14). The total boat count, including Willow Shores and the marina, is 455, down from 483 in 2016. The breakdown is as follows:

TYPE OF BOAT	2017
Pontoon	234
Speed	110
Fishing	26
PWC	75
Sailboat	10
TOTAL	455

Secchi Test: Secchi testing is completed by the lake association 3-4 times per year, to test how clear the water is. The most recent test was completed on July 14th. The water is not as clear as last year, but still in keeping with the average for the lake; the mild winter seems to have had an impact on the numbers.

These numbers represent the 2nd Secchi test readings for the past 4 years:

	2014	2015	2016	2017
North End	11'5"	9'10"	16'4"	10'1"
Little Baldwin	16'4"	12'6"	19'1"	10'5"
Center	11'8"	8'9"	20'3"	9'4"
South End	12'1"	7'4"	18'5"	10'7"

C. Community Affairs:

Website: Our website is www.baldwinlakeassociation.com. The website is continually evolving; it's on ongoing process to make it what everyone wants it to be. Note that you can pay your dues on our website using PayPal. If you have pictures, send them to Tim Osborn, or post on our Facebook page.

Porter Township Representation: The proposed dock ordinance put forth by Porter Township a few months ago shows the importance of the lake association to stay informed on local matters. The lake association board met and put together a response, as the lake association board, to the ordinance. As a result, we were able to stop an ordinance that would have had detrimental effect on lake residents. A new issue coming to the forefront in the state of Michigan is the issue of damage created by wake boats. Right now, as a lake association we will continue to monitor the situation and be prepared should Porter Township propose an ordinance. We will take the stance of less governance. It should be noted that currently under Michigan law all boaters are personally responsible for any damage to life or property created by their wakes or swells (Section 324.80158 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environment Protection Act; Act 451 of 1994).

D. Membership:

Advisors: Baldwin Lake is divided into 10 zones and each zone has an advisor to keep residents up to date on what's happening around the lake. Zone 2 is still in need of an advisor; if you live on the central part of Sunset or Treasure Island and are interested, contact Mary Johnson.

Membership Stickers: The lake association will be distributing two membership stickers to each resident that pays membership dues. The sticker is the new lake association logo.

T-shirts and Tank Tops: Selling the new lake association t-shirts and tank tops is not a money maker for the association. They will be sold at the poker run.

E. Social:

Poker Run. The annual Baldwin Lake Poker Run is next Saturday, July 22nd. You don't have to be present to win; last year a blind draw hand won the top prize of over \$1500. We are still looking for dealers to open cards; you don't need to know about poker, just how to use a pair of scissors. You will be seated next to someone who knows poker. Bubba's and Roscoe's will be selling food; bring cash. One of the poker run stops donated 4 Cubs tickets, which will be raffled off for \$10 a ticket with all proceeds going to the mosquito spraying fund.

Baldwin Lake Fireworks: There was discussion on whether to have fireworks on Baldwin Lake next year. We are limited by the fact that there is no spot on the lake that is 400 feet from any structure. We could possibly fire them off from the farm field on Hilltop, but will need permission from farmer. Could possibly fire them off from a barge at an additional cost. Long Lake rented barges from Simonton Lake Sportsman Club at a cost of \$150 each. We were looking at Mad Bombers; cost would be \$10,000 for 20 minutes, \$7,000 for 15 minutes. Will continue to pursue, and keep in touch with Long Lake and Indiana Lake.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: The following officers were elected for two year terms: Mary Johnson – Secretary, Mary Kowalski – Vice President, and Tim Osborn – President. These terms will expire June 30, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN: 10:40