

July 23, 2016 - ANNUAL BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Art & Mary Hansen, Tracy Donati, Dana Bergerson, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash, Ginger Hartman, Tim & Vicki Osborn, Tim Miller, Keith & Judy Kankel, Phil Yoder, Mike Schirott, Jack & Mona Gehring, John Walsh, Tom Miller, Chip Estep, Mary Johnson, Karen Balch

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:09 by President Karen Balch.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting held July 25, 2015 were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Osborn, Interim Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. In fiscal year 2015-16 we collected \$12,999.00 and spent \$11,940.21 leaving us with a net \$1,058.79 for the fiscal year. Our total cash is \$13,352.46. The Poker Run is our largest source of income and the mosquito spraying expense is our largest expense.

After discussion regarding keeping the mosquito fund separate Tim Osborn made a motion to keep the mosquito fund as a separate fund, to keep spraying for mosquitos even if the fund has a deficit balance, and to use the general fund to cover any such deficit. Motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Tim Osborn stated that we have a small amount of recurring expenses each year and they change little from year to year, approximately \$1200. After discussion \$500 for someone to attend the MLSA meeting in March was added in to this amount. Tim Osborn made a motion that we approve these \$1700 recurring annual expenses. Motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2015-16 was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected:

President	Tim Osborn	1-year	June 30, 2017
Vice President 1	Chip Estep	2-year	June 30, 2018
Vice President 2	Mary Kowalski	1-year	June 30, 2017
Treasurer	Jenna Labash	2-year	June 30, 2018

President Tim Osborn is filling the second year of Karen Balch's 2-year term. VP Mary Kowalski is filling the second year of Tim Osborn's 2-year term as VP. The position of secretary will also be up for election at the annual meeting in July 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. A letter from MLSA stating they have received our membership fee for this year and what our benefits and opportunities are as members. 2. Our notice from the State of Michigan to file our annual report and pay the annual fee of \$20.00 to remain a nonprofit organization; due October 1, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety:

Boat Count: The annual boat count was completed by Mike Schirott and Mike Crofoot. We conduct a boat count every year to keep our commercial partners on the lake in check. Willow Shores is permitted to have 87; they have 76. Tri-Lakes can have 14 and they do have 14. The total boat count was 483 compared to 448 in 2015, up 35 boats. Below is the breakdown of the boat count:

TYPE OF BOAT	2016
Pontoon	168
Speed	94
Fishing	36
PWC	85
Sailboat	10
Willow Shores	76
Tri-Lakes	14
TOTAL	483

B. Water/Environmental:

Secchi Test: Secchi testing is completed three times per year to test for water clarity. The best reading is typically in the spring. A big thank you goes out Phil Yoder and Keith Kankel for doing the testing for the past several years. They have turned the testing over to Mike Schirott who will be helped by Dahn Johnson and Terry Johnson. Below are the results thus far this year, plus a chart with the 2nd readings for the past three years. The numbers represent how far down the water is clear:

	May 2016	July 2016
North End	23'6"	16'4"
Little Baldwin	26'9"	19'1"
Center	29'6"	20'3"
South End	30'6"	18'5"

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

Water Quality Test: Carol Erbe has collected samples and brought them in for testing but we have not yet received the results. Carol was not able to attend the meeting. There was discussion on what to do with the results once we receive them. It was noted that the Board should be more knowledgeable about the testing in order to get a better understanding of the results before any decisions are made. Chip Estep volunteered to get in touch with Carol and report back at the next meeting.

Goose Control: There are still many geese on the lake. Options for controlling them will be brought up for discussion at the next BLA meeting. Mike Schirott is familiar with Goose Busters; they come in

and round up the geese and take them far away. Mike will get more information and report at the next meeting. Carol Erbe has information on other methods, which will also be discussed. Jenna Labash will look online to see what information is available from the DNR, etc. A decision as to what to do with the geese will be made at the next BLA meeting.

Mosquito spraying. The 2nd mosquito spraying of the year as just been completed. The plan for spraying is to spray three times as close together as possible; however, the conditions have to be just right. It is felt the spraying is effective. Mary Johnson will try to put an article in the next newsletter about Agriflite and the mosquito spraying.

C. Community Affairs:

Website: Our new website *baldwinlakeassociation.com* is up and running and is functioning as a way to use PayPal to pay membership dues. Art Hansen has done the work to get it going. He is looking for ideas of what to put on the website; possibly a history section, newspaper clippings and pictures by year. A link to our Facebook page will be put on the website. Contact Tim Osborn if you have ideas or pictures. Art has billed the lake association for his time, but will turn around and contribute the amount back to the mosquito fund.

Road clean-up. A date needs to set for the Fall clean-up. Phil Yoder will go and pick up the yellow bags from the road commission this fall, but would like to hand this over to someone else. A suggestion was made to have the advisors responsible for the clean-up of their areas; possibly just set a "to be completed by" date. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Long/Coverdale Partnership: It is agreed that it is important to keep our partnership going with the Long/Coverdale Lakes Association. Our Spring Fling proceeds once again went to the Long Lake fireworks. Tim Miller as agreed to do some research to find out the costs, etc. associated with Baldwin Lake having their own fireworks. Tim will report at the next meeting.

Roscoe the Swan: In the spring a swan on the north end of the lake was shot with an arrow. A resident of Willow Shores captured the swan, brought him to a vet, and then released the swan back on the lake. The lake association has offered a reward for information leading to finding out who shot him, but no leads have been reported. The reward will remain open, but no further action will be taken by the association.

D. Membership:

Advisors: There are 10 zones around the lake with each zone having an advisor who reports back to the residents in their zone or voices any concerns they may have. Zone 2 is currently open. This zone includes part of Sunset Blvd and Treasure Island. If anyone is interested, please contact Tim Osborn.

Update on membership: Approximately 320 newsletters were mailed out to residents. We currently have 73 members, compared to 57 at this time last year. 9 have paid using PayPal, we have 11 new members, and there are 7 members who have re-joined this year after not paying dues for two or more years.

E. Social:

Poker Run. This year's poker run was the most successful ever. It was very well organized and the weather was perfect. We brought in \$15,710 in ticket sales, \$6,900 in sponsorships, for a total of \$22,610. Expenses were \$4,874, we paid out \$7,635 in prizes, and paid \$809 for repairs to a dock that was damaged. Our net profit was \$9292. Christmas in July won the award for the best stop. All of the sponsors will be recognized in the next newsletter. Thank you to all the volunteers. Vicki Osborn has agreed to head up the poker run again next year.

Christmas Party: The date for the Christmas Party at Jimmy's will be Saturday, December 3rd. Tim Osborn will check with Jimmy's to make sure that date is open and it will be published in the next newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING SCHEDULE: The following is the schedule and location for the rest of the BLA meetings for the year. All meetings will begin at 9:00am.

August 20	Tim & Vicki Osborn's 70380 Hilltop Road
September 17	Tim & Janet Miller's 70659 Hilltop Road
October 15	Terry & Mary Johnson's 70119 Hilltop Road
November 19	Mike & Nancy Schirott's 70163 Hilltop Road

OPEN DISCUSSION: The target date for the next newsletter is the first week of August. Members should brainstorm for more community events for everyone on the lake. Suggestions thus far include having a get together where all the boats tie up together in the middle of the lake, and bringing back Wednesday's at the Bar.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 by President Tim Osborn.