

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – June 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Tim & Vicki Osborn, Mary Johnson, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash, Len Morreale, Carol & Brian Arbogast, Dana Bergerson, Greg Strintz, Julie Lawson

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07 by President Tim Osborn. Jenna & Jeff Labash hosted.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 2019 meeting were read and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending cash balance \$32,134.39. We received approximately \$1800 from Spring Fling, which is not reflected in the cash balance. Treasurer's report approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from MLSA confirming our payment; members thru 5/2020. Invoice for BLA insurance from Union Insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety:

Packets of information on jet ski operating procedures and Michigan boating regulations distributed last week to all homes. This was done instead of paying for additional sheriff patrols on the lake, as it was felt additional patrols would not resolve problems with jet skis.

B. Water/Environmental:

1. **Secchi Testing** (water clarity): 3 tests have been done so far this year and there is a significant decline in what the results were in 2018. There appear to be brown spots on the lake and possibly more or different types of weeds.
2. **Phosphorus and Nitrate Testing** (water quality): to be scheduled
3. **Boat Count:** end of June
4. **Mosquito Spraying:** Agriflight sprayed on June 5th; we will possibly spray for a 2nd time again soon. Cost last year was \$2045 per spray.
5. **Geese Control:** Goose Round-Up is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th in the morning. Shavehead and Diamond Lakes are also doing their roundups the same day. Will send out an email reminder on Monday to everyone to remind them to let us know if they have geese on their property, and to let us know if they do not want us to round-up geese on their property.
6. **Restorative Lake Sciences:** Tim Osborn gave a summary of the presentation made by Restorative Lake Sciences on June 12th. He was skeptical about needing a lake analysis prior to attending the presentation, but now feels it is something we need to have done. It would be a complete physical of the lake; all the weeds in the lake will be mapped and identified, oxygen levels will be looked at, and our watershed will be examined. It would give us a baseline for where the lake is right now. The report will also provide recommendations for actions that may need to be taken and identify what our treatment options may be. Total cost for the analysis and subsequent report is \$11,000. Any treatments that may be needed will be at an additional cost and will be voted on prior to proceeding. It was noted it is less expensive to treat a small problem area than to wait until the problem becomes larger. Analysis needs to begin as soon as possible so that the lake can be properly examined, and a report and presentation delivered in October. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move forward with Restorative Lake Sciences at a cost of \$11,000. The motion passed with 10 yes votes and 1 abstention. Tim Osborn will contact Restorative Lake Sciences to get them started.

C. Community Affairs:

1. **Website:** no update
2. **Porter Township:** no update

D. Membership:

1. **Advisors:** All zones have advisors. Thank you to the advisors who helped hand out the boating information packets.
2. **Update on Membership:** We have been receiving several membership renewals already, usually we don't get many until at or after the annual meeting. We already have 3 new members. We have consistently run at less than 50% participation in the lake association. Possibly we can have a table at the Poker Run? Long/Coverdale Lake Association is in the process of putting together an informational notebook for their block captains. Their "zones" are a little smaller than ours, 10-15 houses, and they will try to have social get togethers within their zones. We will once again hand out membership stickers to BLA members after their dues are paid. Motion made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$350 on stickers.
3. **Newsletter:** To be mailed in June. Chip and Carol Estep will be helping once again with the printing and will bill the lake association. We will provide help putting together the newsletters and getting them mailed out.
4. **Advertising:** Tim Osborn has been working on getting the newsletter and website advertising pulled together and has one more business to hear from on Monday.

E. Social:

1. **Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting is scheduled for July 13th; however, neither Tim & Vicki Osborn nor Jenna Labash will be able to attend. A motion was made, seconded and approved to move the annual meeting to Saturday, July 27th, 9:00am, coffee and donuts at 8:30am. Vicki Osborn will check with the CCCC to make sure that date and time is open.
2. **Poker Run:** July 20th. All the stops are set for the Poker Run; they are spread evenly around the lake. We will have signs made like what Long/Coverdale have this year, where we can just fill in the day, but re-use the signs. Also, we will have signs made for each sponsor, like what Shavehead did last year, so that we can re-use those as well. Tent is rented, porta potties are lined up, band is booked. We will not sell t-shirts this year and there will be no food sold. Card stuffing party will be June 24th, 6:00-8:00pm at Zimmy's. Flyers have been put up.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: One garbage collection vendor for lake: It was brought up to consider having American Waste be our sole garbage collection vendor for the lake, thereby reducing costs for lake residents. After discussion, it was decided not to pursue this at this time.

OPEN DISCUSSION: none

ADJOURN: 10:05

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 27th; 8:30am social, 9:00am meeting
Cass County Conservation Club