

March 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Art and Mary Hansen, Chip Estep, Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Tim Miller, Tracy Donati, Tim Osborn, Mike Crofoot, Mary Johnson. Tim and Vicki Osborn hosted.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Tim Osborn at 9:00

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Kowalski handed out copies of the treasurer's report. It was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received information from the MLSA regarding the Annual Conference. We are still looking for someone to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: We have not heard back from Cass County regarding having boat inspections on the lake. Even though we only had 1-2 boats the last time we set up inspections, we will proceed with seeing if we can do it again.

B. Water/Environmental:

Fecal Count Testing: Mary Kowalski has been in contact with Carol Erbe and a meeting has been set up with her for Thursday, March 23, 7:00 at Carol's house. Tim Miller and Chip Estep will also try to attend.

Boat Count: Will be done in July

Mosquito Spraying: Tim Miller will head up again this year. First spraying to be done around Memorial Day weekend and we will follow the same schedule as last year, and try to have all the sprayings done close together.

Geese Control: We have decided to continue to gather more information and to work with Shavehead, Birch and Long lakes so that we can put forth a united front when approaching the township. We will pull back this year and get everything ready to go for 2018. We still need a contact person on Birch Lake; does anyone know anyone on Birch? We will try to have everything together by September of this year so we can proceed.

C. Community Affairs: The flyer for the Spring Fling will be posted on the website.

D. Membership:

Advisors: We are still looking for an advisor for Zone 2.

Membership Update: There was discussion regarding distributing the BLA stickers to those who pay membership dues, and bids were reviewed from three businesses. It was decided to wait

until we choose a new logo. Mary Kowalski had several logo prototypes for us to look at. A motion was made and seconded to have Mary see if we can get the dock and sunset on the round logo, in two colors. Motion passed. If this can be done, we will use this logo to get new pricing on stickers.

Also, Tracy Donati would like to look at getting new BLA t-shirts and hoodies. She will research this.

E. Social:

Poker Run: Scheduled for July 22. One more stop is still needed on Hilltop or South end.

Spring Clean-up: Spring Road Clean-up is scheduled for April 22, at 9:00am. For those helping on Sunset, meet at Mills. For those helping on Hilltop, meet at Terry and Mary Johnson's, 70119 Hilltop.

Spring Fling: The date for Spring Fling is April 22. Mary Kowalski had fliers. They will be posted on our website and on Facebook.

Fireworks: Tim Miller has spent some time with Mad Bombers. They drove around the lake to look at possible sites to use for launching fireworks; they need to be at least 400 feet from any structures. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have fireworks on Baldwin Lake if Tim Miller can get Mad Bombers for either July 1 or 2, and if we can use the land that sticks out on a point at the entrance of Little Baldwin, for 20 minutes at a cost of \$10,000, and trying to secure corporate sponsors. Motion passed. Mike Crofoot to contact the land owner to see if we can use his property.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION: none

ADJOURN: 10:20pm

NEXT MEETING: April 22 – Spring Road Clean Up