

March 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Tim & Vicki Osborn, Mike Schirott, Mary Hansen, Laurie Macri, Tim Miller, Jenna Labash, Mary Kowalski, Mary Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by President Tim Osborn. Tim & Vicki Osborn hosted the meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the November 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved. In the future, the minutes of the meetings will be distributed to all members of the Board within one week of the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash reported that there was very little activity over the winter. The \$138 we received back as a credit on the misprinted koozies was a credit on an invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received an email from the Cass County Office of Emergency Management on how to report flooding damage and how to find assistance; this was distributed to all members via email. We also received a membership invoice from MLSA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: Nothing to report.

B. Water/Environmental:

Mosquito Spraying: We will continue to contract with Agriflite for mosquito spraying. Tim Miller has agreed to be the BLA contact person once again. As mosquito nuisance can vary on the lake, please email Tim if the mosquitos become bad on your property.

Geese Control: Mary Kowalski gave an update. We have the application for the permit completed and will send it to the DNR with \$200. Mary spoke with Ken Kession at the DNR; he knows of Goose Busters and we should have no problem getting our permit approved. He was very knowledgeable. Wanted us to know that this is not a permanent solution. The permanent solution would be to have a natural shoreline all along the lake with tall grass. As long as we have our nice green lawns going right up to the water we are inviting the geese onto the shore. This is one reason why it's important to continue with Goose Busters for the duration, from year to year. Even strobe lights are not a permanent solution, as the geese ignore them after a while. We still need to negotiate a price per goose with Goose Busters. Mike emailed Cory Marlow on Shavehead; Cory will have the person who was in charge on Shavehead get back to Mike. Once the permit is approved and we have an idea of the timetable of goose roundup we will send an email to all residents and put the information on the website.

Flooding Update: Mike Schirott will put together an article for the first newsletter. He has historical information on how close we came to hitting the record for high water. Because the water reversed its flow, and flowed into Baldwin Lake from Long Lake, we may find more invasive species showing up in Baldwin. There is a currently a layer of dirt on the water, so it will be interesting to see how the flood will affect the Secchi test results this year. As discussed at our November 2017 meeting, Mike has been in contact with John Tucci from Lake Savers. His company installs aerators on the lake bottom to keep the water moving around and prevent the

build up of silt. This clarifies the bottom of the lake, thus helping the fish population. Once Mike has a boat in John will come and look at the lake and start putting together a proposal. It needs to be a lake-wide solution. John has agreed to come to our annual meeting. We are not committed to anything, just beginning to investigate it.

C. Community Affairs:

Website: BLA meeting minutes will be posted monthly on the website.

MLSA Annual Meeting: The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. annual conference will be held Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21, at Crystal Mountain Resort. It is very informative. If anyone would like to go, please let Tim Osborn know.

Spring Road Clean-up: The road clean up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 7, at 9:00am. Tim Osborn will get the vests and garbage bags from the road commission. Either meet in Mill's parking lot or at Terry & Mary Johnson's, 70119 Hilltop. Mary J. will let Long Lake know when the clean up has been scheduled for.

D. Membership:

Advisors: A new advisor is needed for Zone 3, as Phil Yoder has sold his house. Tim Osborn to reach out to Alice Ann Troy to see if she is interested. She is one of the founding members. Mary Johnson to put together updated zone lists for all the advisors so they will know who is in their zone and if they are current on their dues.

Newsletters: The first newsletter will go out via email the middle of April. The second newsletter will be mailed to everyone, sometime in June. The last two newsletters will be delivered via email in August and October. Advertising for the newsletters will be \$100 for a business card ad in all 4 newsletters and will need to be paid prior to April 15 to get in the first newsletter. It was suggested to send out one email to all advertisers to cover advertising in the newsletter and being a sponsor for the Poker Run. Tim and Vicki will work on getting the list together. Mary Hansen and Mike will help once the list is together.

E. Social:

Spring Fling – April 28th: There will be a meeting April 10th, 6:00pm, at Zimmy's to finalize Spring Fling planning. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to attend. We work on Spring Fling with Long/Coverdale Lakes. We split the proceeds 50/50 between the two lake associations. BLA will keep our share this year.

Poker Run – July 21st: Vicki Osborn is heading up the Poker Run again this year. We had 7 people interested in being a stop and Vicki needs to verify with everyone and get it down to 5 stops. More help is needed in the tent this year. One possibility is for us to work with Long Lake; we would help them with their poker run and then they would help us. Tim Miller suggested having a volunteer group work in the tent in exchange for either a percentage of the proceeds or a flat amount. A suggestion was made last year to have a Pit Boss and Vicki is working on that. Another idea that was discussed is to donate a certain percentage of the proceeds to an organization each year. It was agreed to do this, beginning this year. Specifics will be determined prior to the Poker Run.

Apparel Sales: Tracy Donati has several of the long sleeve t-shirts left. It was suggested that we put something on the website to try to sell some more. Also, it was decided to go ahead with designing a 2018 Poker Run t-shirt.

Baldwin Lake Fireworks: It has been determined that it is not feasible to have fireworks on our lake, as we need a 400-foot radius and that is not easily available. We will continue to enjoy Long Lake and Indiana Lake fireworks.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION: none

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 21, 2018
Jenna & Jeff Labash's Home
69377 Lake Street