

May 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Tim Osborn, Mike & Nancy Schirott, Mary Johnson, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash, Chip Estep

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 by President Tim Osborn. Mike and Nancy Schirott hosted

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved. (The April 2017 meeting was the spring road clean up).

Mike Schirott gave a brief overview of the emergency BLA board meeting that was held on April 30th regarding the proposed Porter Township dock ordinance. The members that were present at this meeting unanimously approved a 10-point resolution, which was sent to Porter Township. (A copy of the BLA resolution and proposed ordinance are attached). The Township meeting was held May 3 and was well attended by Baldwin Lake residents. The ordinance was unanimously defeated. Long-Coverdale Lake Association supported our resolution. It should be noted that since the May 3rd meeting, the Township has since passed a similar resolution for Birch Lake only.

The proposal and passing of this dock ordinance had reaffirmed that we need to have a Baldwin Lake representative attend township meetings. Mike Schirott has volunteered to start going to the meetings once again. The next township board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13. Mike will also meet with Cory Marlow during his office hours to find out exactly what is happening with the dock ordinance and will report back.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. It was suggested she switch around the lines in the TOTAL FUNDS section. Report approved. We had a check returned from one of the businesses that paid to advertise in the newsletter. If they do not issue another check before the next newsletter, their ad will be pulled. Recently our bank account was the target of a wire transfer scam. All funds have been recovered. After a discussion on steps to take to prevent this in the future it was decided that any expenditures should be approved by two approved members in addition to the treasurer, by verifying via phone call, text or email. A list of everyone's phone number, address and email address will be distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: The current dates for boater safety classes were distributed to lake residents via email. It does not appear that the Conservation Club will be hosting a class this year; Chip will double check. Chip will also secure the CCCC for our annual meeting in July.

B. Water/Environmental:

Fecal Count Testing: Mary Kowalski has obtained all the water testing records from Carol Erbe. We will try to have the first water testing done in June. Mary will check to see if Dana Bergerson is interested in taking over testing.

Boat Count: Boat count will be completed around July 4th.

Secchi Testing: Another test will be completed prior to the June newsletter going out.

Mosquito Spraying: The first spraying will be done prior to Memorial Day, if conditions are right.

Geese Control: We will try to get all the information needed together by this Fall. Shavehead Lake is proceeding with Goosebusters this year. This must have been approved by the township, so it sets a good precedent for us. Chip to check with people he knows on Shavehead to see how it is going.

C. Membership:

Advisors: We are still looking for an advisor for Zone 2. Jenna will check with Laurie Macri to see if she is interested.

Membership Update: The next newsletter is the issue that includes the membership form and is mailed to everyone. The target date for it going out is the second week of June. Mike Schirott to write up something on the dock ordinance for the newsletter. Tim's President's Message will focus on membership. The goal is to have membership stickers to distribute to all paying members by the July annual meeting. Mary Johnson will try to get samples of the stickers. Chip will get pricing from a company he knows so that we will have two bids. We want the stickers to look as much like the new logo as possible.

D. Social:

Poker Run: July 22. We currently have 4 stops for the Poker Run; Erbe, Johnson, Macri and Walsh, and are still looking for a 5th. The colors of the envelopes will be slightly different this year. Card stuffing party is June 5th, 6:00 at Zimmy's. Mike will work on getting event insurance. Food for the Poker Run has not been set yet. The Sugar Shack's building has been sold, and they are currently in transition. Bubba's has been contacted. Mill's is another possibility.

Fireworks: We will work on having Baldwin Lake fireworks next year. The spot where we had hoped to shoot them off from was not 400 feet away from all structures; we may need to use a barge. Long Lake fireworks are Sunday, July 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS: Tracy Donati was unable to attend the meeting. Jenna will check with her to see if she has had any luck on coming up with new Baldwin Lake t-shirts / sweatshirts.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN: 11:00

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 17, 9:00am; Mary Kowalski's home, 69402 Lake Street