

BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – October 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Mike Schirott, Tim Osborn, Mary Kowalski, John Grill, Mary Johnson, Mary & Art Hansen, Tim Miller, Steve & Cathy Bartow

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Tim Osborn at 9:00 am. Mary Kowalski and John Grill were hosts.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 20th meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenna Labash was unable to attend the meeting; however, she did provide the treasurer's report. There was no activity in the month of September; ending cash balance \$34,758.82.

CORRESPONDENCE: Art Hansen received notification that because we are a nonprofit the Google app that allowed us to see where people are located when looking at our website has been removed, as you need to have a physical presence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Water & Boating Safety: nothing to report

B. Water/Environmental:

There was discussion on what should be done going forward with water testing, Secchi testing and lake management. There is a volunteer monitoring program which seeks to standardize testing across inland lakes in Michigan. Training must be done to be part of this program. Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) was created to assist the DEQ in collection and sharing water quality data for use in water resources management and protection programs. Two programs under MiCorps are Score the Shore and Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). A motion was made that we expand our testing process and authorize Mike Schirott to become trained and certified in the MiCorps CLMP program, and at the same time continue interviewing lake management firms so that if it is determined we need to proceed with a lake management firm we will have someone selected and be ready to go. Motion passed. Mike will be trained at the May 2019 MLSA conference. We have found a 4th lake management vendor that worked on Gravel Lake and will include them in the process. We will wait until next year before we consider hiring a vendor; at the April 2019 BLA meeting we will look at the spring Secchi readings, which should be a good indicator of what is happening with the lake.

C. Community Affairs: Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Road Clean-Up

D. Membership:

1. **Advisors:** No report

2. **Update:** A question was raised as to whether we can make lake association membership mandatory. It is believed this would be difficult to do, if not impossible.

3. **Newsletters:** One more newsletter will go out this year. Mike has learned about the Michigan Shoreline Stewards program and feels it would be good to let residents know about it; he will provide information for the next newsletter. Also, we will mention in the newsletter that we will be doing the goose round-up again in the spring, and we will remind people to be on the lookout for geese.

E. Social:

1. **Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas Party, Saturday, December 1, has been okayed with Zimmy's. We will start at 7:00 pm. Remind residents to bring canned goods for the food pantry.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION: none

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

NEXT MEETING: November meeting will be Saturday, November 17th, Mary Kowalski's, 69402 Lake Street