

## **BALDWIN LAKE ASSOCIATION – September 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Tim & Vicki Osborn, Mary Johnson, John Walsh, Phil & Mary Goodhew, Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash, Brian & Carol Arbogast, Terry O'Connor, Mike Caddigan, Dahn Johnson, Laurie Macri, Patty Whitmer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Osborn at 9:05am. Tim & Vicki Osborn hosted.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 18, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. We've paid for 4 mosquito sprayings so far this year with one more to pay for. We've collected approximately \$2200 in dues so far this year, compared to \$3300 total last year. Ending balance is \$34,758.82

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Agriflight Invoice, Acknowledgment of \$1000 donation from American Liver Foundation

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Water & Boating Safety:** There was discussion regarding the \$500 approved at the annual meeting to be paid to the Cass County Marine Patrol. We still have not yet been able to speak with them and want to determine what our \$500 extra will actually be used for. We were hoping that it would get them to come out and watch for jet skiers that were not following Michigan boater regulations, but can we really dictate what the extra funds will be used for? Do they even come out later in the day or at night? Do they only patrol at certain hours? We don't want them to pull people over that abide by boater regulations. Long/Coverdale paid for extra patrols and it did not work out. Residents of the lakes were seemingly pulled over for no reason at all, resulting in several residents becoming upset with the lake association for paying for extra patrols. Maybe there is a better way to curb reckless activities on the lake? We discussed doing some type of public service announcement in the form of a letter or brochure or boater safety booklet that would be hand distributed to all homes on the lake, in the spring and prior to major summer holidays. We will explore this option further and have something ready to go in the spring. Other possible solutions are to post the 100' circle graphic in the form of a sign at the public landing or going into little Baldwin. Or perhaps a neighborhood watch where we would let boaters know we watch out for reckless behavior and will report it. In the meantime, Tim Osborn will continue to try to speak with someone at the Marine Patrol regarding what exactly they do if we pay for extra patrols.

### **B. Water/Environmental:**

- 1. Fecal Count Testing:** Mike Schirott reported that he is working with Karen Balch on Long Lake regarding water testing. We have been testing for the same thing since 1994, and since then the sewer system has been installed, so perhaps we are not testing for the correct things. Karen is going to talk to the Lab that does the testing and see if there is something else we should be testing for. We will do one more water test yet this year, while the water temperature is still above 70 degrees.
- 2. Secchi Testing:** Will do one more Secchi test this year. The goal was to complete one every month during the summer; we have done 4 so far this year.
- 3. Update on Lake Management:** The Board is in the process of learning more about lake management and what is really needed on our lake. It seems most lakes our size have some sort of lake management system in place. It helps to discover problems with the lake early and take care of them before they become big problems. Mike reported that at the MLSA meetings he has gone to everyone in the room goes around and reports on what weed management company they use. There is an October state-wide MLSA sponsored meeting in Grand Rapids that Mike Schirott will attend. Motion made and approved to spend up to \$500 to send Mike to the meeting.

### C. Community Affairs:

Fall road clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Meet in Mill's parking lot or 70119 Hilltop at 9:00am to help. Vicki Osborn will get vests and bags. Mike Schirott will check to see if Jimmy's will offer free breakfast to anyone who helps.

### D. Membership:

1. **Advisors:** Mary Johnson will send out updated zone lists to all advisors showing who has paid their dues this year.
2. **Update:** Membership seems to be down this year, but we are at 102 compared with 103 at this time last year. Reminder postcards will be sent out the end of September.
3. **Newsletters:** The August/September newsletter just went out. One more newsletter yet this year.

### E. Social:

1. **Christmas Party:** December 1<sup>st</sup> at Jimmy's. Still need to confirm the date with Jimmy's.
2. **Spring Fling 2019:** Patty Whitmer from Long/Coverdale Lake Association attended our meeting to get our input on Spring Fling 2019, as it is a combined effort between our two lake associations. She would like it to be bigger, with more prizes and corporate sponsorship. Because making it bigger may cause us to have to change venues and dates, we discussed the pros and cons. It was decided that the BLA would prefer to keep it at the CCCC, on April 27, 2019, and make use of the outdoor pavilion as well as the building itself. If needed, we could have people bring in space heaters or rent them. Mike Schirott, Mary Kowalski and Vicki Osborn will represent the BLA on the Spring Fling committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: Poker Run:** The Poker Run is scheduled for July 20, 2019. The Incredible Johnsons are available to be the band next year, at a cost of \$1100 vs \$800 for the Whistle Pigs. It was voted on and approved to have the Incredible Johnsons perform next year at the additional cost.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** None

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15

**NEXT MEETING:** October meeting will be Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Jenna Labash's, 69377 Lake Street

November meeting will be Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Mary Kowalski's, 69402 Lake Street

**NOTE: The places for the October and November meetings have been changed from what was previously announced. The dates are the same.**