



Baldwin Lake Association

Maintain and preserve our lake community for future generations through education, communication, and commitment to Baldwin Lake.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Attendees:

Mary Kowalski

Jenna Labash

Ryan Sailor

Mike Schirott

Susan Hughes

Ami Sailor

Mary Hansen

Mike Crofoot

Mary Kowlaski called the meeting to order: 6:33 pm

Agriflite

We will be arranging this week for Agriflite to put us on their schedule and will post when we know when the mosquito spraying will be done.

Water/Environment

Water Quality

Mike Schirott reported that this season's water testing has begun. Secchi tests show that algae have started to bloom. The water temperature is in the 60s and the fish are spawning. Water testing will continue every week to 10 days.

Community Affairs

1. Fish stocking

Mary contacted the Fish and Biology Department at the DNR about fish stocking. They stated that stocking the lake offers no great benefit other than for the enjoyment of fishermen. We will be voting whether to continue stocking at the annual meeting.

2. New Signage

New "Slow Down" signs for Sunset have been made by Doug Graham at 14Forty Designs and will be put up soon.

3. MSLA Conference

Mary Kowalski attended the MSLA Conference. She reported that it was very interesting and offered some information:

- Addresses and reflectors should be put on all rafts for safety.
- Our legislature will not support measures to limit wakeboard boats. However, wakeboard boats need to stay in the middle of the lake to prevent shoreline erosion.
- Mute Swan overpopulation is a problem throughout Michigan. The DNR could remediate the situation in the spring and fall, but to be effective it needs to be done state-wide.
- The tree planting effort by the State has been funded and we are waiting to hear when they will be in our area.

Treasurer Report

Jenna reported that as of April 30 there was \$33,975.37 in checking. She expects that our balance going forward in May will be about \$25,000 after funds from dues and the payment for fireworks hit the account.

Social

1. Apparel Store

Jen Erbe and Gwen Doublestein have been working to create apparel options for a new store. More details will be coming soon.

2. Kids Fishing Tournament

Mike Crofoot reported that the contest is all set to go on June 8th. Currently 10 kids have signed up to compete. Registration is required by June 1st. All information is on the BLA website.

3. Poker Run

Susan reported that preparations for the July 20th Poker Run are going well. Volunteers will be needed to sell hands and to sign up to open envelopes. Details will be coming soon.

4. BLT

Jenna reported that she is waiting to hear back about temporary road closure for the July 27th triathlon. She is getting sponsors and arranging for tshirts.

Committee Reports

Sponsorship committee

Mary Kowalski stated that sponsorship money has started to come in from previous and new sponsors.

No new business or open discussion items.

Next meeting: June 20th at 6:30 at Mary Hansen's home.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.