

Bay Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2022
Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort
Draft

Welcome - President Terry Coss called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:32 am. He welcomed attendees and thanked Ruttger's / 1898 for hosting. Also Ruttger's and Lonesome Pine for hosting the Bloody Mary bar.

He pointed out documents on each table: Agenda, proposed change to the BLIA Bylaws, and the Draft 2021 Annual Meeting minutes.

The meeting began with the opening invocation given by Mark Huggenvik, followed by a moment of silence for Bay Lakers who had passed since the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Secretary's Report – Chris Ruttger

The 2021 Annual Meeting minutes had been emailed to all members prior to the meeting. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved on voice vote.

Financial Report – Terry Coss

Terry reported for BLIA Treasurer Mark Feriancek.

From Slide:

2020:

- 2020 fiscal year audit identified no concerns. Contact Mark Feriancek if you want a copy - we do not post because it contains information useful to scammers.

2021:

- Revenue up \$127k over 2020. Record Runtilla event generated \$90k. Special events generated \$15k in 2021. Donations and memberships represent remainder of revenue increase.
- Expenses up \$63k driven primarily by increased milfoil treatments (extra \$38k). Special event costs (e.g. 50th Celebration) accounted for the remainder of increase. Net assets up by \$90k.

2022:

- Tracking close to budget but that could change if extra milfoil treatments deemed necessary.
- 2021 fiscal year audit has begun. Field work should be completed by the end of July with report issued sometime later this year.

Board of Directors Nominating Report – Nominating Chair Phil Rollins

From Slide:

- Incumbents Roberta (Bobbie) Keller and Jennifer Qualen are standing for re-election
- Chris Ruttger and Matt Qualen have both decided to step down as Directors but will continue to be involved in BLIA (Chris as BLIA

Treasurer, Matt as Fishing Committee Chair). We thank them sincerely for their past and future support.

- Nominations Committee Recommends Kristy Davis and Paul Trebe for the two newly open Director Positions
- Call for election/re-election of Bobbie, Jennifer, Kristy and Paul to the BLIA Board of Directors (three-year terms ending summer 2025)

Motion was made to approve the nominations, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

BLIA Bylaws Revision – Terry Coss

Terry summarized the proposed changes as follows:

- The secretary and treasurer do not have to be directors. The change would clarify that they have a vote whether a director or not. Also that no person gets more than one vote. (underlined addition below).
- Also clear up a number of typos and eliminate some gendered terms.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected by the Board of Directors. The same person shall not at any time hold the offices of (a) president and vice president; or (b) president and secretary. Officers must be natural persons of legal age and other than the President and Vice President need not be directors of the corporation. Although the Treasurer and Secretary are not required to be current elected Directors, both positions are entitled to vote on all matters before the Board. These two individuals do not count towards determining a quorum unless they are also currently serving as elected Directors. No individual is entitled to more than a single vote even if they are acting in multiple roles simultaneously, for example serving as an Officer, Director, and/or Committee Chair.

Motion was made to approve the bylaws change, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aquatic Plant Management –David Devins

Last year was bad, we treated about 90 acres, because of low water and dry conditions.

Eurasian Water Milfoil started early this year. We are treating about 7 acres this spring. Treatments last year were effective and did knock it back. David does not expect it to be as bad this year because we had good snow cover and we have excessive water now.

The price of the chemical went up 85%, but the effect on our cost will be only 25-30% total. Because of reduced need for treatment he still expects our cost to be less than last year.

We will treat again in September. August reminder cards will go out and a survey to find any areas we might miss. If we miss any in the fall we can hit them in the spring.

We don't need signatures anymore, we now work by exception. A notice on the website and by email goes out a week or more before.

Membership – Jen Qualen

Membership numbers of 440, and donations to fireworks of \$7,872 so far. The new membership card has a line for special events donations in case you wish to specify. There is now a special collar tag for member pets that says "I'm a Bay Lake Supporter."

AIS Prevention – Phil Rollins

Zebra Mussels: At our request MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) at the U of M created a zebra mussel brochure that explains how they proliferate, how to protect your equipment, etc. BLIA has made significant contributions to MAISRC. Based on other lakes our ZM proliferation will come in the next year or two. We don't know if it will be as bad as some because we don't have as much hard surface as some lakes. Taking part in a U of M study we placed ZM detectors out that will be collected in September. We have a good and helpful relationship with the organization.

Swimmer's Itch: Looking into how a lake in Michigan eliminated it. Maybe an alternative to copper sulfate.

Donations are needed. In addition to contributions to MAISRC we spent over \$12,000 on boat inspectors last year and are budgeting the same this year.

Bay Lake 50 – Phil Rollins

Looking for 50 people willing to serve as volunteers when needed. So far about 25, still working. There are cool tee shirts and hats. Talk to Phil philfishing@gmail.com

Water Quality – Terry Coss

From Slide:

- Samples collected May-Sept annually and through-ice every other winter.
- Water quality testing results (e.g. Phosphorus, pH, clarity) are mostly good - stable or slowly trending in favorable direction.
- Exception is Chlorides, which are trending-up steadily (14% over past decade).
- No natural Chloride sources, so likely suspects are water softeners and winter deicing salt.

- When installing/upgrading water treatment, look for systems regenerated off-site or that otherwise minimize salt use. Septic systems do not remove dissolved salts and drain-field effluent eventually migrates to lake.

Fishing – Terry reported for Matt Qualen

From Slide:

Goal: Restore Bay Lake fish population to balanced and healthy levels

Why: Improve ecosystem and make fishing more enjoyable

What We've Done:

1. Consulted DNR for professional advice
2. Education: keep N Pike less than 22 inches and release Walleyes
3. Hosted a small Northern Pike fishing contest (2 years)

What Happened: BLIA members removed 9,000 Northern Pike less than 22 inches

DNR 2021 lake survey indicates a 50% reduction in Northern Pike population

What This Means: The contest, education, and effort put forth by BLIA members was effective!

Fishing contest will start again this year. If we bring the northern population down to the normal range, DNR will help us stock walleye.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Amy Grady, Vice President

- Music On The Lake
- Fireworks
- Amazing Race
- Runtilla
- Holiday Party

MOTL

Josh Goolsbee: Next Saturday, Tim Siegler band again. Babies to Eighties.

Fireworks

Thanks to Orwolls

High water, mind your wake

Thanks for your donations

Need help set up 9:30 am Saturday; tear down 9:30 on the 4th; see Blast for details.

Amazing Race: Jay Clemenson. Thanks to Nancy LaTourneau. July 23 start at Church Island at 10 am, end at Ruttger's. Lasts about three hours.

Runtilla: Jimmy Bye. August 6 8:30 am; registration 8:15. Continuing medals.

Thank you to Charlie and Jacki, thank you to Josh and team.

Registration form in the back, online, at Hansen's by July 22.

Holiday Party: Louise Sorenson provided an update on the Dec. 3 Annual Holiday Party at White Oak Restaurant at Ruttger's.

Guest Speakers

Northern Pines (new owner of Church Island)

- Laura Vaughn, Executive Director, Northern Pines
- Deb Watson, Human Resources Benefits and Camp Director at Northern Pines Retreat Center

Northern Pines Mental Health Center is a 501c3 private nonprofit, serving all six central Minnesota counties with a focus on trauma, and a full spectrum of mental health services.

Privacy and HIPPA laws: those on the island have the right to private therapy. You can visit when there is not programming. There won't be overnights to start out. The DNR easement and use of trails are the same as before.

They ask you not to dock at the docks across from the Brighton Point landing for now until they figure out how much they will use that area. Call Deb with questions: 218.678.2271, also on Facebook.

Watch the Bay Lake Blast for details on the July 7 pizza night, and an open house on Labor Day.

Weekly services will happen all summer through Labor Day with a variety of guest speakers each Sunday, but no specific church affiliation. Weather permitting because there will not be an indoor option. Dock space at the worship site is limited so they recommend taking the pontoon shuttle from Brighton Point for now.

Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort – Pat Egan

Since buying Ruttger's in 2020 the new ownership has built all new staff housing to help with recruitment, purchased all new golf course turf equipment and made major improvements to Jack's 18 including cleaning up brush, improving site lines, improving water views, paving cart paths, and improving bunkers. Alec's Nine has been completely redone as a par 3 scheduled to open in 2023, along with games on the green facility and nine-hole lit putting course. All new pickle ball courts were built.

Three of the new Lakeside Cottages are built and two more have been sold and are started. Additional housing will be around the par 3 golf course.

Coming changes to the main building: front entry drive under will be enclosed and become the front desk and market area including off sale, the indoor pool will be refurbished and a concourse added to allow access from the main entry to the bar and dining areas without going through the indoor pool, the Bear Pine Bar and outdoor pool will be removed and replace with a larger bar/restaurant, new pool, large lakeside hot tub, and lakeside seating areas.

Member Questions, Other Business

Wake boats: BLIA has no authority to control boaters. Terry Coss included information in the spring newsletter on a U of M wake boat study that may inform changes to rules and regulations at the legislature, not just for wake boats but other outdated rules as well. Lake Minnetonka has been in the news on this topic, and they are a watershed district, which gives them some authority. You are responsible for any damage caused by your wake. Be respectful. Keep speeds down, stay far out.

Will there be swimmer's itch treatment at the sandy beach outside of Music on the Lake? The board will discuss. People can call Central Minnesota Aquatics to ask about treating their shoreline: 218.963.7345.

Does copper sulfate help with zebra mussels? It is a toxin, requiring a permit and if enough of it is applied it will kill everything. The way we use it isn't enough to affect the zebra mussel population.

America the Beautiful

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

Minutes by Chris Ruttger