

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting
July 15, 2017
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Bruce Johnson – President	X	Aquatic Plant Management – David Devins	X
Phillip Rollins – VP & AIS Prevention	X	Beach Captains – Amy Grady	X
Chris Gondeck – Co-Treasurer	X	Conservation – Steve Souder	
Sylvia Graff - Co-Treasurer	X	Development – Dominic Ciresi	X
Jennifer Qualen– Secretary		Fishing Resources – Gary Malek	X
Dominic Ciresi – Development	X	History – Paul Erickson	X
Terry Coss – Water Quality	X	Legal – Amy Grady	X
David Devins – Aquatic Plant Management		Membership – Betty Marquardt	X
Josh Goolsbee – Fireworks	X	Runtilla – Jim Bye	X
Amy Grady – Legal – Beach Captains	X	Security - Larry Latourneau	
Bobbie Keller – Breezes	X	Shoreline Protection – Brent Souder	
Ruttger, Chris – Nominating	X	Water Quality – Terry and Deb Coss	X
Souder, Steve- Conservation		Water Safety – Karl Krueger	
		Website - Scott Shekels	

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Johnson at 9:35 AM.

Bruce welcomed everyone and offered a special thanks to the Ruttger family and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge for again hosting the Annual Meeting.

Due to medical issues, Jerry Hendricks was not able to attend so Amy Grady began the meeting with the opening invocation in his absence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting were posted on the baylake.org website and reviewed by the Board of Directors and revised accordingly. A motion was made to waive the reading of said minutes and approve them as presented. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Gondeck recognized and thanked Sylvia Graff for her many years of service as treasurer and co-treasurer on the BLIA Board. Gondeck presented the audited financial statements, as of December 31, 2016, to the membership. Chris provided a slide presentation of various pages from the auditor's report and stated that the association is in excellent financial condition. The report shows, for the year 2016, total revenues were \$195,000 and total expenses were \$139,000. BLIA's total net assets, as of December 31, 2016, were \$492,000. We have a goal to have five years of cash in reserves and we are halfway to that goal. A motion was made by Dan Mulheran and seconded by Pete Mulheran to approve the financial report as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

LOON PRESENTATION

Bay Lake resident expert, Jon Wefald, gave a fascinating presentation on loons, their calls, their migration, physical characteristics and habits. The report will be posted on Baylake.org for those that missed the presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sylvia Graff was recognized for all the years she has dedicated to serving as the BLIA treasurer and as a Board member. Bruce Johnson presented her with a plaque recognizing her service and thanked her for all the time she has given to BLIA. Sylvia thanked those who had helped her over the years.

Bruce Johnson reminded the members of the importance of water safety and that boats need to keep a safe distance from other boats and the shoreline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIS Prevention

Phil Rollins provided an update on the AIS prevention program, as follows:

- BLIA continues the 2016 AIS prevention program, with continued emphasis on early detection of new infestations.
- As was the case in 2016, CWC has allocated their AIS inspectors to additional lakes, thus reducing inspector coverage on those lakes already in the program. Inspection hours in 2017 are frequent, but not for the full 6am-8pm hours we requested. Our 30 Bay Lake volunteer monitors will fill some of the gaps, but not all. We continue to push for better coverage for the rest of the summer and for 2018.
- Early detection could be the key to possible eradication. In October, 2015, Zebra Mussels were discovered in Ruth Lake near Emily. Through a comprehensive coordinated treatment program since the discovery, effort led by DNR, no live Zebra Mussels have been found in Ruth Lake.

Ten ZM detection devices have been hung from docks at different locations around the Bay Lake and are checked regularly. Also, scuba divers periodically conduct underwater inspections of the public access area.

- Property owners are encouraged to ask their family members to occasionally check their dock poles and boat lifts for signs of Zebra Mussels, especially at the end of the season, when such equipment is pulled from the lake. Suspicious findings should be captured in zip-lock bags and reported immediately to Phil Rollins, Hansen's, or the DNR.

Water Quality

Terry Coss reported that the official reports continue to show very good water quality for Bay Lake. Chlorides continue to increase as road salt enters the water and does not leave the water. Our water clarity is good. Phosphorous is now at the highest level ever, up 39% from the last high year in 2012. It is critical that property owners do not rake or dump any leaves into the lake as decaying plant matter raises phosphorous levels in the water. Terry mentioned that the recent green algae globs are called "spirogyra" and are not harmful.

Terry also covered the issue of Electric Shock Drowning. Dock lights, boat lifts and pumping equipment can spread over 100 feet away from the source of the electric current. He suggested that when you are gone from your property, shut down the shore power source. Also turn off your breaker when people are swimming in the area. If there is a possible incident in the water with electric shock, do not go in the water, call 911, and turn off all power immediately. Never attempt to enter the water to rescue another. It is good to inspect your power sources for proper ground fault circuit interrupters. Terry showed a GFCI circuit tester that tests your outlets and power sources to keep them safe around water.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins reported that this was the 26th year of managing milfoil in Bay Lake. This year we treated 16 acres at 30 sites in June. The treatments take 4-6 weeks to work. Fall treatments are the most effective and we treated 51 acres in October of 2016. The liquid chemicals work best and are cheaper. We no longer need each lake resident to provide approval to treat their shoreline but now work by exception, so that residents opt out if they do not want their shoreline treated.

David reminded the members that milfoil won't go away but we do our best to control it through the program. David thanked the members for their financial contributions to BLIA which allow us to continue with the program.

Membership

Betty Marquardt thanked the members for their generous donations and support. She reported that to date we have 400 members and our 2017 goal is 600 members. She suggested encouraging friends, family and pets to become members. Betty also let the members know that 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of BLIA and we are looking forward to celebrating that milestone.

Beach Captains

Amy Grady reported that the Beach Captains Committee is well on the way to getting Welcome Books to all new lake property owners and making sure all owners who are new in the last several years have received Welcome Books. The committee hopes to have all books up to date and delivered by 2018.

Events

Amazing Race

Nancy Latourneau reported on activities associated with the annual Amazing Race. It will be held on July 22 with the pre-race meeting on Church Island at 10:00 AM and the race beginning at 11:00 AM. There will be a host of volunteers conducting the challenges for the Teams signed up. Boats may have as many passengers as safety permits and the age group is 5 years of age and up. Nancy also noted that sponsorships are available with sponsors named on the T-Shirts that are given out each year. Sign-up sheets, for participation, are on all tables.

Runtilla

Jim Bye reported that this will be the 33rd Annual Runtilla and that this event, over the years, has raised more than \$250,000. The race, run, walk or stroll is scheduled for August 5 and registration will begin at 8:15 AM with the race beginning at 9:00 AM. You can register at Hansen's or obtain the registration form online at www.baylake.org. There is a registration fee of \$15.00 and you will receive a T- Shirt with each registration. There will be a picnic following the event, hosted by Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles.

Golf Scramble and Picnic

Bruce Johnson reported on plans for the Annual Golf Scramble and Picnic event scheduled for August 12, 2017 at Ruttger's Lakes Course.

Trivia Fundraiser

Peggy Blistain reported that this year is the 3rd Annual Trivia Fundraiser event. It is scheduled for the evening of August 27. Last year's participants had a great time. All are welcome! The event is at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge and registration begins at 6:45 PM. The Trivia event will start at 7:00pm. There will be six categories, 10 questions per category and up to eight people per team. The fee is \$15 per person. This includes appetizers, prizes and a lot of fun. There will be a cash bar and prize donations are welcome.

BLIA Holiday Party

Louise Sorenson has taken over planning the BLIA Holiday Party which will be held at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Sunday, December 2, starting at 4:00 pm. We hope all can attend.

Nominating

The nominating committee reported that every three years, Board members rotate on the board. This year, Amy Grady, Steve Souter, Phil Rollins and Josh Goolsbee are on the slate of Board Members for membership approval. Motion to approve the slate as presented was made by Dominic Ciresi, seconded by Sherman Malkerson. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Membership Question and Answer Session

President Bruce Johnson led an open membership question session. Sherm Malkerson introduced the pastor and members in attendance of Wayzata Community Church who are renting Church Island for the months of June and July for their summer church camps. Some additional discussion took place about making sure that those that fertilize their lawns do not use products that contain phosphorous as it can also wash into the lake and add to our already high phosphorus levels. A discussion also took place over problems at the Town Hall recycling area. People from outside the Bay Lake community seem to be adding to the misuse of the recycling center. Cameras may be in place to monitor those that are dumping non-recyclable materials at the town hall site. A question was raised about stocking Bay Lake with walleye. Gary Malek mentioned that our Northern Pike population is over the top and that the pike eat the small walleye, so stocking is not a good idea unless we can get the northern pike population down.

Adjournment

Bobbie Keller and Ann Ruttger led the group in singing America the Beautiful. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Grady on behalf of Jennifer Qualen, Secretary