

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
9:30 A.M., Saturday July 2, 2011
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Ruttger, Chris – President	X	Bye, Jim --Runtilla	X
Ciresi, Dominic – VP & Development	X	Erickson, Paul – History	X
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer	X	Hansen, Ruth - Continuity	X
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Johnson, Bruce - Taxes	X
Ysseldyke, Jim – Secretary & Fishing Contest	X	Kelly, Mike - Legal	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Kraft, Joel – Fishing Contest	X
Jespersen, Patricia – Development & Nominating	X	Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X
Bale, Rick	X	Krueger, Karl – Water Safety	X
Jessen, Mark	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	X
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Poland, Jerry - Government	X
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Shekels, Scott - Website	X
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	X
		Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains	X
		Johnson, Tamara - Conservation	X

At 9:30 A.M. President Chris Ruttger called the meeting to order. Jerry Hendricks led the BLIA with an opening prayer.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the 2010 annual meeting had been posted on the BLIA website for 10 months, so copies were not distributed at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The 2010 annual meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Gondeck provided an audit report on the BLIA funds as of December 2010. He reported a balance of \$198,700 in cash and CDs. He reported that for 2010 revenue was down approximately \$40,000, and that this was on top of the reported revenue shortfall of \$29,000 for 2009.. Chris indicated that the audit report will be posted on the BLIA website.

A person attending the meeting asked if we were going to increase dues for membership. Chris Gondeck reported on discussions of such at Board meetings and indicated that there were no plans to increase dues.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and this was seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Membership Report

Betty Marquardt reported that we have a membership goal for this year of 511 in 2011. She indicated that last year we had 501 members and that for 2011 we already have about 400 members. She encouraged lake residents to join the Association.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report that was read by President Chris Rutger. The report indicated that we are continuing our fight against Eurasian Water Milfoil in Bay Lake as we have for almost 20 years now. The weather the last few years including this year has really worked in our favor. The fall treatments have been aggressive and very successful. Good snow cover and cool, more normal weather patterns have slowed the EWM growth. We are seeing native plant regeneration crowding out the EWM in many areas of the Lake in the last 2 years and hope for the same this year.

Last year we treated about 110 acres of EWM and the fall treatment as mentioned was very successful. This spring the weed growth is way behind normal due to the late ice out and the subsequent cool cloudy weather. We only treated about 8 acres this spring vs 37 acres last spring. With summer finally arriving expect the weeds to take off and try to catch up for lost ground but hopefully the native species will continue to outpace the EWM.

We are in a good spot right now because we were able to be extremely aggressive with fall treatments in 2006, 2007 and 2008. If you remember the EWM was very bad showing explosive growth. We were able to do that because we had the money to do so. Fortunately the weather shifted in our favor. Those hot dry years will cycle back but we have proven we can control the EWM keeping it from taking over the lake. We have been spending more money than we have been taking in the last few years. We just can't stop the fight and continue to need your support building our reserves back.

We are going to have a new Lake Vegetation Management Plan with the DNR in place this summer that will be even more flexible than what we have had. Something new on our agreement is we will be experimenting with several varieties of chemicals to see their effectiveness in areas that have been hard to treat.

We will send a letter, return post card and EWM and Zebra Mussel ID cards asking you to inspect your shoreline then report back by mailing the card to me (David). I go through them all and match the notes to the diver's findings and if they don't match we add treatment sites based on your findings.

Zebra Mussels are now in lakes in our area including Mille Lacs and Gull as well as the Mississippi and it is imperative we keep these out of Bay Lake. Watercraft inspections are the only way to keep it out. Phil and Jane Rollins have done a wonderful job of coordinating the access monitoring program so please volunteer and be part of the solution to keeping Zebra Mussels out of Bay Lake

As a reminder, signatures authorizing treatment within 150 feet of your property are required and we can't treat if we don't have them. Ask your neighbor if they have signed the form to make sure.

Access Monitoring

Phil Rollins was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report that was read by Vice President Doominic Cerisi. It was reported that the monitoring of boats coming into and leaving the lake began May 13 and that weekends since have been mostly covered. In mid-May, Phil sent an email to about 60 volunteers asking if they would help out again in 2011. Since then, I have called all those who did not respond to the email or do not have email addresses. Only one has asked to be taken off the list and that is for health concerns. We're scheduling into mid-June.

In early May Phil met with the new DNR intern, Ryan Abraham, who will be doing most of the DNR monitoring this summer. He's in school at N. Dakota State and working at Ruttger's.

Monitor training was held at Ruttgers on May 21 with about 12 Bay Lakers and 6 from Farm Island Lake. Another training is planned on July 9, the weekend after the BLIA Annual Meeting. This training gave us an important influx of new volunteers who are enthusiastic about helping in our efforts.

If you've been to the boat ramp, you know there are a series of signs warning of invasive species and that boaters' actions on the ramp are captured on camera. I'd like to purchase and have installed two additional signs in a strategic location to better get the attention of boaters as they approach the ramp. The cost of the two signs, plus installation would be about \$350; if we do the install, about \$150 for the signs. I'd opt to have the iLids folks do the install so it gets done ASAP.

With the discovery of Zebra Mussels in Gull, this threat becomes ever more likely and our efforts to monitor boats that much more important. If you have not had the DNR monitor training, please consider attending the July 9 training and giving a few hours on the ramp this summer

Water Quality

Mark Roloff provided an update on last year's winter water quality sample, what the Association is doing to prevent runoff on County Road. 10 around the lake, and a reminder that leaves should not be raked or blown into the lake this fall.

Development

Patricia Jespersen and Dominic Ciresi Reported on the status of the Development Fund (previously called the Environmental Fund. They reported a shortfall of funds needed for continued water quality and aquatic plant management activities. Dominic and Trish provided a detailed explanation of how funds are used by BLIA and encouraged increased contributions to the fund.

Dock Regulations

Jerry Poland reported on the status of efforts by state and federal agencies to limit dock sizes on lakes. He indicated that many of the docks currently on Bay Lake exceed government planned space.

Events

Shoreline Preservation

Tiffin Trip thanked members for participating in the shoreline plant and tree giveaway on Memorial Day weekend. She indicated that new people are needed to help with the giveaway and that more members need to participate.

Children's Party

Mina Gallagher indicated that the 2011 Childrens' Party is scheduled for today, July 2 on Church Island. The party is held at Bay Lake Camp and cost of the party is \$200.

Golf Tournament/Picnic

George Reynolds indicated that the date of the golf tournament and Bay Lake Picnic is August 13. He indicated that forms would be distributed via mail within the next couple of weeks.

New Business

Nominations

One current board member, Mark Jessen, is resigning from the Board. Thus four new Board members were elected. The nominating committee proposed a slate of Mark Roloff, Steve Soluder, Josh Goolsbee, and Tamara Johnson. Souder and Roloff are incumbents, while Johnson and Goolsbee are new nominees. The four nominees were elected.

Adjournment

Members were led by Bobbie Keller in singing of America the Beautiful.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted.



Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary

Committee Reports

Membership Report

Betty Marquardt thanked those who have paid membership dues and indicated that as of the meeting we have 400 members and that our goal is 500 members. She encouraged multiple memberships from individual properties and encouraged those who have not yet done so to join the Association.

Dock Regulations

Chris Ruttger ran through the proposed regulations and indicated that there is a report on these on the BLIA website. He indicated that it is the role of the Association to inform the membership of proposed regulations, hearings on these regulations, etc.

Access Monitoring

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and Jane Rollins who will be taking over access monitoring.

Phil Rollins Sylvia Graff reported that we had 598 ½ hours of access monitoring during 2009. She then introduced Phil described the access monitoring process and the training involved. He requested a core group to take two four-hour shifts in the remainder of the summer. He encouraged people to attend a training session on Saturday July 17 at Ruttger's. Josh offered a free dinner at Lonesome Pine to those who attend

History

Paul Erickson reported on the status of history projects. Eight shorelines are done and 6 more shorelines will be completed during the year. Paul indicated that this is the last year of the History project.

Website

Paul Erickson reported on the website and on new developments. Paul is the new website reporter. He provided an overview of the new content.

Boating Safety and Etiquette

Chris Gondeck reviewed new safety and etiquette cards that will be distributed. He pointed out that if people take a boating safety course they can get a discount on their boating insurance.

Golf Tournament and Picnic

George Reynolds indicated that the golf scramble is scheduled for August 14. He indicated that receipts go to the environmental fund. He encouraged provision of door prizes.

Nominating

Patricia Jespersen presented the committee nominations for Board Officers for renewed three year terms. Nominated were Bobbie Keller, Gary Malek, Chris Ruttger and Jim Ysseldyke. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations by acclamation. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Main Presentation

Dominic Ciresi and Patricia Jespersen, co-chairs of the Development Fund reported on the BLIA strategic plan. They reported on the vision, rationale for a plan, what we pay for, where we receive funds, major themes (water quality, invasive species, fishing resources and water safety). They identified the costs of various activities like treating one acre of EWM. The slides they used are available on the BLIA website.

Other Business

Chris Ruttger announced that Josh Goolsbee is now the head beach captain.

Patrick Gallagher, on behalf of Minna Gallagher, thanked volunteers who helped with the children's party.

It was announced that the Runtilla is July 24 and that the Holiday Party is December 11.

Steve Souder thanked Ruttgers for hosting the annual meeting.

Everyone joined in to sing "America the Beautiful," led by Bobbie Keller and accompanied by Mary Twomey.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Ysseldyke

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Secretary