

Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
June 11, 2011

Present: Paul Erickson, Gary Malek, Steve Souder, Chris Ruttger, Betty Marquardt, Dominic Ciresi-by phone, Trish Jesperson, Bobbie Keller, Mark Roloff, Rick Bales, Tiffin Tripp, Chris Gondeck, Sylvia Graff

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Ruttger at 9:06 am. The minutes were tabled till the July meeting as the secretary was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Sylvia Graff reported that her report was similar to last month's.

Chris Gondeck said the check was in the mail to Sylvia for the unpaid fireworks bill. Also, a check had been send to Krueger for putting in the buoys for \$600. These are new buoys this year. We are being charged \$2300 a year to the company for the iLids. This includes checking the tapes. We do have a two year contract with them. We could review the tapes ourselves and save some money. We also need more signage at the access.

Steve Souder moved approval of the financial reports, seconded and approved.

Chris Gondeck raised the question of how to cut costs and where? Much discussion on how to achieve a balanced budget. We are to give input on ideas as to how to do this.

Plant Giveaway –

There were plants left over this year, so maybe next year there would be fewer plants ordered.

Aquatic Plant Management:

David's report was read by Pres. Chris Ruttger. He feels that because of the late spring and the high water the milfoil will not be as much of a problem this summer, thus lowering our costs somewhat.

[Note: Here is the body of David's email–Chris]

Hi Chris - I will not be able to be at the meeting today. I have to go to the Cities for a funeral service.

If you could read this email as my report I would appreciate it.

The spring EWM survey is complete and it showed greatly reduced EWM. The overall plant growth is way behind coupled with 3 years of weather patterns conducive to native plant growth and very effective fall treatments. If weather patterns hold at all I think this year will be at worst, similar to last year.

With that said our spring treatment will be at least half of last spring. My goal this year is to cut EWM program spending by 20 % or approximately \$22,000. I hope to do this with reduce acreage treats and trying liquid 2,4-d. This is the perfect time to experiment with something new because if it does not work as planned the long term ramifications are minimal. If it works I think we can see significant savings going forward.

As for fund raising I think we should raise money based on historical spending with the goal to reduce costs and to raise reserves.

We can't forget that there will be drought conditions again with seemingly out of control EWM that we now know we can control. We have to be prepared for the years when we are spending double what we are now.

Please do not cut the fireworks budget. Our social aspects of the association is what we were founded on and events like the fireworks go to our core and are why we are the community we are. I know I will cut this springs treatment and survey costs by \$10,000 which should help fund fireworks.

Thanks

David

Bay Lake Townhome:

A letter had been received from the Bay Lake Townhome Owners Assn. requesting the Board's support for an additional 16 boat slips. After much discussion it was felt that it is not the role of the Board to support this, but to indicate that individual members may write letters, as owners on Bay Lake, to support this action if they so feel. This will be relayed to the Association. [Note: Chris stepped out and Dominic chaired this discussion by conference call]

Runtilla:

People can sponsor the Runtilla at different levels from \$50 to \$5000. The White Hawk will host a picnic after the event.

Annual Meeting Agenda:

There will be no guest speaker this year. We will ask for donations at the meeting. When different reports are given, the financial needs will be indicated – for milfoil, fireworks, etc. Several items were added to the draft agenda.

Nominating:

Discussion on names of people who could be considered.

Fireworks:

Consensus was that we should keep the fireworks the same this year. Ask at annual meeting how people feel about keeping it the same, have less, have more? It needs to be self supporting, however.

Access Monitoring:

Hansen's are closing their access to the lake. A few people are unhappy about it. Chris Ruttger will read Phil Rollins report at the annual meeting. Discussion on the access and the shallow access. Some

dredging needed. Boats need to go straight out. Will ask DNR about possibility of dredging. Also, we need 2 more signs to indicate access. It would cost \$350 to have them installed. Rick Bale will contact DNR about installing them. If that doesn't work, then the Board will authorize the cost to have them installed as soon as possible. Chris Gondeck moved to do so, it was seconded and the motion was approved.

Phil recommends keeping the program as is for this year. The Board agreed. Gary Malek volunteered to review the tapes.

Mark Roloff mentioned stickers to go on boats. There are some for trailers now, but stickers will be available in August for boats. Free now, but will cost later.

Water Quality:

Mark will meet with Rob Hall regarding some runoff access to lake – adding more rocks, etc.

Membership:

We have 247 members and \$4060 has been contributed to fireworks at this point. The goal for this year is 511 in 2011.

Breezes:

It is at the printers.

Adjournment:

Paul Erickson moved adjournment. Trish Jespersen seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary