

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
July 16, 2011
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

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

Guests: Rod Danielson, Jason and Kimberly Schumacher

The Board meeting was called to order by President Chris Ruttger at 9:02 am. Guests (Rod Danielson and Kimberly Schumacher) were introduced.

Jerry Poland moved to accept the minutes of the May and June meetings. Paul Erickson seconded, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Sylvia Graff received the bill for this year's fireworks for \$8000. It was less because of a technical glitch which prevented some of the fireworks to not light. Chris Gondeck sent the financial report to Paul Erickson and it is on our website. Paul moved the acceptance of the reports. Bruce Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Membership –Betty reported that we now have 424 members and \$6845 contributed to the fireworks. We have received over \$18,000 for the Environmental Fund in the past 10 days. Betty was asked to give an unofficial total of contributions to this fund at each Board meeting.

Access Monitoring – The monitoring has been more difficult this summer due in part to the state shutdown and not having the DNR interns available plus having to cancel the July training session. Also, not as many people have volunteered this summer. Phil Rollins plans to be back here by the first week in August.

Buoys – They are not placed in the correct spots. Some are out too far. It was mentioned that the DNR had told us where they should be placed.

Dredging - Gary Malek talked to the DNR about doing some needed dredging at the access and was told that the BLIA was responsible for doing that. He received the same response when he asked about placing buoys at the site. We do have the buoys and Gary is still working with them on the dredging issue. Some people are not happy about having the lake access by Hansen's closed, but it was done to help protect our lake from invasive species. This will be put on our website.

There was discussion regarding power washers. This had been looked at previously and they are very expensive. This will be discussed at a Board meeting when Phil Rollins is able to be present. The ILID's do act as a preventive measure. Gary Malek and Bruce Johnson offered to review the video tapes of boats going in and out of the lake and report back to the Board.

Breezes – Much discussion as to how to get it out earlier in the spring and in the fall. Jerry Poland moved to set a May 1 deadline for articles to be in, with the Breezes delivered by Memorial Weekend. The fall deadline for articles would be October 1, with the Breezes delivered by Halloween. Chris Gondeck seconded it. Motion passed.

Paul Erickson suggested a list of all summer activities be put on a card and included in the spring President's letter.

It is also important to let people know how much the treatment for milfoil is costing us. David Devins and Dominic Ciresi can coordinate this.

Annual Meeting – Good comments on the running of the meeting and that it moved along quickly. Discussion on whether the 4th weekend is a good one to have it. It was finally agreed that the first choice would be the weekend before the 4th; second choice the weekend after the 4th, and third choice the same weekend as the 4th – all contingent upon Ruttger's schedule, of course. Next year the fireworks are scheduled for Friday, July 6, as the 4th is on a Wednesday.

Beach Captains – Josh Goolsbee is in charge and asked for some help in getting this started. He feels that once it is underway he will be able to do a good job in handling this. Paul Erickson volunteered to help him.

Government – Not too much news because of the state shutdown. Crow Wing County has enacted some new land use regulations – some good, some not so good. There is a new administrator who is easier to work with.

Environmental Fund – Trish Jespersen has given up being co-chair with Dominic Ciresi. Bruce Johnson has offered to help Dominic so they can get a better handle on who is contributing, when, and how much. They would like to streamline this whole process. The schedule for mailings in the future will be the President’s letter should go out April 15, the Environmental Fund letter on May 15, and the Breezes by Memorial Weekend.

Water Quality – Mark was not at the Board meeting but he had reported that he had met with Alan Cibuzar of AW Research, Rob Hall of Crow Wing County, Chris Ruttger and Dan Fanth from Ruttger’s.. Jerry commented that he has done water sampling and the level of phosphorus is up and it may be due in large part to the horse farm nearby. The DNR has no money to monitor this.

Ads in Breezes – Jerry moved that we solicit ads by local businesses in order to raise some money. Steve Souder seconded it. Motion passed with 1 no vote and 2 abstaining. Rick Bales will talk to some of the businesses.

Report – Steve Souder reported that Medicine Lake wants to close all access to the lake if there are no monitors to check boats. The DNR had done some sampling on fish population but the results have not come in yet.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary