

Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
 August 20, 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		Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Bale, Rick		Nelson, Jim - Security	
Johnson, Tamara - Conservation		Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	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	
		Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X

The Board meeting was called to order by President Chris Ruttger at 9:05 am.

Minutes

Jerry Poland moved to accept the minutes of the August 2011 meeting as distributed via email. Paul Erickson seconded, Minutes approved. Chris Ruttger reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Saturday August 13. The committee addressed ways to cut the budget and/or raise revenue. The minutes did not require approval. Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were distributed earlier via email. Steve Souder made a motion to accept these and Paul Erickson seconded the motion. Minor changes will be made and the minutes will be posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report

Sylvia Graff reported a balance of 23,880.72 for the BLIA fund. This report was approved. Chris Gondeck distributed a copy of the environmental fund budget through July 31, 2011. The balance was \$209,182.54. Jerry Poland moved the acceptance of the reports. Paul Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

Membership

Betty reported that we now have 442 members and \$8270 contributed to the fireworks. The golf/picnic outing netted about \$2800 for the Environmental fund.

Water Quality

Mark Roloff reported on a meeting on July 7 looking at the county building a ramp to be able to flush the holding tank that catches runoff at Ruttgers.

Mark also reported on another review of the drainage on County road 10. He reviewed the planting of reeds at the 3 culverts that run into the lake north of the White Hawk. Mark and the group also looked at the outlet from Coffee Lake and at drainage from the horse farms. No specific recommendations were made at this time.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins distributed a budget for about \$90,000 for next year. He recommended that we continue to do what we are doing. David indicated that this fall we will be using liquid 2-4D. If 2-4D works it will cut cost by half.

Access Monitoring

Phil Rollins submitted the following written report and was present at the meeting to discuss the report.

Reports from Mille Lacs are not good. It appears the zebra mussels are multiplying much faster than projected. Protection of our lake becomes ever more difficult and important. In my mind, there are several issues to consider, but first, some credit to our monitors.

1. Volunteer Monitors

Our volunteers have been very active; three have been on the ramp 5 or more times. All are heroes for giving of their time. Including those currently on the calendar through Aug. 22, 52 volunteers have taken 89 shifts for 234 hours. About 50 have not done any time yet.

2. DNR

Still a lot of frustration trying to coordinate our volunteer schedules with the DNR interns. Sylvia had warned me about this problem, and it persists.

Last fall, the Board approved “buying” up to 500 DNR intern hours in 2011, about twice the number from 2010. My informal tally shows about 230 intern hours were spent on the ramp this summer. The July state government shutdown put a stop to the interns work for us; July would have added another 150 hours. At \$7.75 per hour, we should expect to see a bill from DNR for about \$1,800.

Overall, I continue to be disappointed in the efforts put forth by DNR, but believe it is in our best interest to continue working with them as there is little choice. Here’s my estimate of the total number of daylight hours we’d like to have coverage on the ramp, starting in mid-May and finishing at the end of Sept.

Fri, Sat, Sun – 630 hours
Mon-Thurs – 840 hours

Assuming DNR interns are again available in 2012, I would encourage the Board to again contract with DNR for a minimum of 500 intern hours.

3. New Signs

At an earlier Board meeting, you approved the following proposal:

“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 to the install so it get's done ASAP.”

I was unaware at the time that DNR must approve of any new signage on the ramp. After the shutdown was over, I had a long conversation with DNR about this issue. The DNR policy is to minimize non-official DNR signs, including only one of those the Board approved. The last word from DNR was that the new sign must be within 5 feet of the iLids device, which in my mind won't help us. I'd like to discuss this briefly with the Board.

4. iLids

For review, the info below is from an earlier report to the Board:

“I was not involved with the monitoring program when the iLids device and service were initially purchased. It is my understanding that other lakes which had installed iLids believed it was a big help in causing considerably more boaters to inspect their boats. It has been my opinion since becoming your volunteer coordinator last year that the iLids is just one part of the entire effort, and an important one.

“At this point, we are contracted in 2011 for about \$2300, which includes service and

review of videos. The Board agreed to give this program one more year (2011) and decide after this summer if the program should be continued. I would encourage you to stick to this plan. Further, while the iLids folks might let us out of the contract, given the investment (about \$11,000 for the device, which we bought), this program deserves to be given this year before evaluation.

Bruce Johnson and Gary Malek (and I) have looked at a number of the images taken by the iLids device of boats and trailers entering and exiting the lake (as well as anything else moving in front of the camera); we will provide our opinion on the program at the meeting. I'd like us to consider asking Eric Lindberg (iLids representative) to our next meeting.

In closing, the zebra mussel infestation at area lakes continues to threaten our lake. I'd propose we study options over the winter and consider any and all methods of monitoring and prevention for 2012.

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.

Fishing Resources

Gary Malek reported on data from testing completed on June 20-24. The data will be used to determine the stocking of the lake in the future. As in the past, the netting showed an excessive number of small northern pike and a limited walleye population. Numbers on crappies are up.

Website

Paul Erickson reported that the website is getting 85-120 hits per day.

Budget Review

Chris Gondeck distributed a copy of the consolidated budget for 2006-2011. He suggested coming up with a 2011 budget, but a going forward budget for each year. For the next meeting each committee chair will come up with a budget suggestion. The following assignments were made:

Gondeck: mailing and database management; insurance; buoys; professional fees

Graff: fireworks; programs, social

Marquardt: membership expenses

Devins: Buddy divers, milfoil treatment

Devins and rollins: Boat inspections

Roloff: Water quality

Erickson: history

All of the above are to submit their reports to Chris Gondeck prior to September 3 so that a complete budget can be done by the 10th.

New Business

A discussion was held reminding us that according to our strategic planning activity we should be working to have a 3 to 5 year surplus in our budget.

A suggestion was made to have a silent auction at the Holiday party. Jerry Poland and Dominic Ciresi will handle this.

David Devins indicated that he will be signing a new 5 year aquatic plant management plan.

Adjournment

Jerry Poland moved adjournment and Steve Souder seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary