

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
9:30 A.M., Saturday June 30, 2012  
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	X
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Johnson, Bruce - Development and Taxes	X
Ysseldyke, Jim – Secretary	X	Kelly, Mike - Legal	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Krueger, Karl – Water Safety	X
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Bale, Rick	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	X
Johnson, Tamara - Conservation	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	X
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	Poland, Jerry - Government	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	Shekels, Scott - Website	X
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Trip, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	X
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Jespersen, Patricia – Nominating	X
		Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	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.

Chris Ruttger introduced Jennifer Licht as a representative of the Clearwater Lake Association and Don Hales, representing the Bay Lake township Board. Chris introduced members of the BLIA Board and thanked them for their service.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting had been posted on the BLIA website for 10 months, and copies were distributed at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The 2011 annual meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Gondeck provided an audit report on the BLIA funds as of December 2011. He reported a balance of \$230,552 in cash and CDs. He reported that for 2011 revenue was up and that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$84,000... Chris indicated that the audit report will be posted on the BLIA website.

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

### **Speaker**

Joe Sneider of the Christmas Lake Association was present to discuss his experiences in dealing with zebra mussel and aquatic plant species. Among the many points Mr. Sneider made were the following:

- At Christmas Lake volunteer inspections failed to be effective. It was necessary to put in a gate from 10pm to 6 am and to staff the ramp with level 1 inspectors during the open periods. Level 1 inspectors can deny access and call in law enforcement officials when boaters fail to comply with requests to remove vegetation or drain live wells.
- Christmas Lake is partnering with other neighboring lakes to purchase a decontamination unit. Plans are underway to require that boats be decontaminated before being allowed to enter the lakes.
- Primary aquatic invasive species threats are EWM, zebra mussels, and Asian carp. But, the list of aquatic nuisances is long and zebra mussels are not the worst on the list. The biggest worry is hydrilla.
- The DNR realizes that they alone cannot protect the lakes. New laws enable local governments to do much more, with DNR approval. Effective July 1 a multi-lake inspection model is permitted. The state needs to figure out what to do about inboard ballast tanks.
- Actions we can take include the following:
  - Speak up. DNR plans are not working.
  - Don't accept containment strategies. Do not just settle for EWM containment.
  - Develop an action plan for centralized inspections—follow the Lake tahoe model
  - Encourage third party management of a decontamination unit.
  - Communicate widely

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership Report**

Betty Marquardt reported that we have 395 members and that our goal is 500 members. She encouraged lake residents to join the Association.

#### **Aquatic Plant Management**

David Devins reported that we continue to control EWM on Bay Lake and have been doing so for 21 seasons. He reported that weather plays an important part in EWM growth and that for the past few years has been in our favor. Last fall EWM was dramatically absent while native plant growth was very strong. Last fall we treated about half the acres of the previous 5-10 years. This past winter with little or no snow gave the EWM a chance to grow all winter and it did.

David reported that as usual we had Buddy Divers conduct our spring EWM above and under water survey of the lake. They found mostly small sites many that had been growing all winter. Even though there were a lot of small sites, we were able to piece together a 10 acre treatment which was completed the week of June 25.

David reported that we did an experiment last fall with liquid 2-4-d and it worked as well as the granular version and is less expensive.

David reminded members to sign signature cards. He reported that he did sign a new Lake Vegetation Management Plan with the DNR that has been very useful for our program. The agreement calls for the signatures to be good for 5 years vs the current 3 years.

David re-iterated the real threat of zebra mussels and encouraged people to volunteer to monitor at the access. He indicated that we will repeat the inspection process with Buddy divers around labor Day with another chemical treatment for EWM around October 1.

### **Access Monitoring**

Phil Rollins was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report that was read by President Chris Ruttger. It was reported that:

1. The spread of aquatic invasive species continues, with over 100 MN lakes now infected with zebra mussels, including several in our immediate vicinity.
2. The only way we know to reduce our risk is to monitor or inspect boats as they come into the lake.
3. Our public ramp is being monitored this summer by Bay Lake Volunteers, paid workers, and DNR Interns. Earlier this year, the BL Board authorized paying workers to make sure the ramp was being monitored from 7am-6pm daily, about 77 hours each week.
4. We have over 100 volunteers, of which about 55 are active. If you are a monitor, please stand and be recognized.
5. We have contracted with DNR for up to 400 hours of intern monitoring. However, DNR does not have enough trained interns to cover all the lakes, so it's unlikely we'll end up with our 400 hours.
6. We use the paid workers to fill in for time that our volunteers and DNR don't cover, 40-50 hours each week.
7. We need more active monitors. Could you give just 4 hours over the summer to monitor boats coming into and leaving our lake?
8. DNR monitor training is 10am, next Saturday, July 7 at Ruttgers. Please fill out the form on your table and give to me after the meeting or email or call Phil Rollins; contact info on form.

### **Development**

Dominic Ciresi thanked members for their donations and made a plea for funds to support the work of the Association..

### **Events**

George Reynolds described the picnic and golf event to be held on August 11. Minna Gallagher thanked Church island camp and indicated that the children's party will be held on July 7 beginning at 10:30.

The Runtilla is scheduled for Saturday August 4 with registration at 8:15 and the run at 9:00. It was indicated that last year we had 72 sponsors for the Runtilla.  
Shoreline Preservation

### New Business

### Nominations

David Devins, Chris Gondeck and Rick Bale were nominated for the Board. A motion was made and seconded to elect all nominees. All 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 10:50.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Ysseldyke".

Jim Ysseldyke  
Secretary