

Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
September 15, 2012
Ruttger's Resort

Present: Chris Ruttger, Sylvia Graff, Bruce Johnson, Rick Bale, Steve Souder, Bobbie Keller, David Devins, Phil Rollins

Guests: Bill Bale, Nancy LaTourneau, Eric Lindberg

The September BLIA Board meeting was called to order by President Chris Ruttger at 9:07 am.

Annual Meeting Minutes: Two corrections were made. Bruce Johnson and Rick Bale were not in attendance. Bruce Johnson moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. Sylvia seconded and motion passed.

August Meeting Minutes: Question arose regarding the timeline for the fall Breezes. In March the Board decided that the deadline for getting articles in would be October 1. Bobbie wanted to clarify that the Breezes would "be in the mail" by October 31, not necessarily in everyone's hands by that time, as it goes out bulk mail and it can vary as to when it is actually delivered. Phil Rollins had a correction in his report regarding what the Township had acted on as to what may or may not be done on public lake access points within the Township. There will be a meeting on October 23, 2:00 pm in the Deerwood Armory regarding the possible closure of the Brighton Point Road access.

With these corrections a motion was made by Bruce Johnson to accept the August meeting minutes. This was seconded and motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sylvia Graff distributed her monthly financial report and stated by she had received a check from Chris Gondeck for \$2,545 as a partial payment for the fireworks, but should receive another one for \$4410 to cover the full cost.

The Board had agreed previously that if the funds in Sylvia's account totaled more than \$10,000, the extra money should be transferred to the Environmental Fund. Sylvia reported that she needs more than that to cover other expenses. After some discussion it was agreed that a conference call would be made to discuss this, so Chris Gondeck could be included.

Bruce Johnson felt that there are several CD's out, and there should be simplification of all the accounts.

Sylvia then went through the items on her financial report.

Motion was made to accept her report, this was seconded and motion passed.

Membership: Betty Marquardt reported that we now have 468 members, with \$8,155.00 donated for fireworks. Betty reported having trouble with the Deerwood Bank not forwarding on to Marlene the membership and environmental fund cards. A lengthy discussion occurred regarding this whole process. Bruce has talked to the bank and to Marlene and feels that the bank does not wish to continue to do this. A suggestion was made that Betty copy the checks

herself and mail them and the cards directly to Marlene, thus bypassing the bank. No final decision was made regarding this.

Financial Reporting and Database Update: Bruce Johnson stated that some errors have been made in the database and he will meet with Marlene to make sure we have database backup. Bruce felt that we should simplify our donor list and have fewer categories. When the list of donors is sent out it should make clear that a thank you to them is given. There was discussion on who has the cumulative data on donors to the environmental fund, and Heidi should have that. Also, there was discussion on changing the brackets to higher amounts. No final decision was made. Bruce feels we need a more accurate database and would like to get monthly cumulative updates. He also wants to revisit the upper categories of donor contributions.

Amazing Race Recap: Nancy LaTourneau gave a report on the first annual race and felt it was a great success. There were four people on a team and they had ten challenges, one of which was to swallow a minnow. She felt there was a lot of interest in this and would like to have it on our schedule of events for next year. She is considering having an entry fee next year to make a little money. Josh Goolsbee was very helpful by having tee shirts and food for all. About \$150 was made.

Access Monitoring: (See Phil's email report) Phil reported that a public meeting will be held on October 23 about the possibility of closing the Brighton Point access. The township has passed a policy on access to the lake but has decided to study the issue further over the winter. Regarding the Brighton Point Road, the access is 15-16 feet wide. The people on either side have had their property surveyed and now have no trespassing signs up where it encroaches on their land. The Township is the governing body who has the authority over the access. Bill Bale reported that the county has the authority to vacate easements. Phil then referred to his report which he had emailed to the Board members. He feels that the Board needs to decide what we want to do next year. We now have two trained inspectors, but Phil feels we should have six. They are really helpful and have the authority to refuse to allow a boat to enter the water. Phil also thinks that we will get better results working with the county. Bay Lake Marine has bought a decontamination unit and wants to help, but they need to make sure they check with all the environmental regulations before using it.

Phil had asked Eric to view all the I-LIDS videos, which cost \$2000 for the season. Eric reported that as the unit is sun powered, more panels could be added, and it could be programmed to come on at 6:00 am and stay on till midnight, or whatever times we wished. No decisions were made and the issue will need to be revisited.

At the last meeting, Phil was authorized to join this lakes/rivers advocacy group, and have done so. On Sept. 6, he participated in a conference call with other lake associations, sharing information about what each is doing to address AIS threats. This should be a good place for us to learn and share our experiences.

Aquatic Plant Management: David Devins reported that there was more milfoil this season. A liquid chemical had been used in the spring and he felt it had not been as effective as the granular. He stated that the milfoil plants seem to be stronger in the spring so maybe the granular would work better. The fall treatment is planned for October and he will decide which kind of chemical to use.

Breezes: Bobbie Keller reminded everyone that October 1 is the deadline for sending in articles!

Fish Spawning Grounds: Sylvia asked whether we could hold off on this because of the expense, plus is County 10 the best place for it? The island would be much better place and could the DNR consider that.

Benefit: Phil Rollins reported that there will be a benefit for Kelsey Peterson on September 29, at the Lonesome Pine, from 3:00-5:00. It is \$20 per person and there will be a silent auction.

Adjournment: David Devins moved to adjourn at 11:03 am. Sylvia seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary