

Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
 April 14, 2012
 Lonesome Pine

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Ruttger, Chris – President	X	Bye, Jim --Runtilla	
Ciresi, Dominic – VP & Development	X	Erickson, Paul – History	
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer		Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Johnson, Bruce - Development and Taxes	X
Ysseldyke, Jim – Secretary	X	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	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	Poland, Jerry - Government	
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes		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	

The Board meeting was called to order by President Chris Ruttger at 9:00 am. Chris thanked Josh Goolsbee for providing the Board with breakfast. Bill Bale was present as a guest.

Minutes

Minutes of the December 2011 meeting had been distributed by email. Betty Marquardt moved approval of the minutes and this was seconded by Steve Souder. Minutes approved.

Chris Ruttger distributed a timeline of Board actions for 2012. It was suggested that we add a column to the list indicating the person responsible for the activity.

Treasurer’s Report

Sylvia Graff reported a balance of \$30,819.97 for the BLIA fund for the 2011 calendar year ending 12/31/11. She indicated that donations were received for fireworks in the amount of \$9035. Chris Gondeck was absent so there was no report for the Environmental fund. Dominic Ciresi moved approval of the BLIA Fund report and this was seconded by Jim Ysseldyke. This report was approved.

We got into a discussion of how to handle the cumulative donor list and how to account for categories on the list. Dominic indicated that he has been contacted by families who believe

they should be on the list. Paul Erickson had made suggestions about this in the past, but was not able to be at the meeting. Rick Bale recommended that we develop a set of rules and policies for accounting for cumulative donors. We established a small task force to prepare a draft set of rules and policies: Rick Bale, Dominic Ciresi, Bruce Johnson and Chris Gondeck. Bruce volunteered to serve as a liaison to Marleen for purposes of making sure the list is accurate.

Membership

Betty reported that we now have 8 members. We have also received fireworks contributions for 2012 in the amount of \$80.

Access Monitoring

Phil Rollins provided the Board with a written copy of a proposed Bay Lake Invasive Species Prevention Program. He indicated that:

“The spring/summer season is upon us and the threats of zebras and other invasives is more serious than ever. My purpose here is to propose a more comprehensive approach in our efforts to keep the lake free of any new invasives.

A group of homeowners in the Christmas Lake area have established a serious program which includes lobbying the legislature, a lawsuit against DNR, and a gate on their public ramps. There is much to learn from these folks and I'd like to invite them to meet with us.

I plan to initiate all the items under “specific steps” below, assuming the Board lends its enthusiastic support. Of course I'll need help, so let me know if you will be part of this effort.

Here's how I see it at this point.

Mission: Keep Bay Lake free of zebra mussels and other invasive species not currently in lake

How to Succeed: Develop, initiate, maintain a comprehensive program to minimize the risk of water craft contaminating Bay Lake with zebra mussels and other invasive species

Two Prong Approach

Internal Approach:

1. Continue and enhance our existing program of Bay Lake volunteer serving as boat ramp monitors by building on the current volunteer base through appeals to lake property owners and local businesses
2. Continue utilizing DNR interns to complement the volunteer monitor effort,
3. Increase our efforts to educate BLIA members and others about the threat of by invasive specie infestation.

External Approach:

Reach out to organizations and individuals who are facing invasive species issues to learn, share, and advocate, including other lake associations, MN Waters, DNR, local representatives to state legislature, governor's office, Crow Wing County agencies, any others researching solutions to the IS problem

Specific Actions

1. Contact current volunteer ramp monitors, get commitments for 2012 (in process)
2. Promote ramp monitor program on website (done)
3. Email and snail mail all BLIA members asking them to become volunteer ramp monitors
4. Begin scheduling ramp monitors by May 1
5. Schedule two DNR monitor training sessions (done, May 19 and July 7, at Rutgers)
6. Continue iLids program (install scheduled for week of April 8)
7. Organize meeting with leader(s) of Christmas Lake group and BLIA Board to learn what they are doing and what we can learn from them
8. Contact Gull Lake Assn and other lake assns. For outreach and educational opportunities
9. Meet with and get information from Marrone Bio Innovation on Zequanox, their chemical solution to zebra mussel problem:
<http://marronebioinnovations.com/products/zequanox/>

Tools and Resources:

MN Waters
Other lake associations
iLids program
Influential BLIA members
Crow Wing County government agencies and elected representatives
BL Environmental Fund and other fundraising
Bay Lake businesses
Bay Lake home owners
Bay Lake Lions
Bay Lake Camp
DNR
MN Legislature"

It was suggested that we put an article in the breezes encouraging people to use only the main public access and to funnel their guest traffic to that access.

Bill Bale volunteered to work with Phil Rollins on contacting Christmas Lake Association and on developing ways to support their work to have an access with limited hours. Bill suggested we work also to identify ways we can limit access hours onto Bay Lake.

Fishing Resources

Gary Malek provided an update on development of walleye spawning areas on the lake. He indicated that road restrictions went on before we could get the rock on the ice on the east side along highway 10. This will be deferred until next year.

Aquatic Plant Management

A new grant program is available this year and David Devins will apply for \$25,000 for a May 30 grant and \$25,000 for the August 30 deadline. David indicated that about 1/3 to 1/2 of our treatments for last fall were with liquid 2-4-D. We will wait to see the effects of this treatment approach.

Water Resources

Mark Roloff indicated that a sampling was done this winter and that all findings were within normal limits.

Breezes

The deadline for submission of articles to Breezes is May 1.

Security

Jim Nelson has asked to be relieved of his position as chair of the security committee. We discussed the mission and activities of the committee. A person was suggested as a replacement and Chris Ruttger will contact the person.

Taxes

Bruce Johnson indicated there is a move underway to no longer provide homestead credit. He indicated that Minnesota also has a partial homestead credit.

New Business

David Devins made a motion that BLIA register for an I cloud account to store association data. Josh Goolsbee seconded the motion. Discussion indicated that we would work with Marleen to put information at that site. Motion Passed.

Next Board meeting is at Ruttger's on Saturday May 5.

Adjournment

Bruce Johnson made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Gary Malek. The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ysseldyke

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Secretary