

Bay Lake Improvement
Association
Minutes of the May 5, 2012 meeting
Rutgers Resort

Present: Chris Ruttger, Chris Gondeck, Sylvia Graff, Rick Bales, Bruce Johnson, Gary Malek, David Devins, Betty Marquardt. Steve Souder, Tiffany Johnson, Bobbie Keller
Guest: Bill Bales

President Chris Ruttger called the meeting to order at 9:03:49.

Minutes – Bruce Johnson moved that the April Board meeting minutes be approved. Sylvia Graff seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sylvia distributed copies of her report. There was not much change from last month.

Chris Gondeck reported that he would have the tax return in by May 15 and that the audit would be done in May. He would also revise the budget to show the new \$40,000 expenditure for 2012. (see item further in minutes)

Steve Souder moved the reports be accepted. Seconded and approved.

Bruce Johnson – Bruce reported that the owner of property next to the public access had dredged all 150 feet of shoreline, added soil, and had the whole area riprapped. In doing so they destroyed habitat and native species. Because of this both the DNR and Crow Wing County became involved. The end result was that no fines were leveled on the owner but they are required to return everything back the way it was – take out the riprap, plant new native species, and on the shore, put in plants along the edge.

Bruce also distributed a copy of BOAT US which reported on the invasive species that are, or could be, coming to the lakes.

Donor List – Chris Gondeck and Bill Bales are looking at this. Chris suggested getting a flash drive to back up all our information, to make sure our records will not be lost. Bruce, Rick Bales and Chris G. plan to meet with Marlene Waller to clarify her responsibilities and give her a timeline for information needed. Our timeline would have the donor list for the Environmental Fund, along with a letter, going out on April 1 each year. At this point, there is some concern about the quality of data, as no donor list was mailed for 2010. They are working on going back and checking all gifts, so that all can be correctly acknowledged.

Bill Bales – Bill has been looking into our access monitoring for the lake. At this point the DNR has no cohesive plan for controlling invasive species. The Governor has signed a bill that will allow local governmental units to adapt a plan to control and check access points. For us, that would be the Bay Lake Township who would have to approve our request. Christmas Lake had sued the DNR in order to allow them to have gates at the access point, but have since dropped it. They are, however, still planning to install gates and a decontamination unit.

There was much discussion on how quickly our Association can act on this and the best way to go about it. We need to put a proposal before the Township and get their approval. There may not be time to get this all done this year. It is quite expensive to have gates installed, and the decontamination units are also costly, and must be a certain distance from the lake. In the meantime, it will be necessary to expand the hours of monitoring. Chris Gondeck moved that we authorize spending up to \$40,000 to expand access monitoring for this year. Rick Bales seconded. It was approved.

Phil Rollins report was received by email.

Membership – Betty Marquardt reported that we now have 14 members with \$155 contributed for fireworks. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept report.

Board Member – There was discussion as to whether Bill Bales should be asked to become a Board member in charge of legal affairs regarding monitoring. Chris R. will contact him.

Breezes – Bobbie wants it to be out by Memorial Day, but needs articles from people. Only two have come in at this point.

Timeline – The President's letter will go out by the end of next week and the Environmental letter will be sent out by the end of May.

Files – It is felt that all data must be stored online. This would include Breezes, minutes, and any other files of the Association.

Aquatic Plant Management – David Devins reported that the divers will start on May 21 to check for Milfoil. So far, there hasn't been any seen on the lake.

Chris Ruttger – Chris said that Ruttger's would like to have mentioned in the Breezes that if someone is a member of the BLIA, that person would get a discount for golf, at Zig's, at Ruttger's. The Board felt this would help show the benefits of joining the BLIA.

Adjournment – Gary Malek moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:45. Steve Souder seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary,

Betty Marquardt