

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
July 13, 2013
Ruttger's Resort**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Dominic Ciresi – President & Development	X	Bye, Jim --Runtilla	
Bruce Johnson – VP & Development	X	Erickson, Paul – History	
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer, Water Safety		Kelly, Mike - Legal	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	LaTourneau, Larry - Security	
Johnson, Tamara – Secretary & Conservation	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Shekels, Scott - Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains		Tripp, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick			
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X		
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X		
Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X		
Ruttger, Chris - Nominating	X		
Steve Souder – Conservation and Runtilla	X		

The Board meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:00 am.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 6 2013 meeting had been distributed by email. Bruce Johnson moved approval of the minutes as amended and this was seconded by Steve Souder.
Minutes approved.

Treasurers' Reports

Sylvia Graff reported that the fireworks bill was a total of \$10,000.00. \$9,500.00 for fireworks and \$500 for dock replacement. A thank you to the generosity of the Orwolls. Bruce Johnson moved approval of the treasurers' reports and this was seconded by Bobbie Keller. **Motion approved.**

Committee Reports

Membership

Bruce Johnson reporting for Betty Marquardt stated that \$7,000 was received in fireworks donations to date and 409 memberships. We have received in excess of \$34,000 for the Environmental Fund. Special kudos go out from the Board to the Orwolls, Ruttgers, and Josh and Amy Goolsbee for their contributions to the fireworks.

Access Monitoring from Phil Rollins:

County Inspector Program

Class I inspectors continue to inspect boats on the public access, most days from 7am-7pm. Several times each month, DNR will send their own inspectors for a roughly 8-10 hour shift. For the vast majority of days, we are covered for 12 hours.

Monitor Program

I've been trying to use volunteer monitors to fill in on the days when DNR sends their inspectors, which are usually 11am-8pm. The response to my requests to the monitor group has been almost non-existent. We needed help on July 5 and there wasn't one email response to mine; assuming it was tough over the 4th weekend.

On June 15, DNR conducted monitor training at Ruttgers. We had several new monitors, a few from other lakes, although most were Bay Lakers who were refreshing their knowledge.

Crooked Lake Assn

In June, Don Hales, Gary Anderson (Crooked), and I got together to discuss what we were doing to reduce our AIS exposure and what Crooked could be doing. Don was concerned about the Crooked lakes as they are essentially upstream from Bay. We agreed that I'd get together with a couple of the Crooked Assn leaders and did so later in the month. Bottom line is that they have neither the financial resources to pay for inspectors or human resources to organize a monitor program, so there is virtually no AIS program. Fortunately, they don't believe they get much traffic on their one public access and the lakes drain through Maple, near Hansen's. It's very unclear to me just what risk this represents for us.

MLRA and Annual Meeting Speaker

Heard a variety of comments about Jeff Forester's comments, most positive, but some that he wasn't as on target as he could have been. Given that he drove up from the

cities that morning and returned after the meeting, I'm proposing we make a donation of \$250 to MLRA as thanks for Jeff's efforts. In addition, we agreed to reimburse him for mileage.

Monitor Thank You

Although the monitors aren't very active thus far this year, Jane and I are considering a very casual cocktail hour at our cabin to thank the many who have helped out over the years. We did this a couple of years ago and perhaps it would put a little life back into the program. I'm asking for up to \$200 for beverages. Scheduling is a bit of an issue, but would like the option if we can pull it off.

Bruce Johnson moved and Steve Souder seconded a motion to pay Phil Rollins \$200 toward the Access Monitor appreciation party. **Motion Passed.**

Chris Ruttger moved and Bruce Johnson seconded a motion to donate to MLRA \$250 as an honorarium for Jeff Forrester. The **motion carried** with Sylvia Graff abstaining.

It was reported that inspectors cost \$1,000 per week. Unfortunately, we are not likely to get help from upstream lakes. In fact, they want us to contribute to their efforts.

It was observed that Sheriff's boats go in and out possibly uninspected. Phil Rollins will contact the Sheriff's department to confirm procedures.

New Business:

2014 Annual Meeting:

Discussion was had about the date. Proposed dates were 6/28, 7/5, and 7/12 and either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th weekend after the 4th of July.

It was suggested that we do/say something to recognize the deceased. There was also discussion about the guest speaker for the meeting.

Miscellaneous:

There was talk of, and the Board approved exploring, creating a rearing pond for walleyes.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Johnson

Secretary