

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting
July 6, 2013
Ruttger's Resort**

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

The Annual meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:30 am. Jerry Hendricks led gthe BLIA with and opening prayer. Dominic Ciresi thanked the Ruttgers' family for hosting the annual meeting and introduced members of the BLIA Board and committee chairs.

Minutes

Minutes of the 2012 annual meeting had been posted on the BLIA website for 10 months and no corrections were received.. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were approved.

Treasurers' Reports

Chris Gondeck provided copies of the audited financial reports through December 2012. He reported a balance of \$254,664. Chris indicated that revenues for 2012 were \$154,077 and expenses totaled \$129,745. Chris indicated that expenses were down because of the good year we had with milfoil treatments. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers' reports. The reports were approved.

Speaker

Jeff Forrester, Executive Director of the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates reported on the activities of the Group. He focused on activities related to working with the Minnesota

Legislature and government agencies regarding aquatic invasive species. Jeff highlighted efforts to get legislation passed. He also discussed activities of the group relative to fair taxes on cabins, lakeshore and lake homes, and lake heritage. Dominic Ciresi thanked Jeff for a meaningful and insightful presentation.

Events

Golf and Picnic

George Reynolds reported on plans for the 7th annual golf and picnic event scheduled for August 10 at Ruttgers.

Childrens' Party

Brenda Olson reported on plans for the Childrens' Party and also for the Big Swim to be held on Church Island.

Runtilla

Dominic Ciresi reported for Jim Bye on the Runtilla scheduled for July 20. Check in is at 8:15. Individuals can register at Hansens or at Baylake.org.

Amazing Race

Nancy LaTourneau reported on activities associated with the Amazing Race to be held beginning at 10 am on Saturday July 27.

Committee Reports

Membership

Betty Marquardt reported that we have 400 members to date and that the membership goal for 2013 is 600.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins provided the following report:

“We continue our efforts to control EWM in Bay Lake using the same method we have for the last 22 seasons. The weather has worked in our favor for the last several years. Good winter snow cover, normal to cooler summers and high water all help slow the growth of EWM and give native vegetation a chance to flourish.

We conducted a spring vegetation survey of the lake in the first few weeks of June and subsequently treated about 24 sites totaling about 6 acres on June 26th.

While vegetation growth is way behind from where it would normally be the EWM is growing and we identified a total of 124 sites scattered around the lake. Most of these sites were not dense enough to warrant treatment. When we survey the lake, Buddy

Divers rates the sites as Low, Medium or High priority for treatment. Most of what we found this spring was low and medium priority.

Last year we treated a total of 55 acres and I would expect to treat in the same range this year. We will survey the lake again after Labor Day and conduct a fall treatment in October.

The October treatments have worked very well over the years for a variety of reasons. The impact to the native species is very selective because most if not all other vegetation than the EWM have gone dormant and not taking in nutrients. The EWM however is still growing and not as strong as in June. The chemicals are very effective and the plants are destroyed. This allows the natives to come up in the spring and quickly fill in where the EWM was. There also is a minimal impact on property owners as use is at a minimum.

Just as weather has been in our favor a change in the weather pattern as has happened in the last few weeks can change things very quickly. We have to stay vigilant and keep with our plan.

We signed a Lake Vegetation Management Plan with the DNR in 2011 that will run through 2015. We are required by this agreement to get shoreline owners authorization to treat within 150 feet of their property.

This time the signatures are good for 5 years vs 3 previously. We sent out forms in April and received about 75% of the home owners' signatures to date. We are still missing about 100 signatures scattered all over the lake.

There are not many long continuous stretches of shoreline covered by signatures and could if not collected make some treatments impossible this fall. If we are missing signatures we cannot treat those areas.

I have a map in the back that show the signatures I do have and am currently using fire numbers and addresses as a way to identify properties. We will have a complete list and map by property tax ID in the next month or and will be asking the beach captains to help get signatures later in the summer.

We really need everyone's help on this and believe it or not this is the most difficult task of all in this program. We don't have the time or manpower to chase people down at the last second looking for a signature for a treatment. If we are missing signatures those areas won't get treated.

If you have not already looked at the map in back, take a look at your shore and see if you know who might be missing, then help by getting their signatures. I have plenty of forms so feel free to take some with you.

In August I will again send out EWM and Zebra Mussel ID cards asking you to inspect your shoreline and report back on the enclosed post card with your findings. This has always been a big help and is appreciated.

Thank you for your support over the years. Our plan to control EWM really works very well and we will not let up. You're contributions and support is the reason for our success, please keep contributing. [David Devins]

Access Monitoring

Phil Rollins was unable to attend the annual meeting and Dominic Ciresi provided a report in his absence. Dominic indicated that we have Class 1 inspectors (these are inspectors who are provided by the DNR and who can deny access to the lake) 12 hours per day most days. These inspectors are paid \$13 per hour, so this is a significant expense to the Association. Dominic indicated that we still need to have volunteer monitors at the access.

There was training in June and another training will be scheduled shortly.

Development

Dominic Ciresi requested continued and increased donations to the Environmental fund and indicated the importance of everyone's support to the success of the Association and the preservation of the lake assets.

Nominating

The Board terms of Gary Malek and Jim Ysseldyke are ending this year and they have opted not to run for renewal. Chris Ruttger thanked each for their service to the association. The nominating committee presented three individuals for Board of Directors: Chris Ruttger, Dominic Ciresi, and Bobbie Keller. A motion was made to approve the slate unanimously. Motion approved.

New Business

Mina Gallagher indicated interest in organizing activities for teens and pre-teens and encouraged individuals who are interested in working with her on such activities to contact her.

Adjournment

Bobbie Keller and Ann Ruttger led the group in singing America the Beautiful. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Ysseldyke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary

