

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
August 17, 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	x	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	x	Shekels, Scott - Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains	x	Tripp, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick		Terry Coss Water Quality	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 Board meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:00 am.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 13, 2013 meeting had been distributed by email. Chris Rutger moved approval of the minutes as amended and this was seconded by Steve Souder.

Minutes approved.

Treasurers' Reports

Sylvia Graff reported that the checking account has \$8,756. Chris Gondeck mentioned that we use Christianson Insurance Agency and they billed us \$216 for a survey. Dominic Ciresi moved approval of the treasurers' reports pending audit and this was seconded by Bruce Johnson. **Motion approved.**

Committee Reports

Membership

Betty Marquardt reported that we have 422 members. Discussion was had about expanding the amount of information we gather. It would cost \$41.71 to add information categories. Discussion was also had about sending condolence emails. There was kudos given to David Devins for the AIS identification cards.

Aquatic Plant Management from David Devins:

David reported that we will be treating in October. Gary Malek reported that there will be a DNR meeting on Thursday August 22 regarding the fishing on the Lake and ideas to create habitats for fish (i.e: rearing ponds, sunken tree trunks, woody habitats).

Access Monitoring

Discussion was held about hours of paid monitoring. For full coverage (from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm) it costs \$1,000/week. One suggestion by Phil Rollins was to cover Monday through Thursday with volunteers from 7:00 am to 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Some think we should go with full coverage as it only takes one boat to infect. A motion was made by David Devins and seconded by Dominic Ciresi to have full coverage on the ramp till the end of September. **Motion approved.**

Strategic Planning from Phil Rollins:

Goal: Prevent new aquatic invasive species (AIS) from entering Bay Lake, including zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and other invasive species

Strategies:

1. Establish a joint powers agreement between a local government agency (ie Bay Lake Township) and the DNR so that we can:

- Use Class I inspectors on the Bay Lake public ramp to inspect all incoming and outgoing boats to meet current DNR AIS regulations
- Close the ramp to incoming boaters when Class I inspectors are not on duty
- Require incoming boaters to decontaminate their boats before entering Bay Lake if they do not pass inspection
- Establish a local decontamination station in conjunction with other local lake associations
- Share resources, knowledge, and experience with local government agencies and other lake associations

2. Coordinate efforts and information with other lake area associations so that we can:

- Share the costs and logistics of operating a decontamination station and Class I inspectors
- Strengthen local efforts and influence by sheer numbers
- Investigate any easements that could be or are being used to launch water craft and work to limit or close their access
- Encourage the Bay Lake Township Board, DNR, Crow Wing County, and the state to close access points under their jurisdiction
- Avoid contamination from waters that flow into Bay Lake

3. Enhance Bay Lake fund raising efforts and grant funding solicitations so that we can:

- Seek funds thru grants, donations, and other sources to pay for these efforts
- Build support and involve Bay Lake and Crow Wing County homeowners, businesses, and other interested parties

DNR Update

There was discussion about the light penalties for changing shorelines in violation of regulations.

Water Quality

Terry Coss met with Mark Roloff. He received a proposal A.W. Research Laboratories regarding water quality, trophic level study and TSI Index monitoring.

Golf Outing and Picnic

George Reynolds reported that there were 91 golfers at Ruttgers resort. Josh Goolsbee sponsored the hole-in-one and appetizers. \$3,000 was raised for the environmental fund.

2nd Annual Amazing Race

The following is an insert from Nancy LaTourneau:

In spite of nasty/windy weather, the 2nd Annual AR was another huge success!! Ten teams of 4 signed up for the events. After meeting at Church Island, they dispersed to ten different spots on Bay Lake to complete the events. About 25 people volunteered to time and conduct the challenges. They were from Picture at the Bear, Volleying the ball at Sandy Beach, completing a puzzle of the lake at the Pine, and paddleboarding at Ruttgers!! Every team was VERY competitive. The teams ranged from 7/8 year olds to "elderly" (Matthews and Johnsons).....Such good sports!!!! Arvid and Don bobbed for a minnow in 1.7 seconds!!! The Mike Rose Family took honors with a total of 497.4 seconds.....or 9 minutes to do the challenges!! The total time to complete was approximately 2 hours on the lake. Tons of thanks again to Josh and The Lonesome Pine for supplying pizzas, meatballs, and a place for the award ceremony!!!

A total of \$1962.00 was raised for BLIA, with a bill of \$499.68 for T's and Bandanas.
Next year should prove to be even better!!!

Next Meetings

September 14, at 9:00 am

December 14, at 11:00 am and

December 14, party at 5:00 pm

Adjournment

Moved by Betty Marquardt, seconded by Steve Souder at 10:29 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Johnson
Secretary