

Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
June 8, 2013
Rutgers's Resort

Present: Betty Marquardt, Gary Malek, Tamara Johnson, Sylvia Graff, Phil Rollins, David Devins, Bobbie Keller, Bruce Johnson, Dominic Ciresi, Larry La Tourneau, Terry Coss.
Guests: George Reynolds, Debbie Coss

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Dominic Ciresi. He introduced our new Water Quality Chair, Terry Coss, and George Reynolds, Chair of the Golf Scramble.

Golf Scramble – George gave a short history of the scramble and asked for input regarding raising the amount charged for the golf. It has stayed at \$50 for the 7 years of the scramble. It usually raises about \$2500-\$3000 each year, but he feels that it is mainly a social and community event and not one to raise a huge amount of money. The consensus of the Board was that the cost should remain the same so as to get as many people to participate as possible. He has several people and businesses that contribute goods or gift certificates, which helps keep the costs down.

Minutes – Sylvia Graff moved that they be accepted. It was seconded and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report -- Sylvia distributed her monthly report, stating there was little change from last month. She has not received a check for the fireworks yet. She has checked with several banks as to what interest they are giving for CD's and felt that People's Bank was still the best place for now. Bruce Johnson moved that we renew the CD's where they are. Dominic seconded. Approved. Ruth Hansen has asked that her name be removed as a signer for checks, which has been done. Bruce Johnson's name will be added instead. Dominic reported for Chris Gondeck that the audit is in the works at this point. Chris had emailed several finance reports to the Board for its reading. The treasurers' reports were approved by the Board.

Membership – Betty Marquardt reported a total of 271 members at this time with \$ 4,380 being donated for fireworks. Also, there are many more people contributing online this year, which is an easier way to get the contributions.

Annual Meeting Discussion – Chris Ruttger, Bobbie Keller and Dominic Cerisi will be up for election, with one more position to fill. Chris Ruttger and Dominic will talk to several people who have indicated an interest. Gary Malek will stay on as Chair as Fishing, but not be a director.

There was discussion regarding having a speaker at the Annual Meeting. Phil Rollins and David Devins will talk to people who are knowledgeable about invasive species and line someone up. A suggestion was made to have someone speak to us about shoreline ordinances.

Record Keeping – David Devins suggested using a program called Carbonite or a similar one, at a yearly cost of \$50-\$75, in which all past files, financial records, papers, etc. could be put, and then called up when needed. That way all records would be in one place. There would be a password and only certain Board people would have access to the files. Bruce Johnson said David should write up protocols, process and policy as to how this would work, and then get that information to the Board.

Access Monitoring – Phil Rollins said that the access has been very busy. He is working to get a certified inspector there every day, and setting up a schedule. The more checking we can do, the more we will be able to keep invasive species out of our lake. He feels there is less urgency for Bay Lake monitors now, as less are needed. There is a training session next weekend, however. He has met with Don Hales and Gary Anderson from the Crooked Lake area. They need help in setting up a monitoring system, but have few resources and not a strong association. Phil will help them to set up a system. As there are 5 lakes upstream, the feeling is that the township may have to help out in setting up systems to monitor these lakes.

Highway 6 and 18 land - The land that is for sale by Highways 18 and 6 on the west side is selling about \$70,000. The price of the land on which the house sits is not known. At this time, no application has been made for a motor-cross track. As the land is zoned commercial, it would have to be accepted, but could have a number of regulations that would be required.

Storm Shelters – Dominic mentioned that there might be a need to have some volunteer sites available to people in case of a tornado. This could be mentioned at the annual meeting that if people who do have a lower level would offer their place if needed during a storm.

AW Research – They have offered a proposal to the Board, which will be discussed at the next meeting. The CioBase is a way to map the bottom of the lake. David Devins will meet with them next week.

There are 124 small sites of Eurasian milfoil. It can be easily treated. By using the liquid chemical, we save money and it is as effective as the dry chemical.

Highway 10 – Gary Malek has checked this area. It was determined that the rocks were pushed up by ice, so the county will fix it. The DNR prefers felled trees as spawning grounds for fish along the north side of Church Island, instead of rocks. Gary will be working with them.

Strategic Plan – Dominic wants to see a five year plan set up, which would include what reserves we should have, what we want to see done on the lake, what we want for the future. He wants to see things formalized and in writing before his term is over.

Bobbie Keller – She thanked the Board for the flowers sent to her when her mother died. Her mother had been the secretary for the BLIA at one time.

Adjournment -- Motion was made, seconded and approved for adjournment at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary