

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting  
September 14, 2013  
Ruttger's Resort**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Dominic Ciresi – President & Development		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		Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Shekels, Scott - Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains		Tripp, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick		Cross, Terry	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	Cross, Debby (Guest)	X
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources			
Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X		
Ruttger, Chris - Nominating	X		
Steve Souder – Conservation and Runtilla	X		

The Board meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bruce Johnson at 9:03 am.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the August 17, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected. Steve Souder moved their approval with Terry Cross seconding it.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sylvia distributed her monthly statement and said only one bill had come in this last month and that was for the payment for the history of the Wildbird Lane & Evergreen Trail area. At the meeting she received another bill for our P.O. Box in Deerwood. Phil Rollins asked for the amount we have in our reserve account and was informed that it was about \$250,000. Chris Ruttger moved we accept the Treasurer's report. Steve Souder seconded it and the motion was approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership:**

Betty Marquardt announced that we now have 505 members. We have not had this many members before, and especially not this early in the year. We also have received about \$9000 for fireworks. Betty suggested that our membership cards, as well as the Environmental Fund cards should always include space for dues, fireworks and environment. The reminder letter that was recently mailed out had included all of that and the response was very positive.

There was discussion on how we can draw the distinction between what is included in our dues versus what goes into the environmental fund. It is important that our membership knows and understands this so there is no question as to how the money is managed. Phil suggested having a small group meet and bring a proposal to the next Board meeting.

### **Aquatic Plant Management:**

### **Access Monitoring:**

Phil Rollins had inspectors lined up through September, but the number of boats coming through has dropped so much that he is taking another look at that, as well as how many inspectors we might need for October. He will let the Board know if he will suggest cutting back the number of inspectors we might need.

Phil Rollins and Dominic Ciresi attended the Lessard-Sams Heritage Council meeting in St. Paul on Sept. 4, during which organizations presented requests for water quality related grants for 2014-15. Of the approximate \$100 million available, the council is recommending to the state legislature \$3.6 million be allocated to the MN COLA for AIS inspection/ decontamination grant programs. Such grants would need to be applied for and managed by local government units, like counties and townships. The legislature will consider this and other requests shortly.

Dominic and Phil believe working through the Bay Lake Township would provide the best opportunity for BLIA to participate in this funding.

Phil moved that the Board authorize Dominic to approach the Bay Lake Township about applying for grants funding from MN COLA, should the funding become available. Steve Souder seconded and the motion was approved. The BLIA Board will be kept up to date on this matter.

### **Water Quality:**

Terry met with Sarah at A & W Research Labs. After discussing the possibility of doing overflights, Terry feels that the only benefit would be of a policing nature, to see who might not be following all the regulations along the shore. Besides being quite expensive, he felt that that wasn't something we should be in the business of doing. As for water sampling, we can cut some of the expense by taking the samples ourselves and sending them in to the lab. In the winter, the lab would do it only one time, but in the summer it would be done every month. The winter sample would be \$210 while the summer one would be \$42 per sample. Terry said he would go back over the records that he received from Mark Roloff and develop a proposal to the Board that would encompass a five year plan. What is the history of clarity on the lake, the level of phosphorus, what have we done and what do we want done with this information? Terry will put an article in the Breezes regarding this.

### **Breezes:**

*Bobbie Keller needs all articles in by October 15.*

### **Development:**

### **Water Safety:**

### **Government:**

### **Old Business:**

Steve Souder will help with the Tree Giveaway and Runtilla next year. Our legal counsel has decided to step down so we are looking for a replacement.

### **New Business:**

It was suggested that Debbie Cross be made a co-chair of Water Quality with Terry. It was suggested that there should be an article put in the Breezes regarding the Legacy Pilot Program. Sylvia reported on the new Pump Track for bikers. It is working well and bringing in more people to the Cuyuna area.

### **Adjournment:**

Steve Souder moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:30. Chris Ruttger seconded it. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Marquardt, Acting Secretary