

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting  
September 20, 2014  
Ruttger's Resort**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Ciresi, Dominic – President & Development	X	Bye, Jim – Runtilla	
Johnson, Bruce – 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	
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Shekels, Scott – Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains		Trip, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick		Terry and Debbie Coss – Water Quality Chairs	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes			
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources		<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring		Patricia Jesperson	x
Ruttger, Chris – Nominating	x		
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla			

The Board meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:05 am. Welcome all, thank you Ruttgers for hosting.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 8/23/2014 meeting were objected to regarding the zoning information. Changes have been resubmitted via email.

**Treasurers' Reports**

Sylvia Graff reported that not much had changed. Interest of \$.95 was credited to the BLIA membership account. Checks in the amount of \$58,000 have been written this year to date. The group felt that a quorum wasn't present so no votes were taken.

## **Membership**

Dominic Ciresi reported that we have over 500 members.

## **Aquatic Plant Management**

Dominic Ciresi reported that David Devins said the fall survey is complete and 36.5 acres have been treated.

## **Lake Access Inspection Program:**

### 1. Bay Inspection Program

We continue to have daily paid inspectors Mon-Thurs 7a-7p, Fri 7a-9p, Sat 7a-8p, Sun 7a-8p through the end of Sept and are now contemplating what to go with in early October. DNR typically takes out the access porta-potty and dock in early October and the iLids device will be removed for storage about the same time.

### 2. County Inspection Programs

As of the date I'm writing this, Sept. 12, the county continues to pay for our inspection hours. As of Sept. 7, we had used 511 of our allocated 700 hours. With an average of 80 inspection hours per week, most, if not all, of our remaining inspector hours will be paid for through the county program.

Crooked/Portage Lake was allocated only 150 inspector hours, which were used up by Aug. 24. We are now again paying for their inspectors Fri, Sat, and Sun, about 30 hours per week, or \$450 per week. We will need to decide what coverage we want to continue into Oct.

### 3. Zebra Mussel Detection Devices

In early Sept, Dominic, Bruce, Terry and I discussed the recent infestation of ZM's on Christmas Lake. The ZM's were discovered on a detection device hanging for the dock at the Christmas public access. The device is comprised of 5 square plates, largest on the bottom, with gaps between. We decided to purchase and install several ZM detection devices. Terry Coss helped explore purchase options and on Sept. 3, I ordered 6 units at about \$40 each, from a Florida company. The devices arrived the week of Sept 8 and have been hung from docks at various points around the lake, including Hanson's, Lonesome Pine, Rollins' dock in first narrows, Bay Lake Marine, Bruce Johnson's dock on Brighton Pt. Road and the Public Access dock. Please thank these people if you see them. It's likely we'll be asking them to use their docks again next year.

Regarding the cost of about \$300 with shipping, we have spent much less on the inspection program this year than planned and assumed the Board would support this relatively small expenditure.

4. Fast Response Plan for Zebra Discovery

We now have in hand the DNR Fast Response Plan, as well as the written plan for Christmas Lake.

5. Crow Wing LARA

On Sept. 10, Dominic and Bruce will attend a meeting of large lake associations in Crow Wing County. The meeting's purpose is to report on AIS activities and exchange information.

Several lakes in south Crow Wing County have been encouraged to submit nominees to serve on the Board of this county organization of lake associations. The group meets monthly and it would be best if our representative were living in the area year round. Please let Dominic or me know if you are interested or know of anyone who might be.

6. Lake Classification Change, Recreational to General

Dominic will have an update on this. I have spoken with our CWC Commissioner Doug Houge and he is looking into the pros and cons of the proposed change. Should BLIA take a position, he should be formally advised of that action. Every other Thursday, the county posts the county board meeting agenda online for the following Tuesday meeting. We are checking periodically to know when and if this issue is to be considered by the county board. This item is on the CW Township meeting agenda for Sept. 15.

7. MN COLA

MN COLA is a coalition of MN lake association coalitions, headed up by Joe Schneider, advocating for issues important to organizations like ours. At this time, membership is restricted to lake association. coalitions; individual lake associations are not allowed to join.

### **Runtilla recap**

Jim and Heidi Bye reported that they were happy to announce that we had another successful Runtilla year. The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Runtilla was one of the highest attended races ever and it estimated at over 600 people. Runtilla has raised over \$16,000 this year and received donations from close to 60 sponsors. Over the years, Runtilla has generated over \$225,000 including over \$100,000 in the last 6 years. They thanked the

Bay Lake community for their generous support and are proud to be attracting so many multi-generational Bay Lake families as well as enthusiastic newcomers. They gave thanks to the Board of Bay Lake Improvement Association for its continued support of this event.

### **LSOHC and Initiative Foundation Grants**

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council put out a request for proposals. Dominic Ciresi submitted a request for \$86,000.00. This proposal was for Bay Lake and Crooked Lake to have 24 hour inspection. The coverage would be from 4/1 through 11/2015 or during open water seasons.

### **Crow Wing County/Aquatic Invasive Species Roundtable**

The Board supports having someone attend. Bruce Johnson attended two meetings. On 8/26 he participated in the CWCL and River Alliance meeting and on 9/19 participated on the AIS Round Table meeting. At the CWCL and River Alliance meeting there was discussion on funding and grants. Bruce reported that at the AIS Round Table meeting we applied for a \$250 grant for printing and mailing. There was also a panel discussion with five lake associations and what they are doing with boat counters, decontamination units (objectives, cost, success or not, problems with operating), inspectors cost/scheduling, and invasive species.

### **Lake Reclassification:**

Bruce Johnson presented an update on the lake reclassification initiative by the Bay Lake Township Board of Supervisors. Bruce reported that at the last Bay Lake Township meeting a new motion was made by Don Hales that stated the Township Board of Supervisors would now withhold their support for the reclassification of Bay Lake until the Township Supervisors, representatives from Crow Wing County and members of the Bay Lake Improvement Association can meet to discuss the issues and determine the true facts and impact that this reclassification may have on the lake and the property surrounding it. The motion passed, with Don Hales abstaining, with the other two supervisors voting in favor of it. After further discussions, the BLIA board agreed to continue to support the long standing position of the association, that being that the classification of Bay Lake, as a Recreational Development Lake, is the appropriate and best classification for the lake. The BLIA and its board of directors provided a good deal of input when this classification was made, back in the early 1970's, and felt it would help to maintain and preserve the quality and unique attributes of our lake for years to come.

### **Old Business**

#### **Sandpiper pipeline**

Chris Ruttger reported that there is a delay in construction and that there is a thorough study being done on site. Terry Coss does not believe that it is in the watershed of Bay Lake.

**Church Island**

Chris Ruttger update that the YMCA would like to partner with other partners for the purchase of Church Island.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Sylvia Graff and seconded by Chris Ruttger the Board approved adjournment at 11:19 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Johnson  
Secretary