

Bay Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

July 5, 2014
Ruttger's Resort

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

The Annual meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:30am.

Jerry Hendricks led the BLIA with an 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 2013 annual meeting had been posted on the BLIA website for 10 months and no corrections were received. Steve Souder made a motion to approve the minutes and Terry Coss seconded. The minutes of the 2013 annual meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Membership

Betty Marquardt thanked the members for their generous donations. She reported that in 2013 we had 554 members and to date we have 442. The membership goal for 2014 is 600.

Events

Golf and Picnic

George Reynolds reported on plans for the 8th annual golf and picnic event scheduled for August 9th at Ruttgers.

Childrens' Party

Pastor Chris reported on plans on Church Island for Minnow Camp on Saturday July 12th at 10:30am and the 5th annual Big Swim and "Tryathlon" are on July 26th. The "Tryathlon" starts at 8:30am and the Big Swim starts at 10:00am. Both are fundraisers to help send a kid to camp.

Runtilla

Steve Souder reported that this will be the 30th annual Runtilla and is scheduled for August 2nd Check in is at 8:15am and the race begins at 9:00am. Individuals can register at Hansen's or at Baylake.org. The registration fee is \$15 and you receive a T- Shirt.

Amazing Race

Nancy LaTourneau reported on activities associated with the 3rd annual Amazing Race. It will be held on July 19th. Pre-race meeting is on Church Island at 10:30am and the race begins at 11:00am. The donation form can be found on the BLIA website.

Panel Discussion and Committee Reports

Treasurers' Reports

Chris Gondeck provided copies of the audited financial reports through December 2013. He reported that revenues for 2013 were \$193,000 and were received from Donations, Memberships, Runtilla, Fireworks and the Golf Scramble. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers' reports. The reports were approved.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins provided the following report:

Good Morning – It's great to see everyone here this morning. We conducted our usual EWM Survey of the lake in the end of May into the first week of June using Buddy Divers identifying 114 sites followed up by treatments of about 27 site equaling 8 acres June 24th. We will repeat the survey in September and follow up with treatments in October.

Our fall treatments have worked the best and most of the treatments occur then. The natives have gone dormant and the EWM is still growing and highly effected by the treatments. In the spring the natives fill in very quickly holding off the EWM

This year is already tracking to be like last season when we treated 58 acres in total. We treat most of the acreage in October when we get the best results. In the spring we try to do off shore traffic areas first.

With heavy snow cover this past winter and late ice out again we might just get another break from EWM's explosive growth. While we have been fortunate of late let's not forget what the light snowfall winters followed by warm, sunny, and low water levels does for out of control EWM growth. Weather extremes seem to be the norm and those conditions will return and EWM will continue to be a threat to deal with. We are prepared to deal with it and we will.

We do have a Lake Vegetation Management Plan with the DNR that we follow with one of the components being that we need to get authorization signatures from homeowners before we can treat along their shoreline inside 150 Feet. If you have not given me your authorization signature there are forms at the back. The signatures are good for 5 years this time which makes it a lot easier to manage. Without them we cannot treat along your shore and could put treatments for your neighbors in jeopardy.

We will send out EWM and Zebra Mussel ID cards and a return post card asking you to inspect your shores and report what you find. Last year we had one of our best responses yet from property owners. It really does help out for the fall treatments. We appreciate your participation very much

We will continue to manage EWM as we have done now for over 20 years. We have to stay vigilant and stick to our plan. I believe Bay Lake is the perfect host for EWM and left unchecked would crowd out the natives and permanently alter the lake ecosystem. We are only able to do this because of your generous financial support over the years.

Access Monitoring

BLIA Public Access Coordinator Phil Rollins reported the following:

Through a program managed by Crow Wing County, Level 1 DNR Trained inspectors are present on the Bay Lake public access a minimum of 12 hours a day and on weekends up to 15 hours, at a cost of approximately \$15.00/hour. This paid inspector program has allowed BLIA to drastically reduce the dependence on volunteer monitors.

The DNR grant brings the inspectors cost down to about \$7.50/hour for up to 500 hours. However, DNR is short on inspectors this year and we may not realize all of the 500 hours.

In June, the MN Legislature approved \$4.5M for AIS prevention and treatment with \$202,000 allocated to Crow Wing County. It is expected that shares of the funds will be available to lake associations in July and we estimate receiving up to about \$15,000 to support the inspection program and milfoil treatment.

In addition, DNR provides about 100 free hours of Level 1 and Level 2 inspectors periodically on the Bay Lake public access, including several shifts with a DNR contamination station.

In June, BLIA approached the lake association of our only significant upstream lakes, the Portage/Crooked Lakes Improvement Association, about initiating an inspection program on their public access. Beginning in early July, BLIA will be partner with PCIA in providing the

necessary scheduling and financial support for Class 1 inspectors Fri-Sun, at a maximum cost to BLIA of \$4,000. Financial support the MN legislative AIS program and contributions from PCIA will likely reduce the BLIA financial obligation.

In closing, Phil thanked the many volunteer monitors in the audience for their years of service. Also, he encouraged attendees to check their boats, docks and lifts at the end of the summer for any new invasive species.

Water Quality

Terry Coss reported that on a classification system from A-F, he would classify Bay Lake as a B. He would like to see Bay Lake an A. He stated that Echo Bay and Hunters Bay are questionable due to high water levels. Terry indicated that property owners can help the water quality by not dumping leaves or grass clippings into the lake and by not using fertilizers. Another suggestion Terry had was to have your sewer system inspected. The average system lasts 5-10 years and should be inspected because when they start to leak they go into the water table.

Membership Question Session

President Dominic Ciresi led an open membership question session. During the open session the membership and Board gave David Devins a standing ovation for his years of commitment and dedication to Aquatic Plant Management.

Development

Dominic Ciresi requested continued and increased donations to the Environmental Fund and stressed the importance of everyone's support to the success of the Association and the lakes preservation.

Nominating

The nominating committee, Chris Ruttger, presented four individuals renewals for Board of Directors: Steve Souder, Josh Goolsbee, Phil Rollins and Tamara Johnson. A motion was made by Paul Erickson to approve the slate unanimously. Motion approved.

Other

Gary Malek gave thanks for the communication that is provided by Bobbie Keller through the Breezes and Paul and Ward Erickson through the BLIA website.

Sylvia Graff reported that the 2014 Christmas party will be at Ruttger's the first Sunday in December at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

Bobbie Keller and Ann Ruttger led the group in singing America the Beautiful. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Johnson
Secretary

