

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting  
June 21, 2014  
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		Shekels, Scott - Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains		Tripp, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick		Coss, Terry	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes		Coss, Debby (Guest)	X
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X		
Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X		
Ruttger, Chris - Nominating	X		
Steve Souder – Conservation and Runtilla	X		

The Board meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:01 am. Dominic thanked Ruttgers for the food and printing they provided.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17th meetings were approved as corrected. Steve Souder moved their approval with Gary Malek seconding it and the motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sylvia Graff distributed her monthly statement and reported receiving a final payment of \$1,595.00 for 2012 fireworks. She also received a check for

\$10,000.00 for 2013 fireworks. As of 5/31/14 the account now has an interest of \$0.54. Chris Gondeck reported that there is not much new to report. The Total expenses through 6/20/14 are \$27,681.40. Sylvia Graff 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 390 members. Betty said that the membership is up from last year. Last year at this time we had 304 members. She reported that we have received about \$5,250 for fireworks. Betty said we are a little behind in firework donations from 2013. Betty is curious to see how the new membership cards will bring in more donations towards the Environmental Fund. She said that she is seeing more online memberships. To date, she has received around 40 online memberships. She said usually by year end she may have received around 30. Chris Ruttger moved we approve the Membership report. Sylvia Graff seconded it and the motion was approved.

### **Lake Access Inspection Program:**

#### **Access Monitoring:**

*Phil Rollins updated the Board on the status of the public access inspection program. Phil suggested the following increased access coverage: Mon – Wed 7a – 7p, Fri 7a – 9p, Sat 6a – 8p and Sun 6a – 8p. The Board felt it would be more beneficial to have it be Mon – Thurs 7a - 7p, Fri 7a – 9p, Sat 6a – 8p and Sun 6a – 7p. The cost of the additional coverage is estimated to be about \$1,100. Terry Coss suggested expanding the hours over July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend. Chris Gondeck moved to approve expanded coverage, including the July 4 weekend, and the additional cost. Bruce Johnson seconded it and the motion was approved.*

### **New AIS State Funding:**

*Dominic Ciresi reported that there is a new AIS state funding. In July Crow Wing County should receive about \$202,000 and in 2015 about \$450,000.*

### **CWC LARA and MN COLA:**

*Dominic Ciresi reported that Crow Wing County Lake and Rivers Advocate Organization has resigned its membership from the MN Coalition of Lake Associations. CWC LARA's reasoning for resigning their membership is due to*

*MN COLA's strong focus on AIS issues and not focusing on what they feel are other important issues. The CWC LARA is an organization the Board joined earlier this year. Dominic feels the Board is more in line with MN COLA and he will write a letter stating the Boards' disappointment with their decision and that they didn't consult us. Phil Rollins moved we approve Dominic writing a letter to CWC LARA. Steve Souder and Chris Condeck seconded it and the motion was approved.*

### **Data Collection:**

*Phil Rollins suggested that we consider purchasing electronic tablets for the inspectors to collect boating data from boats coming and going from the access. The cost for each tablet would be about \$225. Phil spoke with Chris Ruttger about using their front desk as a spot for dropping off, picking up and recharging the tablets batteries. This is still being discussed. Bruce Johnson is concerned that this could pose a lot of problems. Various Board members concerns were loss, damage, theft, and training. Chris Ruttger asked if it is possible for the inspectors to use their own devices such as a Smart phone. Phil said that this is possible, but it would be difficult using different systems. The county has decided on this program. Terry Coss feels it is a minimum expense and they could be set up so that only authorized individuals could check them out. All the Board members agreed that it is worth trying and support doing so. Bruce Johnson moved a motion and Steve Souder seconded it and the motion was approved.*

### **Decontamination Unit:**

*Chris Gondeck reported that he researched Decontamination Units and the cost for each unit is about \$18,000. He suggests possibly purchasing 1 – 2 units. He feels that it provides a strong visual. Phil Rollins said that is good for boaters to know that when they come to Bay Lake that they will be inspected and it shows that we have increased our prevention efforts. Sylvia Graff asked who would operate it. Chris mentioned that possibly the inspectors or individuals themselves. He said the operator would need to be trained. Bruce Johnson stated that we would need some form of insurance for potential damage and injury it could cause. The question was raised where it would be stored. Chris mentioned possibly at Bay Lake Marina. Gary Malek raised the point that if it were at the access that it could cause a jam up for boats going and out of the lake. Chris said the unit can wash a boat in 3 – 4 minutes. Phil said that the DNR will bring a Decontamination Unit once a month, but due to scheduling and parking it has not been consistent. Dominic Ciresi feels we need to investigate this further. We need to find out about what the DNR will let us do and not do? What regulations there are? Are other lakes using them? Chris Gondeck said he would look into insurance, legalities a estimates. Phil said he will research other lakes and what the DNR allows.*

**Water Quality:**

*Dominic Ciresi reported that Hunters Bay and Echo Bay has sludge and are experiencing problems getting the boats in and out. Dominic and Terry Coss will contact them regarding setting up a meeting.*

**Other:**

*There was discussion about the Annual Meeting and it was decided to have Committee Reports and a Panel Discussion.*

**Adjournment:**

Steve Souder moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 am. Betty Marquardt seconded it. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Johnson,  
Secretary

