

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting
August 23, 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		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	X	Trip, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Bale, Rick		Terry and Debbie Coss	X
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	GUESTS:	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Sandy Johnson	X
Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X	Joe and Allison Roloff	X
Ruttger, Chris - Nominating		Gary Goolsbee	X
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Mike and Ann Ciresi and Don Hales	X

The Board meeting was called to order by President Dominic Ciresi at 9:00 am. Thank you Ruttgers for hosting.

Minutes

Minutes of the 7/26/2014 meeting had been distributed by email. Steve Souder moved approval of the minutes as amended and this was seconded by Terry Coss. Minutes approved.

Treasurers' Reports

Sylvia Graff reported that not much had changed. Still no balances from summer events. The Environmental Fund received a check for \$1,250 for AIS. Interest of \$.79

was credited to the BLIA membership account. Phil Rollins moved approval of the treasurers' reports and this was seconded by Bruce Johnson. Motion approved.

Membership

Dominic Ciresi reported that we're ahead on memberships from last year. Fireworks donations are behind more than \$1,000 from 2013. There was discussion at this point in the year about pushing for environmental fund donations over fireworks.

Aquatic Plant Management

Dominic Ciresi reported that we will be doing heavy treatment in the fall and it is very effective.

Access Monitoring

The portage/Crooked inspection program was initiated over the July 4th weekend and we paid for their inspectors from 7/3 to 7/13. Since then, the County has paid for their inspectors with State AIS grant funds. Starting the week ending 7/17, Crooked inspectors have used 137 of the 150 hours allocated by the county. Once the remaining 13 hours are used, BLIA will again be paying for their inspectors. Crooked volunteers have taken on the task of tabulating the paper survey forms completed for each boater coming and going. The Crooked/Portage association is still undecided about making a financial contribution to their inspection program.

For Bay, starting with the week ending July 17, CWC has paid for 295 inspection hours. Our allocation for the summer is 700 hours and we're averaging about 70 hours per week. With 400 hours left in our allocation, we should get thru the end of Sept. without paying for inspectors.

Phil Rollins made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 zebra mussel detection devices, Steve Souder and Sylvia Graff seconded. The motion passed.

Church Island

Dominic Ciresi met with Brenda Olson, the camp director. She wrote a letter that was distributed to the Board. The issue is that they are selling the island and they are stating that they are committed to respecting the lake.

LSOHC and Initiative Foundation Grants

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council put out a request for proposals. Discussion about what we might ask for 24/7 inspections on Bay Lake and Crooked Lake? A gate? A

sampling program? A rapid response program? Consulting services? Decontamination Unit (could be risky)? Camera?

Due date is 9/15/2014. The Board passed a motion by Bruce Johnson (seconded by Steve Souder) to authorize Dominic Ciresi to answer the RFP.

Crow Wing County/Aquatic Invasive Species Roundtable

The Board supports having someone attend.

Sandpiper Pipelines

Document was provided explaining that the pipeline may affect Bay Lake. The Board approved an email blast providing further information.

Document Retention

Terry Coss provided a document regarding the BLA policy of transparency and preservation of information and to respect the privacy of members. Phil Rollins moved (and Josh Goolsbee seconded) that Bruce and Dominic will review document retention policy.

Lake Reclassification:

Don Hales, from the Bay Lake Township Board of Supervisors, presented an explanation of the recent vote by the Township Board at its July 8, 2014 meeting to support the reclassification of Bay Lake from a Recreational Development lake to a General Development lake. This change in classification primarily affects development/building restrictions on lakeshore property on the lake and the definition of what is a "conforming" lot for building permit purposes. Under the General Development classification, a conforming lot is smaller, has less shoreline and the setback requirements (from the lake) would be reduced. According to Mr. Hales, Bay Lake was "misclassified" back in the early 1970's when lakes were first classified by the DNR. He also stated that reclassifying the lake would make it easier and less expensive for property owners of smaller lots to get building permits through Crow Wing County. There was substantial objection to the reclassification by those in attendance sighting the likelihood of more development of the lakeshore, higher density of homes/cabins on the lake, homes being build or expanded closer to the water's edge and higher runoff resulting in increased pollution of the lake. There was no specific action taken by the BLIA Board, regarding this reclassification initiative, other than to seek input from our members and to monitor the ongoing process.

Beach Captains

Joe and Allison Roloff volunteered to be on the committee. Dominic Ciresi suggested that we use email more often to encourage participation.

Water Quality

Terry Coss has signed a contract with AW Reseach Labs for water sampling. It will be \$2,200 per year (this is substantially less than expected). Over flight inspections will not be continued under this contract.

Breezes

The deadline for submitting articles to Bobbie Keller is October 1st.

Adjournment

Moved by Steve Souder and seconded by Bruce Johnson the Board approved adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Johnson
Secretary

