

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting
July 18, 2015
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		Kelly, Mike - Legal	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	LaTourneau, Larry - Security	
Souder, Steve- Conservation and Runtilla	X	Bye, Jim - Runtilla	
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Shekels, Scott - Website	
Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains		Trip, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
Qualen, Jennifer – Acting Secretary			
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 Ruttger family for hosting the Annual Meeting, thanked and introduced members of the BLIA Board and committee chairs.

Minutes

Minutes of the 2014 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 Bruce Johnson seconded. The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Events

Golf and Picnic

George Reynolds reported on plans for the 9th annual golf scramble and picnic event scheduled for August 8, 2015 at Ruttgers. George reported that the event has raised \$50,000 in donations and contributions. He thanked Ruttger's, Lonesome Pine, Hansen's, Fleet Farm, Nor-Son and the Brainerd Lakes Area for supporting the Environmental Fund.

Children's Party

Dominic Ciresi reported that although this has been a great event we will not have it this year due to attendance being low. There were 18 children who attended last year. If anyone would like to head the event next year volunteers are welcome.

Runtilla

Steve Souder reported that this will be the 31st annual Runtilla and that this event has raised more than \$220,000 over the years. Last year 600 people participated. It is scheduled for August 1. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, July 22 and you can register at Hansen's or www.baylake.org. Check in is at 8:15am and the race begins at 9:00am. There is a registration fee of \$15.00 and you will receive a T- Shirt with each registration. There will be a picnic following the event, hosted by Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles.

Amazing Race

Dominic Ciresi reported on activities associated with the 4th annual Amazing Race. It will be held on July 25. The pre-race meeting is on Church Island at 10:00am and the race begins at 11:00am. There will be six teams and 25 volunteers conducting the challenge. The age group is 5 years of age and up. In 2014 the Amazing Race raised \$2,121.05 for the Environmental Fund. The donation form can be found on the BLIA website.

1st Trivia Fundraiser

Peggy Blistain was excited to report that this is the 1st annual Trivia Fundraiser event. It is scheduled for the evening of August 30. She said it does not matter if you have a high IQ or a low IQ. All are welcome! The event is at Ruttger's Resort and registration begins at 6:45pm. The Trivia event will start at 7:15pm. There will be six categories, 10 questions per category and up to eight people per team. The fee is \$15 per person. This includes appetizers, prizes and a lot of fun. There will be a cash bar and prize donations are welcome.

BLIA Holiday Party

Sylvia Graff reported that the BLIA Holiday Party will be held at Ruttger's Resort on Sunday, December 6 at 4:00pm. There were 90 people who attended the party in 2014.

Panel Discussion and Committee Reports

Treasurers' Reports

Dominic Ciresi reported for Chris Godeck and Sylvia Graff. Copies of the audited financial reports through December 2014 were provided. He reported net assets for 2014 were \$409,438 and were received from Donations, Memberships, Runtilla, Fireworks, Amazing Race and the Golf Scramble. Steve Souder moved to approve the Treasurers' reports, Peggy Blistain seconded the motion. The reports were approved.

AIS Prevention

Phil Rollins provided an update on the AIS prevention program, as follows:

- DNR-trained inspectors have been on the Battle Point public access from 6am-8pm, starting on May 1 and will continue into September. Boats are inspected prior to entering the lake and on exiting.
- BLIA continues to operate a motion-activated camera and voice message on the access. Spot video recordings are reviewed, with over 2000 launches captured in 2014.
- BLIA has begun to focus on the early detection and possible treatment of any new invasive species, particularly Zebra Mussels. Early detection could be the key to possible eradication. Eleven ZM detection devices have been hung from docks at different locations around the lake and are checked every two weeks. Starting August 23, scuba divers will begin bi-monthly underwater inspections of the public access area.
- Property owners are encouraged to ask their family members to periodically inspect their dock poles and boat lifts for signs of Zebra Mussels, especially at the end of the season, when such equipment is pulled from the lake. Suspicious findings should be captured in zip-lock bags and reported immediately to Phil Rollins, Hansen's, or the DNR.

Water Quality

Terry Coss reported that the trophic status index (TSI) is the standard measurement to characterize water quality. This is looking at clarity, phosphorous and chlorides in the lake, which are the four general classes: Oligotrophic (few nutrients and plants), Mesotrophic (moderate nutrients and plants), Eutrophic (excess nutrients, weeds and algae) and Hypereutrophic (severe algae blooms and degrade). Terry stated that Bay Lake was sampled by AWRL monthly from May through September each year. The 2009 -2014 monitoring results showed Mesotrophic is moving towards Eutrophic. This means Bay Lake water quality is good. The winter sampling is done through the ice every year in February. This is done to establish a baseline. The results for 2015 winter showed Phosphorous in four locations on the lake. Terry said that this is a remarkable 62% drop. In 2012 the results showed 2,480 pounds of Phosphorous and in 2015, 939 pounds. Testing showed the Chloride level increased by 8% from 2012 to 2015. Terry said this is not a dangerous level, but we do not want it to increase.

Terry expressed that one way to prevent Chloride increase would be to decrease deicing highways, driveways and sidewalks.

Terry also reported on 2015 Zebra Mussel sampling. He said that it is a funded program by Crow Wing County. The water samples will be taken by RMB labs in late July and we expect to have the results by early August. The sampling is a pass/fail test. This means if Zebra Mussel larva is detected the lake is likely infected. If this is the case, the DNR will sample the lake to confirm contamination. If nothing is detected, then CWC Zebra Mussel Villager monitoring will be used. This consists of a net that hangs from docks and boat lifts and attacks Zebra Mussels.

Terry thanked Sarah Fogderud, one of the owners of AW Research Labs, for their work, Gary Malek for volunteering to boat AWRI around the lake to take samples and everyone for their donations.

Aquatic Plant Management

Dominic Ciresi provided the following report:

In 2014 we conducted our EWM Survey of the lake and 160 sites were treated, which is about 63 acres. This was a successful treatment year.

2015 has been a bad year for native plant growth due to little snow this past winter. This results in perfect conditions for native growth. Dominic expressed that Bay Lake has experienced this before and will again. He said that we surveyed the lake significantly this year and found numerous new sites. In June 12 acres were treated in high traffic areas. It has been found that when full treatment is applied in areas with less water movement, it is more successful because the chemicals will float to the bottom of the lake, soak into the root system and kill off the plants.

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. We treat most of the acreage in October, when we get the best results.

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 David Devins your authorization signature there are forms at the back of the room. The signatures are good for five years. This makes it a lot easier to manage. Without them we cannot treat along your shore and could put treatments for your neighbors in jeopardy.

In August, 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. We will continue to manage EWM as we have done now for 20+ years. We appreciate your participation and thank you very much.

Membership

Betty Marquardt thanked the members for their generous donations and support. She reported that to date we have 432 members and our 2015 goal is 600. She suggested encouraging friends, family and pets to become members. She reported that at the start of the Annual Meeting we had \$7,125 as fireworks donations and predicts there will be over \$8,000 after today's meeting donations.

Membership Question Session

President Dominic Ciresi led an open membership question session.

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, said that as of 01/01/2016 there will be four open positions on the Board of Directors which will be filled by Bruce Johnson, Chris Gondeck, David Devins and Terry Coss. Steve Souder made a motion to approve, Bruce Johnson second. Motion approved.

Other

Dominic Ciresi thanked Paul and Ward Erickson for all of their work with the BLIA blasts and website.

Adjournment

Bobbie Keller led the group in singing America the Beautiful. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Johnson