

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting  
July 16, 2016  
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Bruce Johnson – President	X	Aquatic Plant Management – David Devins	
Phillip Rollins – VP & AIS Prevention	X	Beach Captains – Amy Grady	X
Chris Gondeck – Co-Treasurer	X	Conservation – Steve Souder	
Sylvia Graff - Co-Treasurer	X	Development – Dominic Ciresi	X
Jennifer Qualen– Secretary		Fishing Resources – Gary Malek	X
Dominic Ciresi – Development	X	History – Paul Erickson	X
Terry Coss – Water Quality	X	Legal – Amy Grady	X
David Devins – Aquatic Plant Management		Membership – Betty Marquardt	X
Josh Goolsbee – Fireworks	X	Runtilla – Jim Bye	X
Amy Grady – Legal – Beach Captains	X	Security - Larry Latourneau	
Bobbie Keller – Breezes	X	Shoreline Protection – Brent Souder	
Ruttger, Chris – Nominating	X	Water Quality – Terry and Deb Coss	X
Souder, Steve- Conservation		Water Safety – Karl Krueger	
		Website - Scott Shekels	

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The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Johnson at 9:35 AM.

Bruce welcomed everyone and offered a special thanks to the Ruttger family and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge for again hosting the Annual Meeting. Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger were introduced.

Jerry Hendricks began the meeting with the opening invocation.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting were posted on the baylake.org web-site and reviewed by the Board of Directors and revised accordingly. A motion was made to waive the reading of said minutes and approve them as presented. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Gondeck presented the audited financial statements, as of December 31, 2015, to the membership. Chris provided a slide presentation of various pages from the auditor's report and stated that the association is in excellent financial condition. The report shows, for the year 2015, that total revenues were \$213,305 and total expenses were \$188,281, giving us an increase of \$25,024 in our net assets. BLIA's total net assets, as of December 31, 2015, were \$435,858. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **LEGAL REPORT**

Amy Grady presented a proposal to amend the By-Laws of the association. These amended By-Laws were posted on the baylake.org web-site and reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at their June meeting. Copies of the proposed amended By-Laws were on each table for the members to review. Amy explained the main purpose for these amendments was to update the gender language previously used and to eliminate certain articles that were no longer applicable to the association as it's being run today. One change also changed the effective date of new directors taking office from January 1 of the year following election to immediately following the time of election. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Amended By-Laws as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bruce Johnson then thanked the Orwoll family, Laverne Orwoll was in attendance, for another great Fourth of July fireworks display. Bruce also recognized Josh Goolsbee for leading the organizational effort to help the Orwolls set up and take down the equipment needed for the display. Bruce commented on how much work goes on behind the scenes and how we had a dozen or so volunteers, each day, to help with the set up and take down of the equipment and docks on the days preceding and following the show. Bruce emphasized the need for these volunteers in the years to come in order for the Orwoll family to continue to provide this kind of fireworks show at a substantial discount to the association.

Bruce also recognized Paul and Ward Erickson for their outstanding and substantial work on the baylake.org web-site and providing the "Bay Lake Blast" emails to our members.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **AIS Prevention**

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

- BLIA continues the 2015 AIS prevention program, with continued emphasis on early detection of new infestations.
- Through Crow Wing County, 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.
- Early detection could be the key to possible eradication. In October, 2015, Zebra Mussels were discovered in Ruth Lake near Emily. Through a comprehensive coordinated treatment program since the discovery, effort led by DNR, no live Zebra Mussels have been found in Ruth Lake.

Ten ZM detection devices have been hung from docks at different locations around the Bay Lake and are checked regularly. Also, scuba divers periodically conduct underwater inspections of the public access area.

- Property owners are encouraged to ask their family members to occasionally check 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.

## **Aquatic Plant Management**

Bruce Johnson provided the following report on behalf of David Devins:

David reported that the 2015 Fall treatment went very well. The results we've seen this Spring are excellent. Our Spring treatment for this year was done on June 20, where they treated about 10 acres. David also reported that this year's early ice out and warm temperatures were beneficial to our natural vegetation and that the natural vegetation is showing signs of crowding out the EWM. 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. Our next treatment will likely take place the first week of October.

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. David reported that the signature cards would not be required this fall as long as the association posts the treatment plan and provides an "opt out" option for members on our web-site, which we will do. It was also noted that today's high water level will most likely keep the milfoil from reaching the surface of the lake anytime soon, but that eventually you begin to see some matting as the water level begins to retreat.

## **Membership**

Betty Marquardt thanked the members for their generous donations and support. She reported that we set a new record for new memberships this morning, with 40 new members signing up. She reported that to date we have 432 members and our 2016 goal is 600. She suggested encouraging friends, family and pets to become members. Betty noted that we did not have any "pet" members yet this year.

## **Beach Captains**

Amy Grady reported that the Beach Captains Committee is being given some new life and they are embarking on a new effort to recruit new members by contacting all new Bay Lake property owners who have purchased their property within the last five years who are not currently members. The committee members will be personally visiting these new owners and presenting them with a "welcome wagon" type of package and encouraging them to join the association. Once this phase has been accomplished, they will then work on a plan to encourage multiple memberships within a given household. They hope to reach out to the younger generations and get them involved in the association.

## **Events**

### **Amazing Race**

Nancy Latourneau reported on activities associated with the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Amazing Race. It will be held on July 23 with the pre-race meeting on Church Island at 10:00 AM and the race beginning at 11:00 AM. There will be a host of volunteers conducting the challenge for the Teams signed up. Boats may have as many passengers as safety permits and the age group is 5 years of age and up. Nancy also noted that sponsorships are available with sponsors named on the T-Shirts that are given out each year. Sign-up sheets, for participation, are on all tables.

### **Runtilla**

Jim Bye reported that this will be the 32nd Annual Runtilla and that this event, over the years, has raised more than \$250,000. The race, run, walk or stroll is scheduled for July 30 and registration will begin at 8:15 AM with the race beginning at 9:00 AM. The deadline for pre-registration is Tuesday, July 19 and you can register at Hansen's or obtain the registration form online at [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org). Registration forms need to be dropped off at Hansen's store by Tuesday evening. 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.

### **Golf Scramble and Picnic**

George Reynolds reported on plans for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble and Picnic event scheduled for August 13, 2016 at Ruttger's Lakes Course. George reported that the event has raised \$50,000 in donations and contributions. He thanked Ruttger's, Lonesome Pine, Hansen's and his other numerous sponsors for their continued support and is looking forward to another successful event which will raise additional money for the Bay Lake Environmental Fund. George also noted that there will be a putting contest again, with the winner receiving \$100 and other numerous prizes for the participants.

### **Trivia Fundraiser**

Peggy Blistain was excited to report that this is the 2nd Annual Trivia Fundraiser event. It is scheduled for the evening of August 28. 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 Bay Lake Lodge and registration begins at 6:45 PM. 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, once again, the BLIA Holiday Party will be held at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Sunday, December 4, starting at 4:00pm. The party will include a new event that started last year called "Favorite Memory Time" where participants describe one of their favorite memories of Bay Lake. The different stories are then voted on by the attendees with the winner receiving a nice prize.

## **New Year's Celebration and Fireworks**

Josh Goolsbee reported that this year's celebration, on the shores of Bay Lake in front of The Lonesome Pine, will be held on December 31, 2015. Josh said he plans to have various events throughout the day, including games for the kids. There will be bonfires, skating, ice fishing and, of course, fireworks. The restaurant will also be open for food and beverages and there will be a service bar down on the lake for the evening festivities.

## **Membership Question and Answer Session**

President Bruce Johnson led an open membership question session. Terry Coss, Chris Gondeck and Phil Rollins participated on the panel. Only a couple of questions were asked, one being about how the association is going about getting younger members to join. Bruce responded that the board of directors has discussed this issue a number of times over the last couple of years and that the Beach Captains Committee will be addressing the challenge directly in their second phase of the new committee's efforts.

## **Nominating**

The nominating committee, Chris Ruttger, stated that along with the new amendments to the By-Laws passed today, there will be four open positions on the Board of Directors which are to be filled by Dominic Ciresi, Chris Ruttger, Bobbie Keller and Jennifer Qualen. A motion to approve the designated persons as presented was made and seconded., The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

## **Other**

Jim Ysseldyke brought up the issue of misuse of the recycling bins at the Bay Lake Town Hall. Jim stated that there is a lot of garbage being left in and around the recycling dumpsters and that it is getting out of hand. He called for all of us to help police the area and report anyone who is abusing the recycling protocol. He stated that Don Hales, who is on the Township Board, should be called if you see someone leaving unacceptable materials and/or garbage.

## **Adjournment**

Bobbie Keller and Ann Ruttger led the group in singing America the Beautiful. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Johnson on behalf of Jennifer Qualen, Secretary