

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Meeting Minutes
 May 21, 2016
 Ruttgers Bay Lake Lodge**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Johnson at 9:00 AM. He welcomed all and thanked Chris Ruttger and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge for providing the meeting space and continental breakfast.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND APRIL MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION: Moved and seconded to approve the April 16, 2016 Board minutes as distributed. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Sylvia Graff handed out and reviewed her report dated May 21, 2016, showing a balance of \$19,690.86.

ACTION: Chris Gondeck to move \$10,000 to the NOW checking account.

Chris Gondeck distributed and reviewed the 2015 year-end financial statements, which show a surplus of \$25,985 and reserves of \$437,003. Chris reported that the liability insurance premium for the period of June 2016-June 2017 had been paid. Also, the 2015 tax return has been filed and was passed around the table for viewing.

MOTION: Moved by Dominic and seconded by Terry Coss to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP

No report.

AIS PREVENTION

Phil Rollins gave a short review of the status of the AIS program, reporting that county/DNR inspectors had been on duty from 6am-8pm every day, starting May 13.

Sylvia raised a question about the status of a volunteer AIS monitor program.

ACTION: Phil agreed to restart the volunteer monitor program to fill in when and if paid inspectors are not scheduled on the public access.

WATER QUALITY

Terry Coss reported that a contract with AW Research for water testing in 2016 had been signed and that he or Gary Malek would provide the boat for gathering samples. He also advised that Crow Wing County would again run a Zebra Mussel

sampling report, at no cost to BLIA. There was discussion about winter road salt flowing into the lake along Hwy 10.

ACTION: Terry agreed to contact the county about reducing the amount of salt used or finding an alternative solution.

FISHING RESOURCES

Bruce reported that Gary Malek had spoken with DNR about BLIA buying fish for stocking. DNR responded that if BLIA started their own stocking program, they would stop future stocking. There are no plans for BLIA to start it's own stocking program.

BEACH CAPTAINS

No report.

ACTION: After much discussion, Bruce appointed a committee to consider the purpose and objectives of the Beach Captain program and report to the Board at the June meeting. Appointed committee members are Amy Grady, Deb Coss, and Phil Rollins.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

BYLAWS

Phil recommended the following Bylaws changes regarding the actual date officers and directors take office. I believe BLIA would be better served with officers and directors taking office immediately after being elected at the annual meeting, rather than January 1 following the annual meeting.

The current Bylaws language regarding changes to the Bylaws currently reads:

ARTICLE X. Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed only by a majority of the members at a meeting called for that purpose.

The By-Laws language regarding when the officers and directors take office currently reads:

ARTICLE III. Board of Directors

Section 2. Tenure and Qualifications

The Board of Directors shall hold office for the term of three years, one third of the Directors to be elected each year. The term of office shall begin January 1 of the year following the elections.

MOTION: Phil moved and Dominic seconded that the Board recommend to the membership at the 2016 Annual Meeting the following change, as follows:

The term of office shall begin ~~January 1 of the year~~ immediately following the elections ~~the annual meeting at which such officers and directors are elected.~~

Motion approved.

ACTION: Bruce raised the possibility of additional changes to the Bylaws and asked Amy to send out to the Board the current version, for discussion at the June Board meeting.

FIREWORKS

Bruce reported that extra fireworks platforms, requested by the Orwoll family, had been found on Church Island and that ACE Timber Hardware had contributed 5 sheets of plywood to rebuild the platforms. Gary Malek has suggested BLIA formally thank local businesses and individuals who make special donations or contributions.

MOTION: Deb moved and Amy seconded to add a section to Breezes thanking businesses and individuals who make special donations and contributions. Motion approved.

MOTION: Dominic moved and Phil seconded to budget for summer 2016 and winter 2017 fireworks up to \$15,000, with the Board to determine later how the funds are to be allocated. Motion approved.

PLANT GIVEAWAY

Chris Gondeck raised the issue of BLIA financial support for the plant giveaway program, specifically for Lonesome Pine costs associated for food and beverage during the event.

MOTION: Dominic moved and Amy seconded that BLIA will pay for food and beverage at the plant give away, not to exceed \$250. Motion approved.

MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (MLRA)

Phil reported that MLRA has requested all lake association members ask their members to join MLRA.

ACTION: Phil to provide language for a future BLIA "Blast" making members aware of MLRA and that BLIA is a member.

Phil recommended BLIA increase its 2016 dues/donation to MLRA to support their legislative efforts, specifically regarding AIS issues.

MOTION: Phil moved and Chris Gondeck seconded to make a \$1000 dues/donation to MLRA for 2016. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Dominic moved and it was seconded to adjourn at 11:00am. Motion approved.
