

**Bay Lake Improvement Association Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2016
Ruttgers Bay Lake Lodge**

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

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 MAY MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION: Amy Grady moved and Phil Rollins seconded to approve the May, 2016 Board Minutes as previously distributed. Motion approved.

TREASURERS' REPORTS

Sylvia Graff handed out and reviewed her report dated June 18, 2016. Sylvia shows a checking account balance of \$6,450.74 and a Certificate of Deposit Balance of \$13,604.09 for a total balance of \$20,054.83 in the Deerwood Bank account.

Chris Gondeck distributed and reviewed the PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as of June 16, 2016. These statements show year to date income of \$18,850.00 and year to date expenses of \$21,469.55. Chris also presented our year to date Balance Sheet, a detailed printout of funds received through our electronic portal (Vanco Payment Solutions) and a detailed printout of all payment transactions for this year. Amy Grady moved and David Devins seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Bruce Johnson presented the membership report on behalf of Betty Marquardt. Betty reported via email and stated that we have 252 members so far this year and that she has received \$5,260.00 for fireworks donations. Betty noted that 29 of the memberships were submitted online, which seems to be an increase over last year.

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 13th but that the DNR cannot provide enough inspectors to fulfill the hours we have requested. Phil reported that he has restarted the volunteer monitor program to fill in when and if paid inspectors are not scheduled on the public access. There is a process involving retraining of volunteer inspectors and he is working on getting a number of our volunteers recertified as volunteer inspectors.

WATER QUALITY

No Report This Month

FISHING RESOURCES

Gary Malek reported that he had spoken with DNR Officials about BLIA buying fish directly for stocking the lake. DNR responded that if BLIA started their own stocking program, they would stop future stocking of Walleyes as they do now. Josh Goolsbee asked if Gary would recommend that we continue to pursue our own program and Gary responded that he thought it would be a long and difficult project with minimal chances of success. There was a consensus of Board opinions that we do not make plans for BLIA to start its own stocking program.

BEACH CAPTAINS

Amy Grady presented Notes from the May 28th meeting, which she attended with 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 giveaway, 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

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