

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 29, 2018
Ruttger's - 9:00 AM**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Phil Rollins at 9:00 AM with the following directors present: David Devins, Chris Gondeck, Amy Grady, Josh Goolsbee, Bruce Johnson, Bobbie Keller, Phil Rollins, Chris Ruttger and Steve Souder. Also attending were Sylvia Graff, Gary Malek and Scott Shekels. Matt Qualen and Briana Shekels participated by telephone conference call.

Matt Qualen Election - Phil Rollins proposed that Matt Qualen be elected to the Board of Directors to fill the director position vacated by Dominic Ciresi. A **Motion** was made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Steve Souder to appoint Matt Qualen to the Board of Directors and to serve the remaining term of Dominic Ciresi. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report - Bruce Johnson presented the August 18, 2018, Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting. A **Motion** was made by Amy Grady, seconded by David Devins to approve the minutes, subject to editorial corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Gondeck presented the BLIA financial statements as of September 25, 2018, including copies of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and a number of graphs showing Income and Expenses by category, and a Cash Summary Report. A **Motion** was made by David Devins, seconded by Amy Grady to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris also presented a request to approve the "2017 Charitable Organization Annual Report Form, Section C: Board of Directors Signature and Acknowledgement", attached to these minutes. A **Motion** was made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Josh Goolsbee to approve the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership - Phil Rollins reported on behalf of Betty Marquardt, that we currently have 626 members. The financial statement, as of September 25, 2018, shows \$13,585 has been donated for the fireworks fund.

Water Quality - Terry & Debbie Coss - Terry and Debbie were not present and no report was made.

Aquatic Plant Management - David Devins reported that the fall Eurasian Milfoil treatments will take place the first part of October and will cover approximately 30.5 acres at 59 different sites. An email blast has been sent out regarding the treatments.

Zebra Mussel Infestation - David Devins reported that he and Phil Rollins are working with Jeff Forester, from Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, trying to get a meeting with Congressman Tim Walz to encourage him to support the efforts of the many lake associations to become a greater part of the planning process for controlling AIS by the

Minnesota DNR. He is also discussing the Zebra Mussel issue with other lake associations to learn how Zebra Mussels propagate and how they may be controlled or eradicated in the future. David strongly emphasized that there are a number of other serious invasive species, worse than zebra mussels, on the horizon and that we will likely want to continue our current inspection and other prevention programs in order to limit our exposure to these additional invasive species on the horizon.

AIS Prevention - Phil Rollins reported that our Inspector Program with Crow Wing County is coming to an end for this season. We had over 1,700 inspection hours provided by paid inspectors and BLIA volunteers, at a cost of approximately \$21,000.

Phil then presented a letter from the University of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center director, Dr. Nicholas Phelps. The letter, addressed to the Bay Lake Improvement Association, requested a donation to help fund the continued research on destroying and/or controlling Aquatic Invasive Species threatening the state's waters. Phil and David Devins both thought it would be very beneficial for our association to make a substantial donation in order to gain recognition as a leader in these efforts and to become a partner with the U of M Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

Phil suggested that we donate \$10,000, which would strongly signal our interest in participating in their efforts. After significant discussion, a **Motion** was made by Amy Grady, seconded by Steve Souder, for BLIA to donate \$10,000 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, subject to Phil Rollins obtaining satisfactory answers to a few questions regarding the use of those funds. The motion was approved without objection.

Beach Captains - Amy Grady reported that all 57 of the new member welcome books have been completed, with 4 yet to be delivered. Amy also brought up the idea of changing the name of the committee since its main focus and purpose will be somewhat different moving forward. This subject was tabled until the April meeting in 2019.

50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Update - Amy Grady reported that committee plans include enhancing current activities such as Music on the Lake, Fireworks, Trivia Contest, Runtilla and the Block Party. Potential new activities being considered include a decorated boat parade, creating a 50th Anniversary Logo, various merchandise with the logo, honoring past presidents, a special BLIA decal and a Bay Lake flag. The committee plans to discuss funding issues at the 2019 April or May board meeting.

Block Party - Jennifer Qualen – Jennifer was not present and no report was provided.

Northern Pike Fishing Contest - Matt Qualen reported that the total number of small pike taken from Bay Lake during the season-long fishing contest was 3,764, with 88 different participants from 25 different cabins. Matt said prizes were awarded and delivered over the Labor Day weekend to the various winners, where he received good feedback and was assured many of the participants will be back next year. Matt also said that he had communicated our results to the DNR and they seemed quite surprised with our success and sent their congratulations.

Runtilla

Jim Bye - Phil Rollins reported, for Jimmy Bye, that the final total of funds pledged to this year's Runtilla was \$43,370, a record for the event, with over 350 participants.

Old Business

Music on the Lake Boat Lift - Phil Rollins reported that Amy Grady is drafting the final agreement for the purchase and use of a boat lift for Music on the Lake. Josh Goolsbee and Amy will have the agreement signed and available by the 2019 April board meeting.

Electronic Payments - Chris Gondeck and Scott Shekels led a discussion on how the association might incorporate new electronic payment options for all of the various functions and events that the BLIA is involved with. It was pointed out that this could be a somewhat complicated process and would involve a significant degree of financial oversight and that this could involve a significant amount of work by Scott, in setting up the bay lake.org website, to handle these transactions. After a good deal of discussion, it was agreed that Scott and Chris would take the ideas and suggestions generated and look into what it will take, both time-wise and financially, to allow new electronic payments.

New Business

Ruttger's Pike Tournament - Chris Ruttger announced a Ruttger's sponsored Pike-A-Palooza Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry, scheduled for May, 2019 and asked if there was interest in incorporating the event into the BLIA Northern Pike tournament. After discussion, there was general feeling of the board that the events should be held separately as it was best to hold them separately as The Pike-A-Palooza would be primarily a Ruttger's event and the Small Northern Contest is specifically for BLIA members and their guests.

BLIA on Social Media - Josh Goolsbee, Scott Shekels and Briana Shekels led a discussion on how BLIA could enhance our presence and exposure on social media. BLIA has a Facebook page, but we are not really participating in some other sites such as Instagram, Snapchat, and GROUPME. After some discussion, Matt and Briana agreed to research options and report back to the Board in 2019.

Breezes - Bobbie Keller reminded the board members and all committee chairs that the deadline for articles to be included in the fall Breezes is October 20, 2018.

Adjourn - There being no further business to come before the Board, a **Motion** was made by Steve Souder, seconded by Chris Gondeck to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Johnson
On Behalf of Audrey Dietsch
Secretary

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