

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
June 15, 2019  
Ruttgers - 9:00 AM  
Approved July 13, 2019**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Phil Rollins at 9:05 AM with the following directors present: Terry Coss, David Devins, Chris Gondeck, Amy Grady, Josh Goolsbee, Bruce Johnson, Bobbie Keller, Jennifer Qualen, Matt Qualen, Chris Ruttger and Steve Souder. Committee Chairpersons present were Debbie Coss, Gary Malek, Betty Marquardt, Scott Shekels (by phone) and Charlie Zajicek. Also attending were Audrey Dietsch, Sylvia Graff and Jason Schumacher.

Phil Rollins thanked Chris Ruttger & the Ruttger family for continuing to host our Board meetings. He asked for feedback on BLIA meeting order and flow. Feedback was positive. Amy Grady stated that the follow-up “To Do” list emailed after the meetings is helpful.

**Secretary’s Report** – Audrey Dietsch presented the revised April 27, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting minutes for approval. **Motion** was made by Bruce Johnson and seconded by Amy Grady to approve the minutes as revised. The motion passed unanimously. The May 18, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting minutes were then presented for approval. **Motion** was made by Amy Grady and seconded by Terry Coss to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Chris Gondeck presented the preliminary BLIA financial statements as of June 12, 2019, including copies of the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement and Cash Review.

Chris stated BLIA has excess cash. Chris and Phil Rollins to work on investing some of the excess funds in new CD’s. BLIA has completed the budget for 2019. The audit is ongoing and is due June 28. He discussed the governance of BLIA funds with the auditors. Due to several signatures required for all expenditures, BLIA funds are deemed secure.

**Motion** was made by Steve Souder and seconded by Bruce Johnson to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Updates**

**Membership** – Betty Marquardt reported that we now unofficially have 382 members, and we are ahead of previous years. Online memberships have increased. We have received \$6,710 towards the fireworks fund as of June 15.

**Water Quality** – Terry Coss reported the summer sampling is under way. R&D Labs, Detroit Lakes, will do a Zebra Mussel sampling in July and August.

**Aquatic Plant Management** – David Devins reported that the survey was finished last week. Growth is thin. The hope is for a good year due to the long, hard winter. 31 sites for a total of 13.9 acres will be treated in the next 2 weeks and again in the Fall. Last Fall's milfoil treatment was successful.

**AMS Prevention** – Phil Rollins reported it is ongoing. Divers are scheduled to check again for Zebra Mussels in the next 2 weeks when the water is warmer. Phil to place ZM detectors off docks in June.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Update** – Amy Grady reported the next committee meeting is June 28. All the dates have been determined for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. A boat parade – being called “The Flotilla” – is planned for Saturday, June 27, 2020, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Church Island staff have committed to do floating food courts on the lake next summer. Video work will begin June 29 with a lot of filming over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday this year. Jane Rollins is in charge of the Presidents' Lunch after the 2020 Annual Meeting. A photo contest is planned. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise will be sold at Rutgers' Oktoberfest. Volunteers are being sought to assist. Band ideas are being requested. There will be an article in the Bay Lake Blast announcing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The committee is looking for old pictures. Amy will email all the special event dates to the Board.

**Fishing Resources & Northern Pike Fishing Contest Update** – Matt Qualen reported the Northern Pike Fishing Contest is up and running. 500 are reported to have been taken out of Bay Lake so far. Matt urged the Board to keep informing people about the contest. Raffles are planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. \$5.00 gift cards useable at the Lonesome Pine are being given for each batch of 10 Northern Pike caught. Pictures should be emailed to: [baylakepike@gmail.com](mailto:baylakepike@gmail.com). Amanda Johnson is now handling the social media for the contest.

Pike-a-Palooza – 157 hammer-handle-sized northern were caught in spite of the bad weather.

In addition, Matt plans to discuss the following items with the DNR: walleye stocking for Bay Lake, increasing walleye habitat, perch habitat, and pike removal.

**Nominating Committee** – Chris Ruttger reported that Phil Malkerson is being nominated as a new director. Chris Gondeck, Terry Coss, & David Devins are up for renewal as directors. Also, Bruce Johnson will be leaving the Board as he has been on for 10 great years of service including being President.

Following the June Board meeting, Phil Rollins advised the Board that there were errors in the 2019 Board nominees and that the correct list is Bobbie Keller, Jen Qualen, Matt Qualen, Chris Ruttger, and Phil Malkerson.

### **Activity Reports**

**Block Party** – Jennifer Qualen reported Party World will do the setup and take down and will rent some tables. Additional tables will come from Bay Lake Camp. There will be a tent and enough chairs for seating 128 people at a cost of \$1,507. No fish fry

this year. Jennifer is asking local businesses for donations for prizes. Volunteers are needed to help at the registration table. Registrations will open online in 2 weeks.

Cost will be \$20 per adult. The date for the 2020 Block Party has already been set for August 15.

**Breezes** –Bobbie Keller reported that the Breezes have been mailed.

### **Old Business**

**Update on Portage/Crooked Lake AIS Activities** – Phil Rollins reported there is no information yet. Phil to contact them on their AIS activities.

**Activity Pricing to Scott for Square** - Scott Shekels reported he is still waiting for upcoming event costs and options to evaluate if we can process payments for them via the web similar to BLIA memberships. Phil Rollins to finalize pricing for Trivia Night for Scott to set up online registrations.

**Youth Boat Operator Class** – Chris Ruttger reported that 13 young people completed the Youth Boating Class on June 11. Phil suggested that we consider offering another class this season. Chris to check into it.

**Annual Meeting Program** – Phil Rollins distributed and reviewed a preliminary copy of the upcoming Annual Meeting agenda. The University of Minnesota Raptor Center has agreed to attend and present a program focusing on the Bald Eagle and other raptors at the beginning of the meeting. Bruce Johnson suggested we eliminate the upcoming events part of the agenda and have tables set up representing each event. Josh Goolsbee asked if there could be a complimentary Bloody Mary & Mimosa bar available to attract more young adults to the meeting. After much discussion, it was decided that Chris Ruttger, Phil Rollins and Josh would work out the details for the meeting food and beverages.

**Communications Committee** – Phil reported that he believes we need a better way to coordinate news to BLIA members. Phil will initiate a committee in the next couple of weeks.

### **New Business**

**Request from Tame Fish Lake IA to attend Board Meetings** – Phil reported the President of the TFLIA wants to attend a BLIA Board Meeting. However, he was not available to attend the June 15 meeting.

**Portage/Crooked Lake Association AIS Activities** – Phil Rollins to contact them on their AIS activities.

**Navigation Buoy Update** – Chris Gondeck reported that batteries need to be replaced on some of the buoys. He will check and handle it. There are about 30 buoys around the lake. There was a recommendation for some to be replaced and more added at a cost of \$35 each. All should be lit at night. Terry Coss volunteered to assist with the installation. Per Chris \$800/year was spent to have Karl Kruger do the install. Chris Gondeck and Phil Rollins to meet with Karl on buoy lights and placement.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business to come before the Board, a **Motion** was made by Steve Souder and seconded by Josh Goolsbee to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Dietsch, Secretary  
7/2/2019