

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
April 27, 2019  
The Lonesome Pine - 9:00 AM**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Terry Coss at 9:20 AM with the following directors present: David Devins, Chris Gondeck, Amy Grady, Josh Goolsbee, Bruce Johnson, Jennifer Qualen, Matt Qualen, Phil Rollins (By Telephone), Chris Ruttger and Steve Souder. Committee Chairpersons present were Larry La Tourneau and Betty Marquardt. Also attending were Scott and Nancy Bonnema, Steve and Joan Klein and Amanda Shekels. Terry welcomed everyone and thanked Josh and The Lonesome Pine for hosting this morning's meeting and for providing coffee and breakfast. To begin the meeting, Terry asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Secretary's Report** - Bruce Johnson presented the September 29, 2018, Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting.

**Motion** was made by Steve Souder, seconded by Chris Ruttger, to approve the minutes, subject to editorial corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Chris Gondeck presented the preliminary BLIA financial statements as of April 25, 2019, including copies of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Year-to-date revenue is \$35,582.62 and year-to-date expenses are \$7,396.34. Chris also reviewed the comparison of Profit and Loss statements for the years 2017 vs 2018. This comparison shows that the two years were virtually the same as far as income and expenses are concerned.

**Motion** was made by David Devins, seconded by Amy Grady, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

**Membership** - Betty Marquardt reported that we currently have 25 membership renewals and that we have received \$380.00 towards the fireworks display. She also reported that we had a total of 645 members last year.

**Water Quality** - Terry & Debbie Coss - Terry reported that A & W Research did not do a water quality sampling this past winter because of a communications misunderstanding. We will continue on a normal schedule this year. Terry also reported that since Bay Lake has been designated as a zebra mussel infested lake, DNR would no longer take water samples looking for the zebra mussel villagers. Terry noted that in our follow-up testing, we have yet to find any evidence of the villagers. As a result, Terry believes that we should continue to sample for the villagers and if those results continue to show no evidence of their existence, we will go back to the DNR and ask them to reevaluate their designation as an infested lake. Steve Kline offered to work with Phil, David and Terry in communication with the DNR since his company does a lot of work with them.

**Aquatic Plant Management** - David Devins reported that we treated about 50 acres of milfoil last year at a cost of approximately \$60,000.00. Our spring treatment for Eurasian Milfoil will take place around Memorial Day. David also reminded us that there are many other invasive species threatening our lakes and we must continue to educate our members regarding them.

**Zebra Mussel Infestation** – Phil Rollins reported that he and Sandy Johnson are continuing to work with our BLIA volunteers to man the public landing in support of the DNR inspectors who will be hired for the 2019 season. Phil reported that Crow Wing County continues to have problems hiring sufficient staff in this area and expects the need for volunteers to increase over last year. Phil is also reviewing options for the BLIA to set up community workshops to educate members on zebra mussels and other AIS dangers ahead of us.

**AIS Prevention** - Phil Rollins reported that our public landing inspector program with Crow Wing County would continue this season. Last year we had over 1,700 inspection hours provided by paid inspectors and BLIA volunteers, at a cost of approximately \$23,657.00. This year the County will be paying for 520 hours of inspection and Phil has requested another 1,030 hours, at a cost of approximately \$16,700.00.

**Motion** was made by Phil Rollins, seconded by Chris Gondeck, to approve a budget of \$17,000.00 for the 1,030 public landing inspection hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil then discussed our continued use of the iLids unit at the public landing and it was agreed that it be installed again this season.

**Motion** was made by Phil Rollins, seconded by Amy Grady, to approve a budget of \$2,300.00 for the operation and management of the iLids unit at the public landing this year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Beach Captains/Bay Lake Ambassadors** - Amy Grady first reported that the name of the Beach Captains Committee has been changed to the Bay Lake Ambassadors. She also reported that all of the new resident welcome books have been distributed to the new property owners through last year.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Update** - Amy Grady reported that the committee members continue to work on the many plans for celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BLIA. Amy presented copies of the new 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary BLIA Logo they plan to use throughout the year to help identify the occasion. She also told us that she would be pursuing a booth at Ruttger's Octoberfest, which will help promote the association and sell some of the merchandise we will have for our members. The committee plans to discuss funding issues at the May board meeting.

**Fishing Resources** – Gary Malek, who has served as the chairman of this committee for as long as anyone can remember, has recommended that Matt Qualen now take over the chairman's duties. Gary will help Matt during the transition period and do whatever he can to provide Matt with the information, contacts, history and guidance in succeeding him. The board genuinely thanked Gary for the many years of service he has provided to the BLIA and hopes he continues to attend our meetings and provide his valuable insight.

**Environmental Fund** – Bruce Johnson reported that the environmental fund received approximately \$188,000 in donations last year; compared to approximately \$188,300 in 2017.

**Block Party** - Jennifer Qualen reported that last year's Block Party was a tremendous success with 300 to 350 attendees. Jennifer stressed the need for more volunteers and a better method for getting reservations and payment for those attending. Jennifer also stated that more docking space is needed. She will be working on a budget for this year to present at May's meeting.

**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 and he is hoping that we hit the 5,000 mark this year. Matt said there would be more prizes this year and they will be awarded more frequently throughout the season. 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 that they were quite surprised and impressed with our success and sent him an email of congratulations. Matt also mentioned that Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge is sponsoring the Pike-A-Palooza fishing contest on May 18 and will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the BLIA.

**Motion** was made by Matt Qualen, seconded by David Devins, to approve a budget of \$4,000.00 for this year's fishing contest. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Breezes** – Bobbie Keller sent in a reminder that she would like all articles for the spring Breezes to be in to her by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Meeting** – Phil Rollins reported that he had been in contact with the University Of Minnesota Raptor Center regarding one of their programs focusing on the Bald Eagle and other raptors. They will come to our annual meeting, along with an eagle and several other birds, and give about a 20-minute presentation. The only charge for doing so is to cover expenses, which would be about \$1,000.00. Amy Grady recommended that we secure them for this presentation and offered to pay the \$1,000.00 expense. Phil will follow up with the Raptor Center.

### **Old Business**

**Music on the Lake Boat Lift** - Amy Grady presented the agreement for the purchase and use of a used boatlift for Music on the Lake. An invoice from Weekend Extensions for the lift was also presented in the amount of \$5,154.00. Josh Goolsbee and BLIA will share in the cost of the lift on a 50/50 basis.

**Motion** was made by Steve Souder, seconded by Phil Rollins, to approve the agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Electronic Payments** - Chris Gondeck and Scott Shekels have discussed this issue and are still working on different possible solutions. Chris said he would like to table further discussion until Scott could be in attendance.

**Social Media** – Chris Gondeck reported that BLIA was a target for a financial scam by a fake email. He was contacted and requested to send a check for updating our website. It appeared that this email came from one of our board members, but Chris thought it was somewhat suspicious so he contacted the board member directly. It was quickly identified as a false email and Chris reported it to the authorities. Chris believes that we became a target as a result of our presence on various social media platforms. Chris stressed the need for vigilance as it relates to our use of social media.

### **New Business**

**Ruttger's Pike Tournament** - Chris Ruttger announced that Ruttger's Pike-A-Palooza Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry will be held on May 18th and that they will donate a portion of the proceeds to the BLIA. He also thanked Matt Qualen for his help in setting up the event and helping to incorporate the taking of the small northern pike as well as the large ones their tournament is focusing on.

**Youth Boat Operator Class** – Chris Ruttger reported that he had been in contact with the Crow Wing County sheriff's office and had a few dates available to hold the class. A discussion followed and it was decided that BLIA would not provide any give away items such as life jackets, which was considered in past years. Chris will follow up with the sheriff's office and let us know what date works best for them and Ruttger's.

**Music On The Lake** – Josh Goolsbee reported that this year's event would have a new band because he is unable to get the band from previous years. Unfortunately, a new band is not available at the discounted price we previously enjoyed. Josh stated that the cost for the band would be \$3,500 plus one night's lodging. Phil Rollins added that he felt that we needed to have an electrician look over the electrical setup for the band, to make sure we don't have any unfortunate accidents with the electrical needs being so close to the water. Josh agreed to look into the electrical needs and find an electrician to help with the setup.

**Motion** was made by Chris Gondeck, seconded by Steve Souder, that a budget of up to \$6,000 be approved for Music On The Lake. Motion unanimously passed.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business to come before the Board,

**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

Approved at Board of Directors meeting on June 15, 2019.