

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
May 18, 2019
Ruttgers - 9:00 AM**

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, and Jennifer Qualen. Committee Chairpersons present were Debbie Coss, Betty Marquardt, Scott Shekels (by phone) and Charlie Zajicek (by phone). Also attending were Sylvia Graff and Gary Malek. Phil welcomed everyone to this morning's meeting.

Phil Rollins noted that BLIA is forever grateful to the Ruttger family for continuing to host our Board meetings.

Secretary's Report – Audrey Dietsch presented the April 27, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting minutes taken by Bruce Johnson for approval.

Motion was made by Betty Marquardt, seconded by Debbie Coss, 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 May 15, 2019, including copies of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Year-to-date revenue is \$36,112.62 and year-to-date expenses are \$15,156.29. Chris also reviewed the Balance Sheet as of May 15, 2019, showing zero liabilities and total equity of \$662,697.72.

Upcoming expenses include \$100 for an insurance policy on the boat lift purchased for Music on the Lake. Josh Goolsbee requested a 10% increase in the fireworks budget for the Orwells due to increased production costs. New fireworks budget to total \$17,140. Phil Rollins to establish a Fireworks Committee to work with the Orwells on the fireworks for the 2020 July 4 event. Jennifer Qualen requested \$3,300 for the 2019 Block Party. Same budget as 2018. For upcoming income, Chris believes BLIA will get \$5,000 from the DNR again for milfoil treatment.

Motion was made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Jennifer Qualen, to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates

Membership – Betty Marquardt reported that we now have 250 membership renewals. There were 645 members in 2018. We have received \$4,000 towards the fireworks and a check has been received for the environmental fund for over \$10,000.

Water Quality - Terry & Debbie Coss – Nothing to report.

Aquatic Plant Management - David Devins reported that milfoil inspections will start next week. There will be a small treatment area for Eurasian Milfoil in June and a larger area will be treated in the Fall. A new type of AIS called starry stonewort is being found in some MN lakes. It is an algae and is worse than the Eurasian Milfoil. David stressed the need to be vigilant relative to all AIS.

AIS Prevention - Phil Rollins distributed a complete report on the AIS Prevention & Detection Program. Bay Lake is allocated 520 county-paid inspector hours on our access. He asked the county to schedule Level 1 inspectors on our access from mid-May and ending late September. That is 1030 extra hours at a cost to BLIA of about \$17,000. Additional costs are \$2,300 for iLids at the public landing and \$2,000 for 4 Scuba dives to look for ZM infestation sites. Budget for the above was approved at the April Board meeting.

50th Anniversary Celebration Update - Amy Grady reported the plan is to enhance current events on the calendar. In addition, a decorated boat parade is planned for June and a past presidents' lunch for after the Annual Meeting in July. A historic video depicting a "Day in the Life at Bay Lake" will be shown at the July Annual Meeting. Input as to content is being requested from the Board. Chris Gondeck volunteered to assist with procuring a vendor for 50th Anniversary swag; i.e. tee shirts, hats, etc. with the BLIA 50th Anniversary Logo.

Fishing Resources - Matt Qualen was not present, but asked that the following be read to the Board (summarized). BLIA thanks Ruttgers for donating a portion of the proceeds from the May 18 Pike-A-Palooza fishing contest.

Block Party - Jennifer Qualen requested the food budget for 2019 be the same as last year's Block Party -- \$3,300. Jennifer to present the plan for the Block Party at the June Board meeting.

Northern Pike Fishing Contest - Matt Qualen was not present, but asked that the following be read to the Board (summarized). The BLIA Northern Pike contest started May 11 and continues through the summer with some cabins having registered. Prizes include custom t-shirts, tumblers, Lonesome Pine Bucks, MN Wild tickets, coolers, a lily pad, and others. Matt asks Board members to spread the word on this year's contest and "like" the Facebook page "**all things Bay Lake**," page name "**Bay Lake MN**".

Breezes - In the absence of Bobbie Keller, Phil Rollins reported that the Breezes will be mailed in late May.

Annual Meeting Program - Phil Rollins reported that the University of Minnesota Raptor Center has agreed to attend and present a program focusing on the Bald Eagle and other raptors. He will present the entire agenda at the June Board meeting.

Fireworks - Josh Goolsbee reiterated the request for a 10% increase in the fireworks budget due to material expense increases by the Orwells for 2019. The same show is scheduled for this July as last year. However, the plan is to double it for 2020 due to the BLIA 50th Anniversary celebration. Josh volunteered to get something tangible as to options for the fireworks.

A **Motion** was made by Josh Goolsbee, seconded by Amy Grady, to approve the increased fireworks budget to \$17,140 subject to final motion change at the June meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Electronic Payments - Scott Shekels reported he has purchased the Square device to do on-site sales transactions at a cost of approximately \$300. The system is live for chips, swipes and taps, and prints out receipts. It takes two days to process funds into the BLIA account. Scott 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.

Social Media – Chris Gondeck recommended that the BLIA financials no longer be posted on the website due to financial scams via fake emails. President Phil Rollins made an administrative decision to take both the secretary’s report and the financials off the website. The website will be changed to state that this information can be requested by contacting the treasurer or president.

New Business

Youth Boat Operator Class – Chris Ruttger notified Phil Rollins after the meeting that the Youth Boating Class is scheduled for June 11.

Communications Committee – Phil advised that he intended to appoint a communications committee to develop protocols for communicating with BLIA members. Jennifer Qualen and Scott Shekels volunteered.

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

Motion was made by Betty Marquardt, seconded by Chris Gondeck, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Dietsch, Secretary

Approved at Board of Directors meeting June 15, 2019