

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
April 24, 2021, 10:00 AM
Approved May 22, 2021**

1. Welcome

Phil Rollins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present:

Phil Rollins, Jen Qualen, David Devins, Matt Qualen, Amy Grady, Mark Feriancek, Steven Miller, Brent Souder, Kent Orwoll, Kim Orwoll, Debbie Coss, Terry Coss, Gary Malek, Chris Gondeck, Scott Shekels, Bruce Johnson, Josh Goolsbee, Phil Malkerson, Bobbie, Bette Marquardt, Chris Ruttger

Phil R moved MPCA Request and Fireworks to the top of the agenda so guests would not have to wait through the meeting.

2. MN Pollution Control Agency Eval of Ruttger's Septic

Steven Miller and family have owned properties on Bay Lake and the surrounding area for generations. He owns a property on Goose Lake, and noted that a seasonal high water stream flows across his property from Goose Lake into Bay Lake.

His concern is about Ruttger's treatment plant located between Goose and Bass Lakes. He has been in touch with MPCA staff and would like them to review their information and inspect the treatment facilities to make sure no contaminated water is getting into Goose Lake. He wanted to make it clear that he was not making accusations, he just wants to be sure.

Terry reported that the seasonal stream in question is not one of the four sites BLIA tests. The sites are: tip of Battle Point, the south side of Church Island, north of Echo Bay, and in Echo Bay. Terry received the 2020 report from AW research and Bay Lake's water quality is very good.

3. Fireworks

After discussion the board decided to return to the traditional location for this year's fireworks. Kent said that was their preference. The shallow water location last year worked and allowed Ruttger's to limit the crowd on shore. But working on land and being able to present some elements from shore is preferable. If necessary crowds can still be controlled, but the hope is that restrictions will be lifted in time for the 4th. Amy did some research into current restrictions and found that the limit was 385 people per acre.

Kent and Kim asked to add \$1,250 to the budget for additional platforms to accommodate the 50th anniversary show. They will let us know if they have other additional equipment needs. Gary Malek offered a 28' pontoon that can be stripped and used as a platform.

The board approved moving the fireworks back to Ruttger's and additional funding. The budget is \$21,250 for the summer show. Note: The winter show is a separate budget item.

4. Secretary's Report

Chris R

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2020, Board of Directors meeting was made by Amy, seconded by Mark and passed.

5. Financial Update

Mark

P&L Comparison 2020 & 2019 was sent out before the meeting. The financials will be audited but Mark felt they accurately reflect our financial performance. Net income was good, all things considered. Donations were down 22%, which was not unusual among similar organizations for the year. Special events income dropped, especially Runtilla.

The DNR milfoil reimbursement was down. Inspections expense was down. Fireworks donations were down but there was a \$5000 donation.. Database management expense was up because the Paper Plan-it had a special project to work on our donor list. Fiftieth anniversary related spending in 2019 and 2020 is treated as prepaid expense. Milfoil expense increased because of a bigger October treatment. Legal was up because of the risk assessment work. Many program and social expenses were eliminated. Investment income was still strong at \$10,000 because rates were locked in, but next year will be down to \$1,000.

Balance Sheet: we are in a strong position with \$745,000 going into 21: \$180k cash and \$570k in CDs. Our annual operating budget is \$175,000, so we have 4 years in reserve, which is a strong position to be in.

Mark plans to create a budget for 2021. He asked each person responsible for income and/or expenses to send him input on their area by May 10.

Motion to approve the financial statements was made by Amy, seconded by Bruce and passed unanimously.

Committee and Activity Updates

6. Aquatic Plant Management

David

Same plan as last year: divers start around Memorial Day Weekend; treatments in late June and October; the budget will be about the same.

David estimate total grant money of \$6-\$8,000, compared to \$10,000 last year. Last year we received grants for \$6,000 from Minnesota and \$4,000 from Crow Wing County. This year we have received approximately \$4,000 from Minnesota and we are waiting to hear from Crow Wing County.

7. Zebra Mussel Infestation

Phil R

Expect major infestation this summer, it's the 4th year and that is when they usually hit.

MN AIS Research Center: Phil R would like to donate again as we have for the past two years. He asked them to develop material to help inform lake home owners what to expect and what they can do, and they have done that. He will include their information with his May letter, in the Bay Lake Blast, etc.

It was moved and seconded to make a one time donation to the MAISRC for 2021. Chris G asked if we can have more information about their research and work. Phil R will invite them to our next meeting.

8. AIS Prevention

Phil R

One of the many threats to bay lake is the Spiny water flea and has infested Mille Lacs

Phil R has arrangements for public access inspectors through the Crow Wing Country Inspector Program again.

Motion to approve the inspection program budget of approximately \$17,000 was made by Josh, seconded by Brent and passed unanimously.

9. 50th Anniversary Celebration

Amy

- Shoreline Enhancement/Plant Day – May 29
- Pontoon Parade – June 19
 - A flyer will go out shortly and will be sent in a Bay Lake Blast and placed at Hansen's.
- Music on the Lake – July 3
 - Flyover by Paul Ehlen of P51 Mustangs
- Fireworks – July 4
- Annual Meeting – July 17: After discussion this is the plan
 - A brief annual meeting, followed by a 50th anniversary celebration and "A Day at Bay Lake", will take place in the evening outdoors on Alec's 9.

- The committee is working on details to include food, beverage, porta potties.
 - Amy is arranging a giant inflatable screen and sound system for viewing the 50th Anniversary film, and the same screen can be used for any presentations at the meeting. The company has 20', 25' and 30' screen options. They require 50% to reserve the date and we need to reserve an alternate day in case of rain.
 - There was a motion by Terry, second by Josh, to approve a budget of \$5,600 for Amy to reserve the screen. The motion passed unanimously.
- Past President's Lunch – July 17 as planned in Ruby's Dining Room
 - Runtilla – July 31: Olympic theme with an Olympic marathoner to lead it off. There will be Olympic rings, flags, Olympic winners podium.
 - Amazing Race – Aug. 7: Adding a costume competition and a \$50 each cash prize in keeping with the 50th theme. There will be some added retro events as well.
 - Holiday Party – Dec. 4

10. Plant/Shoreline Enhancement Day

Brent

Brent will have bigger trees, larger than seedlings. It's a good crop because it was cancelled last year. Also a good crop of wild flowers for both shade and sun. He's always looking for volunteers to help hand them out. Josh and staff handle the bar, need volunteers to help with pastries.

11. Music on the Lake

Josh

The bands are not dialed in yet, but there will be a DJ to start like two years ago. There will be one or two bands, and Josh is open to crazy band ideas. 1 or 2 bands; open to crazy band ideas.

12. Environmental Fund

Bruce

It was a pretty good year all things considered, as Mark reported above.

Bruce intends to vacate the position as of the annual meeting and is looking for someone to take it over.

13. Membership and Transition

Betty/Phil R

Betty reported that we have 23 paid members so far and \$405 for fireworks, but the spring letter coming out next week will change that rapidly.

The transition to new membership chair has been on hold because of Covid but will be moving ahead soon. Betty, Marlene, Jen and Phil R will meet in June. Betty said that online donations are wonderful and easier to manage, but anything is appreciated.

14. Water Quality

Terry

2020 Summary Report: Bay Lake's water quality is very good. Our trophic status index has always been not quite in the best category, but is now trending down into the best category. This could be the result of zebra mussels he does not know. In any case, the lake is doing better than other area lakes.

Terry asked if we should post these reports on our website. Would members and others have an interest? He will send the report to board to decide if interested. Executive Summary might be best to share.

Budget issue: Terry has to commit to AWL \$3500 to start in May. There was a motion by Terry, seconded by Josh, to approve this expense. The motion passed.

Northern Waters Land Trust: This organization works with property owners on important lakes or runoff potential to lakes. Their goal is to put land in conservation trusts to protect lakes, primarily 10-20 acre parcels. They have a couple on bay lake to ask. The owners get tax credit. They would like BLIA to help with introductions. The properties here are not on the lake but affect it. The board approved having Phil R and Terry work with them.

15. Insurance/Risk Management

Chris G.

Insurance: We doubled from one to two million dollars in protection, added a new \$500k cyber protection policy and a \$100k crime protection policy. All for an increase in cost of only \$417 last year, which would have increased had we stayed with our previous agency.

Risk Assessment: We need to look at each event. Chris asked each person to submit their summary, and it may be the same as last year if nothing has changed. It is critical to document what is going to happen, what the rules are, etc.

We will be requiring waivers from all participants in the flotilla, Runtilla, Amazing Race. Some of these are already in place.

16. Breezes

Bobbie

Starting next week on the Breezes. If she can go to press the week of 5/13 she hopes to have it out by Memorial Day Weekend.

17. Upcoming events:

Phil

Shoreline Enhancement/Plant Day – May 29

Pontoon Parade – June 19

Music on the Lake – July 3

Fireworks – July 4

Annual Meeting – July 17

Past President's Lunch – July 17

Runtilla – July 31

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Old Business

18. Rutgers Renovation Update

Chris R

Demolition of cabins and construction of most of the new large units and the lakeside restaurant will not start until after this season. Several units at the ends of the property where disruption will be minimal will start this season.

New Business

19. MN Pollution Control Agency Eval of Rutgers Septic

Steven Miller

See above.

Next Board Meeting

Saturday, May 22

Adjourn

11 :35 a.m.