

Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ruttger's, Saturday, 9:00 a.m., September 17, 2022
Minutes
Approved April 22, 2023

Terry Coss convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Terry Coss, Brent Souder, Ty Latourneau, Mark Feriancek, Phil Rollins, Amy Grady, Phil Malkerson, Kristy Davis, Paul Trebe, Josh Goolsbee. Guests: Chris Gondeck, Rick Giertsen, Linda Orwoll. Attending by phone: Jen Qualen and David Devins. Absent: Chris Ruttger and Bobbie Keller

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the August 20, 2022, Board meeting were approved on a motion by Phil R. seconded by Paul T.

Treasurer's Report –Speaker: Mark F.

- **AUDIT:** Mark reported that the 2021 audit was completed 9/9 and was a clean report. We have a new audit team from BGD so it took a bit longer to introduce the new team to our processes and records. The team found no internal control weaknesses. Balance sheet for 2021 shows we ended 2021 with a cash and investment balance of \$840,000, \$115,000 more than last year. Record revenue of \$313,000! All donations were up. Expenses were up for milfoil treatment and 50th anniversary fireworks. The Runtilla had a record year over \$90,000. 100% goes to the Environmental fund. Year-end net income for 2021 was \$86,000. In the spring, we need to approve the audit report with a motion.
- **2022 FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - **CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 8/31/2022:** We have \$239,000 in revenue and \$114,000 in expenses, which is a favorable \$126,000 as of last month. We are in great shape with actual compared to budget for 2022.
 - **PROJECTION FOR 2022:** We are projecting more revenue in 2022 since both Runtilla and special events brought in more revenue- a record Runtilla again! Expenses will be less as we treated less milfoil acreage in 2022 and the \$10,000 we budgeted for fish stocking did not happen. We project \$332,000 in revenue and \$243,000 in expenses which, with our investment income will put us at projected net income of \$97,000, or \$45,000 more than we budgeted.
- CD's were rolled over at a good rate of 2.4%

New Swimmer's Itch Committee- Speakers: Phil R and Rick Giertsen

A committee has been formed to work with Swimmer's Itch Solutions LLC, a vendor out of Michigan, to survey Bay Lake for the presence of ducks, particularly Mergansers and snails, the two components that produce swimmer's itch. Phil Malkerson will also be part of the committee. The Michigan group presented at the August Board meeting. The survey reports presented today showed that we have the duck/snail cycle and the parasite for swimmer's itch in all areas of Bay Lake. Live capture of the mergansers to relocate them to a lake without snails is the goal as it is better to address the cause of swimmers' itch, rather than treat it with copper sulfate. Ducks that are moved far enough away will not have chicks that imprint to Bay Lake. We will need a DNR permit at a cost of about \$2,000 to move the ducks. This is a new issue to MN and the DNR will need to be educated on the process in order to approve our efforts. We hope to move the ducks during 2023 and as such, we will not begin to see any results until 2024 when we start to break the duck/snail cycle. Amy mentioned that she has a merganser in her duck house. Is it better to keep the houses up and capture the ducks from the houses or to take them down to discourage mergansers on Bay Lake? Rick will ask the Michigan team about existing duck houses. Motion by Amy, seconded by Paul to approve \$3,000 towards the DNR permitting process.

BLIA Insurance Review/Event Coverage – Speaker: Chris Gondeck

Chris mentioned that it is important that we assess our risk with our events and mitigate those risks with insurance.

Events - Speaker: Amy

2022 events were a success with great participation. Amy presented the proposed 2023 calendar of events as all committee chairs have approved their event date for next summer. It was suggested that we have planned rain dates for our events and a plan for weather emergencies in place. We discussed personally asking those with obvious and potentially offensive political messages, flags etc. to take them down rather than having a written policy.

Board Vacancy- Speaker: Terry

Ally has resigned her position on the board. John Rusciano is a very qualified candidate from the last round of board candidates and will be appointed to take Ally's seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Update Speaker: Jen

We have 739 members and 19 pet members as of September. Jen will do a Breezes article to thank the members.

AIS Prevention Update Speaker: Phil R.

We have 2 more weekends of inspections at the access. Watching for starry stonewort as the next threat to the lake. We had a group pull the zebra mussel detectors and photograph all sides of the

panels. It was an effort. Phil thanked those who helped him with the project: Dave Perry, Jane Rollins, Amy Grady, Jay Clementson, and Meg Duhr, the project coordinator from MAISRC.

Aquatic Plant Management Update Speaker: David D.

Rates for treatment are up but should be about on budget. We treated less acreage this year. We have 40 acres to treat in October. We treated 7 acres earlier this summer. Last year we treated 100 acres. With better water quality and clarity – likely from the zebra mussels – the native weeds are stronger and help to keep the milfoil down.

Fishing Resources- Matt Q.

As Matt was absent, he will email his report to the board.

Water Safety/Buoys- Speaker: Terry

Karl Krueger's son will help with the buoy placement and removal in the future. We have new buoys on order.

Water Quality Update Speaker: Terry C.

Water clarity is great – likely as a result of zebra mussel activity. August report results are in and all looks good. We should have Paul Erickson remind members in the Blast to not rake their leaves into the lake. Spiny water flea sample collected earlier came back negative from Lab (none detected).

New Business/Other Updates Speaker: All

Board agreed to do the Boat Operator Safety Class again in 2023. Terry will call the sheriff to discuss and plan a date.

Linda Orwoll presented the idea of a Bay Lake cookbook and passed around the cookbook done many years ago. She will head the committee. Motion by Phil - Seconded by Amy to approve the Cookbook project

Website update: Amy will chair a committee made up of Phil R, Paul T, Kristy D, and Matt Q. to look into an update of the website. They will research other lake associations websites and determine the end goal of what we want the website to achieve. The committee will meet over the winter and report back to the Board in 2023.

Breezes article deadline is October 20th.

Fireworks for January 1, 2023 should cost about \$10,000.

Josh asked for assistance in choosing a band for MOTL 2023. Suggested that the sound system is improved to get better sound to all the crowd in the water. If Josh wants a committee to help him with band choices, thoughts were Chris Gondeck, Kristy D, Mark F and someone from the More family might have an interest and could help in the band selection.

Minutes Prepared by:

Amy Grady in the absence of Chris Ruttger, Secretary