

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
9:30 A.M., Saturday July 15, 2007  
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Jespersen, Patricia – President	X	Albertson, Chuck - Conservation	X
Ruttger, Chris – VP	X	Bye, Jim - Runtilla	X
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer	X	Erickson, Paul – History	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer		Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	
Ysseldyke, Jim - Secretary	X	Kelly, Mike - Legal	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt	X	Kraft, Joel – Fishing Contest	X
Hanson, George – Beach Captains	X	Knutson, Don – Env Fund Assistant	X
Bale, Rick – Environmental Fund	X	Krueger, Kevin – Water Safety	X
Jessen, Mark	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Roloff, Mark - Nominating		Nelson, Jim - Security	X
Keller, Bobbie - Breezes	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	X
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Parrish, John	X
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Peterson, Tori – Shoreline Protection	X
		Poland, Jerry - Government	X
		Shekels, Scott - Website	X
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	X

At 9:30 A.M. Patricia Jespersen called the meeting to order.

Jerry Hendricks led the BLIA with an opening prayer.

The Bay Lake Community was introduced by having those who had been on the lake the longest sit down first and those new to the lake standing last. Those new to the lake were encouraged to get involved in the activities of the Association.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the 2006 annual meeting were distributed. Bruce Johnson moved approval and Don Knutson seconded the motion. The 2006 annual meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Gondeck presented financials for 2006 and year to date for June. He also distributed a copy of the audit report. He pointed out that we took in approximately \$150,000 and spent approximately \$170,000. Chris then reviewed sources of income and expenditures. He called attention to the fact that 84% of the funds are going to fight milfoil. Bruce Johnson moved approval of the treasurer's report and Rick Bale seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was approved.

## **Church Island**

Brenda Olsen reported that the goal of raising sufficient funds to protect Church Island, rebuild the camp, and put the island into a land trust had been accomplished. She reported on the Memorial Day thank you event at Church Island. She thanked members of the association for contributions. Brenda indicated that construction will begin in late August and continue through the winter.

## **Minnow Camp**

Mina Gallagher reported on the success of Minnow Camp. She indicated that 55 children and helpers, ages 2-14 had participated and announced plans for the camp for next year on the weekend preceding July 4.

## **History**

Trish Jespersen reported for Paul Erickson on the compilation of a history for Hunter's Bay. She announced the effort to compile histories on other portions of the lake and encouraged people to be responsive when called upon to provide historical information.

## **Membership Report**

Betty Marquardt thanked those who have paid membership dues and indicated that as of the meeting we have 358 members and that our goal is 500 members. She encouraged multiple memberships from individual properties.

## **Aquatic Plant Management Report**

David Devins addressed the group. He reported that this is our 16<sup>th</sup> season of treating milfoil. David reported on the partnership with Buddy Divers and Lake Restoration for the milfoil control program. David indicated that 2006 was a tough year for EWM in Bay Lake. Conditions were perfect for EWM growth. Little snow cover the winter before, early ice out, low and warm water conditions with lots of sun. The EWM matted and flowered like we have never seen before. We treated a total of 152 acres during 2006 which is the maximum we can treat each year. From divers reports the fall treatments appear to have been successful. We had such dense areas of WEM in some cases the treatments were only able to thin them out and not have the mass die off. Those reduced sites were treated again in Spring 2007 (2 weeks ago). He indicated that in June 2007 we treated 40 acres, and that we will treat the remainder of our 152 acre allotment in the Fall. David also reported on the effectiveness of a trial treatment of the milfoil site in the bulrushes between Malkerson Island and Bird Island. The treatment has reduced that site from 25 acres to 6 acres.

David indicated that we have a long term Aquatic Plan Management Plan with both the local and state DNR. It gives us freedom and flexibility to work on the aquatic plant management of Bay Lake. He indicated that our intended program of replanting with native species has been put on hold because the native species appear to be filling in treated areas on their own. By DNR rule we are required to get signatures every three years for authorization of treatment along individual shorelines.

David indicated that another threat to Bay Lake is Zebra mussels. They are now in 3 lakes and rivers in the Brainerd area including Mille Lacs Lake. Zebra mussels are a very serious threat and there is no fix for them other than to keep them out. Last year of the 650 boats the DNR surveyed, 66 had most

recently been in zebra mussel infested waters and 37 of those had been in Mille Lacs the day of the inspection. David reported that the legislature has finally recognized that aquatic invasive species are a real threat and have given the DNR more money to work with beginning next year.

This is the third year we will contract with the DNR for paid hours at the public access to monitor boats for invasive species. We have contracted for 680 hours at a cost of \$7500. In addition we have the Deerwood Lakes Lions trained and volunteering at the public access, and for each hour of inspection time they provide we donate \$10 to their club. Our goal is 250 hours this summer, and so far the program is running very well. Sylvia Graff has been coordinating access monitoring with the Lions, the DNR and BLIA. David indicated that there is a training session by the DNR on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at Ruttgers.

David indicated that Bay Lake is home to a wide variety of healthy native plants. It is important that it is important to protect these plants. Maintaining a healthy native population is critical to controlling EWM. He asked that people not chemically treat their shoreline themselves. David indicated that we will again spend \$135,000 on EWM treatment this year, and encouraged people to contribute to the Environmental Fund.

### **Environmental Fund**

Rick Bale thanked people for involvement in the Environmental Fund. He reported that expenses were higher last year and indicated that we are asking people to boost their donations by 10% and that they look to neighbors and other people to contribute to the fund. He indicated we have a new source of support in the form of memorials. He read the list of individuals for whom we have received memorials. Rick called attention to the Runtilla, the Lonesome Pine bash, and the golf scramble as fund raisers.

## **District 5 County Commissioner Doug Houge**

Doug spoke to the group about his personal history and the activities of the county commission. He encouraged communication of ideas and concerns.

## **Cool New Stuff**

Phil Malkerson, Josh Goolsbee, Dominic Ciresi, Rochelle Winkler, and Leah Malkerson spoke to the group about the importance of younger generation becoming part of BLIA. Josh Goolsbee indicated that at Lonesome Pine there will be a beer, beverage and pizza party the afternoon of July 7 designed to let people know how they can become involved in the association. Dominic Ciresi addressed the need for access monitoring and involvement of more and more people in that activity.

## **Golf Scramble**

George Reynolds spoke about the organization of a golf scramble to be held the same day as the Bay Lake picnic. He reported that 75% of the funds raised will go to the BLIA environmental fund.

## **Meth in the Community**

Greg Meyer spoke to the group about production and use of methamphetamine in the community. He presented statistics on the extent of meth use in the community. He provided a list of important things for members to consider:

Know where your kids are

Watch for excessive amounts of the ingredients used in making meth and report these.

Guard propane tanks and turkey cookers.

Greg provided handouts with numbers to call with reports of suspicious activity or meth use.

## **Shoreline Management**

Tori Peterson, and Tom and Donna Murphy talked about shoreline management. Tori thanked Tiffin Souder for organizing and carrying out the shoreline plant giveaway each Memorial Day weekend. Tom Murphy reported on their experiences in meeting County expectations for meeting shoreline regulations and showed slides illustrating ways in which they have planted their shoreline.

Tori announced that efforts are underway to establish a weekend recycling program.

## **Nominating**

The nominating committee nominated

## **Tributes and Acknowledgements**

Trish thanked Chris Ruttger and the Ruttger family for providing the lodge for the annual meeting.

## New Business

The Nominations Committee presented a roster of individuals for election to the Board of Directors for renewed three year terms :

Gary Malek  
Jim Ysseldyke  
Bobbie Keller  
Chris Ruttger

Steve Souder made a motion to approve the nominations by acclamation, and Don Knutson seconded the motion. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Everyone joined in to sing "America the Beautiful, led by Bobbie Keller.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim Ysseldyke  
Secretary