

**Bay Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
9:30 A.M., Saturday July 11, 2009  
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	X
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	X
Ysseldyke, Jim - Secretary	X	Kelly, Mike - Legal	X
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt		Kraft, Joel – Fishing Contest	X
Ciresi, Dominic – 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	X	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
		Tripp, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	X

At 9:30 A.M. Patricia Jespersen called the meeting to order. She thanked Ruttgers for use of the room for the meeting and provision of the expanded continental breakfast. Patricia thanked Greg and Laverne Orwoll for their work on coordinating the fireworks exhibit. She thanked Chuck Albertson and Steve Souder for their work on the plan giveaway

Jerry Hendricks led the BLIA with an opening prayer.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the 2008 annual meeting were distributed. Patricia Jespersen moved approval and Steve Souder seconded the motion. The 2008 annual meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Gondeck distributed the financial statements for years ending 2007 and 2008 as audited and approved by Johnson, West & Co. Certified Public Accountants. The auditor indicated in the report that the financial condition of the Association is fairly stated. Chris reported a balance as of 12/31/08 of \$175,353. Revenues for the year totaled \$176,648.

Chris reported further that all of the BLIA investments are in CDs and cash. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and this was seconded. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Aquatic Plant Management.**

Trish Jespersen read a report submitted by David Devins on efforts to fight EWM and zebra mussels. He reported that we conducted our spring survey and the EWM areas continue to be reduced from the past several years. David indicated that the Fall treatment was very successful. In 2008 we treated about 120 acres at a cost of approximately \$125,000. This was down considerably from the previous 2 years and it is expected to be in the same range or little higher for 2009.

We treated 30 acres of EWM the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>. A map was provided at a table in the back of the room showing the spring treatments. David indicated that he did notice that there were some very dense areas that matted up very rapidly in the last part of June. These will be treated in the fall if they weren't last month. He indicated he believes the dry/sunny weather with lower water levels again is a big contributor to rapid EWM growth.

Milfoil is not going to go away but we are definitely controlling it. Without our efforts EWM would be devastating to the lake. Your support is critical to the survival of Bay Lake. David asked that people please keep contributing to the Bay lake Environmental Protection Fund.

- We will be sending out EWM ID cards along with Zebra Mussel ID Cards in August asking homeowners to check their shorelines and report back.
- We will be doing a fall survey and treatment as in the past starting about Labor Day with treatments later in September.
- If you need to sign an authorization card for treatment along your shore there are forms in the back. I also have information on Emerald Ash Borer and EWM and Zebra mussel ID cards – please help yourself.

David reported by letter that we had a close call with zebra mussels just this past week. Bay Lake Marine contacted BLIA that they found what they believed to be a zebra mussel inside the water intake of an outboard motor. We put the DNR in Brainerd in touch with them and they visited Bay lake Marine this week. It was a zebra mussel!!!! In discussing this it was learned that the boat and motor came to Bay Lake from Lake Ossawinnamakee, which has had zebra mussels for two years. Fortunately they also discovered that the boat had been dry docked at the marina for months through the winter before entering Bay Lake. The DNR is certain that the mussels would have been dead and not a threat to Bay Lake.

Pete at Bay Lake marine had seen the pictures and was alert to the fact that it was zebra mussels and took action. That involvement is what we need from everyone. We have to inspect as many boats as humanly possible at the access to keep this monster out of the lake. This is even more important now that zebra mussels are very wide spread in Mille Lacs. What is of concern the most is the young zebra mussels called Veligers are the size of a pencil tip and are free floating for some time. The DNR told David last month that water samples taken anywhere in Mille Lacs now have Veligers in them. It is critical that boats be inspected at the access and limited from entering the lake from other accesses. The live wells must be empty and hopefully dry. David encouraged members to volunteer to help inspect boats at the public access.

### **Environmental Fund**

Rick Bale encouraged members to use the website payment system for dues and contributions. A revised donor list was handed out. Rick thanked Rick Carlson and Scott Shekels for development of the online payment system.

### **Government**

Jerry Poland reported on two issues, the dock issue and a new bill to federalize bodies of water. He also raised concerns about water safety, indicating that he personally witnessed several near boat and/or boat-skier collisions over the holiday weekend.

Jerry introduced John Benson from Anderson Brothers Construction. He reported on Highway 10 construction and on construction delays.

### **Shoreline Protection**

Tiffin Tripp reported on the plant giveaway and indicated that the committee distributed 1300 shore-ready plants. She indicated that the plants were gone very quickly and encouraged residents to purchase plants in addition to receiving the free ones. Tiffin further encouraged the use of biodegradable and phosphate-free products.

### **Church Island**

Gary Malek reported that this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gift of the land to First Lutheran Church. This will be celebrated with a benefit concert on Saturday evening July 18 at Ruttgers Resort. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will be split between the camp and BLIA Environmental Fund.

Gary also reported that the camp is again conducting a raffle. The drawing will be held on Labor Day.

### **Children's Party**

Mina Gallagher reported on the success of the Children's Party held at Bay Lake Camp. She asked for support from BLIA members, especially in creative suggestions.

### **Membership Report**

Betty Marquardt thanked those who have paid membership dues and indicated that as of the meeting we have 351 members and that our goal is 500 members. She encouraged multiple memberships from individual properties. Betty also clarified the distinction between the Environmental fund contributions and BLIA dues. The dues go for Association expenses.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Don Hales, who serves on the Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning Board, described positive changes taking place on the Planning and Zoning Board and on the Board of Adjustment.

### **Youth Recruitment**

Josh Goolsbee introduced Dominic Ciresi who reported on work to get the youth of Bay Lake involved in the Association. Dominic encouraged involvement in access monitoring, attending board meetings, and joining BLIA. He announced that on the day of the meeting (July 11, 1-3 pm) they would have an event at Lonesome Pine for the purpose of informing the youth of the lake how they may become involved in the work of the Association. Food and beverages will be provided. Josh encouraged young people to make contributions and indicated he would pay half of the membership dues for anyone under 40 who newly joined the Association while at the Lonesome Pine gathering on July 11.

### **Access Monitoring**

Sylvia Graff encouraged people to sign up for access monitoring. She announced that the DNR would be providing training to those who wish to monitor the access and this is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on July 17.

### **Golf Scramble and Picnic**

George Reynolds spoke about the golf scramble and BBQ picnic to be held on August 8. He reported that last year the event resulted in a significant contribution to the environmental fund. George thanked Jack and Anne Ruttger for making the golf course facilities available for the event.

### **Runtilla**

On behalf of the Bye family Steve Souder thanked those who have contributed to the Environmental Fund in memory of Billy Bye. He described changes that will be made in the Runtilla this year as a result of the Highway 10 construction.

### **History**

Greg Meyer introduced Paul Erickson for a special report on the history of Bay Lake. Greg first led the group in a moment of silence in memory of all of those who are deceased who have played a significant role in Bay Lake history.

Paul Erickson provided a very provocative and informative presentation on the history of Bay Lake, describing Native American history on the lake, early settlers and homesteaders, the role of the railroad, etc.

**Nominating Committee**

Mark Roloff presented the committee nominations for Board Officers for renewed three year terms. Nominated were David Devins, Chris Gondeck, Mark Jessen, and Rick Bale.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations by acclamation. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Ysseldyke".

Jim Ysseldyke  
Secretary