

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting Minutes
9:00 A.M., Saturday May 19, 2007
Woodland Beach Resort**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Trish Jespersen at the Woodland Beach Resort. She introduced Don Hales, who gave a brief history of the 70 year old resort and invited everyone on a tour after the meeting was adjourned.

Guests: Tom and Donna Murphy, Jim Brecht, Dominic Ciresi, Don Hales, Alan Cibuzar, Debra Flam.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the April, 2007 meeting had been e-mailed to Board members. Bobbie Keller moved to approve them and Steve Souder seconded. They were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Gondeck was unable to attend the meeting.

Sylvia Graff reported there was little change from last month's total - \$28,600.00. She will renew a CD that is due this month for another 36 months.

Membership

Betty Marquardt reported that 53 memberships had come in for this year so far, with \$515.00 designated for fireworks. Sylvia asked for the cost of fireworks for this summer. Chris Ruttger will check this out.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins is in the process of getting signatures for milfoil treatment. He has received 450 back at this time. He felt that areas that were treated last fall seem to be clear of milfoil so far and that the lake looks good at this point. There will be divers checking the lake next week. Sylvia reported on training for monitoring lake access. So far, 15 have been trained with another session scheduled for this coming week. She showed the safety vests that have been made for those monitoring boats to wear - a bright orange with large black lettering - Bay Lake Access Monitoring. She also has made copies of flyers indicating aquatic nuisances that will be distributed to people coming into the lake. She was given a round of applause for her diligence and hard work on this! We also need more volunteers from Bay Lake to help with monitoring.

Environmental Fund

Rick Bales distributed charts showing different aspects of giving to the Environmental Fund. It shows that we are dependent on donations of larger amounts as well as the end of year contributions. He advocated that we should look into planned giving and endowments in order to have income coming in on a regular basis.

Breezes

Bobbie Keller reported that the Spring edition of the Breezes was now at the printers. She normally mails out about 450 and was wondering if she should reduce the number printed, which is about 800. It was decided to leave it at that number for now and ask local stores, resorts and restaurants to display them for people to take.

Holiday Party

Sylvia Graff reported that this year's party will be held at Ruttger's on Saturday, December 8. The cost will be \$25 to \$26.

New Business

Tom and Donna Murphy reported on their experience with the DNR and creating shoreline protection on their lakeshore. They had worked with Prairie Restoration to plant wildflowers and prairie grass behind their cabin to the road. They did not realize that you cannot change anything along the lakeshore without a permit, not even a bucket of dirt from within 50 feet of the lake. You also cannot cut anything without applying for a permit. They then had Prairie Restoration plant more flowers and grass from the lake back 50 feet. They put in a pathway through that to get to their dock. There are 40 different kind of plants put in and they feel that even taking 3 to 5 years for it to get established, it will be quite beautiful. Wildflower seeds can be very expensive. People can apply for grants to help offset the cost.

The county has passed restrictive rules on docks, but the state has overruled them, saying they cannot enforce them at this time. Don Hales is now on the County Board of Adjustments and indicated that no variances have been issued unless there is a buffer put in at the lake, or a pond to slow down storm water, which can be a major problem. The Murphy's and Don will present this information at the annual meeting in July.

Alan Cibuzar reported on the work his company has done with Bay Lake over the years and how they have helped clean up several inlets to the lake. He stated that Ruttger's has been very helpful in this respect. He indicated that the Highway 10 project has been delayed, but it is coming along. He can do an aerial survey of the lake this fall and take samples from lake for a total of \$1600.

Trish Jespersen told about meeting with Belinda Jenson of KARE 11 and the possibility of having them do a story about Bay Lake and all we're trying to do for the environment. David Devins had reservations about this as did Rick Bales. We would have no control over how they would present it. We would want to be sure that it would be positive and indicate that our association is about educating its members.

Scott Shekels has made the suggestion of putting more webcams on the lake. He will attend next month's meeting and this will be discussed at that time.

George Reynolds has proposed a golf outing for Saturday, August 11. It would just be 9 holes, a scramble, with a picnic type dinner afterwards. People could come just for the picnic if they wished. George will be in charge of planning this and working out details with Ruttger's.

Gary Malek invited everyone to the service at Church Camp Island on Sunday of Memorial Weekend. After the service there will be a celebration to thank everyone for reaching their goal for the camp. All are invited.

Tori Peterson would like to see us emphasize recycling and have drop-off sites available.

Jim Nelson gave an update on how the Manheim Project II was progressing. It is planned for the same weekend at the Lion's Club auction. He gave us a brief history of how Dr. Simmons took off 50 years ago from Crosby and reached an altitude of 100,000 feet and stayed up for 32 hours. He came down in South Dakota.

Comment [j1]: Betty, are you certain the guy got his balloon to 100,000 feet? I bet it was 10,000 :-)

Adjournment

Steve Souder moved the meeting be adjourned and Sylvia Graff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary