

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting Minutes
9:30 A.M., Saturday July 21, 2007
Ruttgers 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	X	Erickson, Paul – History	X
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer		Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	
Ysseldyke, Jim - Secretary		Kelly, Mike - Legal	
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt	X	Kraft, Joel – Fishing Contest	
Ciresi, Dominic – Beach Captains		Knutson, Don – Env Fund Assistant	
Bale, Rick – Environmental Fund		Krueger, Kevin – Water Safety	
Jessen, Mark	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Roloff, Mark - Nominating	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	
Keller, Bobbie - Breezes	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources		Parrish, John	
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Peterson, Tori – Shoreline Protection	
		Poland, Jerry - Government	X
		Shekels, Scott - Website	
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	

At 9:30 A.M. President Trish Jespersen called the meeting to order. Present as guests were Bob Grussendorf, President of the Gull Lake Association, Rochelle Winkler, Phil Malkerson, and Dominic Ciresi.

Minutes of the June 2007 meeting were distributed and approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report

Chris Gondeck reported there was virtually no change in our finances from the Annual Meeting held two weeks ago. He had copies of the auditor's report and stated that there were suggestions on improving our system, but due to the relative small size of our organization, many of these would not be feasible.

Membership

Betty Marquardt reported there are now 377 members that have joined for this year. We have collected \$5905 for fireworks. Those that have only given to the Environmental Fund so far, brings the total to 398.

Aquatic Nuisance

David Devins was pleased with both the Spring treatment and the treatment from last Fall for milfoil.

Government

Jerry Pohland reported that while road construction was delayed a year on Highway 10, it will proceed this next year. Land acquisition will start soon.

History

Paul Erickson reported that five or six of his packets on history of Bay Lake were picked up at the Annual Meeting.

Website

Scott Shekels next reported on the website for BLIA. He had started with a webcam on his garage and feels it's more than just our organization. It's a community website. There was much discussion on how we can expand the website and link into the BLIA site. It was agreed that we can have memberships and environmental funds sent in on our website but a coordinator would be needed to get this started. Richelle Winkler volunteered to do this. It was agreed that more webcams on the lake would be useful. Chris Ruttger said they would get one at Ruttger's and Ritchie's have put one in at their place. Chris Gondeck moved that the BLIA spend about \$25 a month to get the ACH website set up so people can start donating to the association through that means. Motion was seconded and approved.

Old Business

Phil Malkerson reported on training for access monitoring and signing people up to help. He will create a calendar to show what times are filled, link this to the DNR so they can fill in the empty time slots.

Rochelle Winkler is doing her thesis on the history of the Cuyuna Range area. She is also doing volunteer work with the Cuyuna Range Youth Center. The building it is in is going to be demolished, so money is being raised to replace it.

Phil Malkerson reported on the party held at the Lonesome Pine for younger people on the lake. This was held on the afternoon after the Annual Meeting. He felt pleased with the attendance of about 50 people and felt it was a great event. He got several of them to join as members.

New Business

Bob Grussendorf reported on the Gull Lake Association. He has just taken over as president and wants to see his organization move ahead on many initiatives in order to strengthen the organization and implement necessary procedures for that lake area. They have spent most of the money collected on their buoys, which are lighted by solar power. They have \$50,000 to start shoreline planting and preservation, having received money from the DNR for this. They are always strapped for money and have no endowment fund at this time. He wants to learn more about what our association is doing. He asked that a knowledgeable member from our Board attend their next meeting. Mark Roloff was suggested and agreed to attend and report on what the BLIA has been doing and is doing.

Paul Erickson reported that George Hansen has asked to resign from the Board. He has one year left of his term and was head of the Beach Captains.. David Devins moved to accept his resignation. This was seconded and approved. David then moved to propose Dominic Ceresi to replace George Hansen and also become the new head of the Beach Captains. This was seconded and approved.

There was a question regarding the lighted buoys that Bob Grussendorf mentioned. We would like more information on the cost of them.

Adjournment

Paul Erickson moved adjournment at 10:40 A.M. Chris Gondeck seconded the motion and it was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Marquardt,
Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Trish Jespersen. Guests included Phil Malkerson, Leah Malkerson, George Reynolds, and Dominick Ciresi.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the May, 2007 meeting had been e-mailed to Board members. David Devins moved to approve them and Mark Roloff seconded. They were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Gondeck distributed copies of the 2006 financials and 2007 year to date. These were handed out at the end of the meeting, and were not discussed. Chris indicated these will be distributed and discussed at the annual 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 299 memberships had come in for this year so far, with \$4400.00 designated for fireworks. Sylvia asked for the cost of fireworks for this summer. Chris Ruttger will check this out.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins reported that Dominic Ciresi is helping him gather signatures from residents. It was reported that signature response has been good. David is producing

maps showing ownership of the properties on the lake. The maps are based on property IDs and we will be following up with those we don't have soon. Once the signature process is completed our data base will be very accurate and up to date. The divers have completed their spring survey, and 40 acres of milfoil will be treated this Spring. David indicated that last Fall's treatment worked pretty well. He reported, though that the density of sites is higher. Two or three years ago a dense site had 100 plants. Now a dense sight has 300 plants.

David also indicated that the large acreage by Bird Island was treated and reduced to 5 to 6 acres. He indicated that we will treat a full 152 acres this year.

Sylvia Graff reported on the progress of access monitoring. 31 new people have been trained and 30 hours of access monitoring has already been completed by the Deerwood Lakes Lions. Evaluation sheets were completed and Sylvia will turn these in to the DNR.

Environmental Fund

Rick Bale was unable to attend the meeting and thus there was no report.

Breezes

Bobbie Keller reported that the Spring edition of the Breezes is out. There was a discussion of a need to "re-tool" Breezes and to work for earlier distribution.

Website

Scott Shekels was unable to attend the meeting, so a discussion of the website was tabled. Marlene Waller has sent electronic copies of all materials to Scott.

Water Quality

Mark Roloff reported on progress (or delay in progress on) the highway 10 project. He indicated that Alan from Lake Restoration will monitor plans (seeding bank, culverts, water runoff, etc). Alan will attend meetings at which plans are discussed. Mark indicated that cost will not exceed \$950.

Fireworks

It was indicated that we need some docks to expand the fireworks at the shore of Rutgers resort. A motion was made to authorize \$1400 for purchase of docs. Motion made by Steve Souder and seconded by Paul Erickson. Motion approved.

New Business

George Reynolds was present to propose a golfing fund raiser. This is scheduled for August 11, 2007 with half the proceeds going to the Environmental Fund. The event will consist of a 9 hole golf scramble at a cost of \$50 per person. This event will be combined with the annual picnic. Individuals will be able to attend the picnic at a cost of \$15 each. George was encouraged to seek out use of Alex's Nine for this event as then it would be able to start earlier and help with the timing of the picnic. George will get an announcement out shortly and this will be an item at the annual meeting.

Shoreline Preservation

Steve Souder reported that the donation jar yielded \$150 for the plant giveaway.

History

Paul Erickson reported on the compilation of a history on Hunter's Bay. He indicated that there are now initiatives underway on 4 other beaches. Peter Strand is coordinating a history of Battle Point, Jim Ysseldyke of the North Shore, Sylvia Graff of the Pleasant Acres portion of Echo Bay, and Don Hardle and Dale Klungness of Doty's Addition (west of Ramsay's Retreat). Information about the History Project is on the Bay Lake website.

Youth Recruitment

Dominic Ciresi, Phil and Leah Malkerson spoke about the need to encourage young people to become actively involved in Association activities. They indicated that a beverage and pizza party would be held the afternoon of 7-7-07 at Lonesome Pine. This will be an opportunity for young people to speak to Board members about opportunities available. Dominic, Phil and Leah asked for time to speak at the annual meeting, and this was granted.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ysseldyke,
Secretary