

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting Minutes
9:00 A.M., Saturday April 26, 2008
Lonesome Pine**

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	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	
Ysseldyke, Jim - Secretary	X	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		Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Roloff, Mark - Nominating	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	
Keller, Bobbie - Breezes		Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Parrish, John	
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Peterson, Tori – Shoreline Protection	
		Poland, Jerry - Government	X
		Shekels, Scott - Website	X
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	

At 9:05 A.M. President Trish Jespersen called the meeting to order. Guests present were Bruce Johnson, Brenda Olson, and Josh Goolsbee.

Minutes

Minutes of the December, 2007 meeting were distributed electronically and were discussed. Steve Souder made a motion to approve the minutes and this was seconded by Betty Marquardt. Minutes approved.

Jim suggested that we start putting copies of approved minutes on the Bay Lake website. There was consensus that this should be done. Jim will send Scott Shekels minutes for 2007 including the minutes of the annual meeting. It will be noted that those minutes have not yet been approved by the Association members. The minutes have been sent to Scott and now are on the website.

Treasurers Report

Both treasurers provided reports to the Board. Sylvia Graff distributed a copy of the Bay Lake Improvement Association report. She indicated a balance of \$27,543.97. Sylvia called attention of the Board to one large expenditure for purchase of docks for the fireworks. This is a one-time expenditure and now enables us to set off

fireworks in the water in the area east of Ruttgers Resort. This expenditure earlier was approved by the Board.

Chris Gondeck distributed a copy of the Treasurer's report for the consolidated fund. He reported a balance (3/31/08) of \$161,212.89. He also provided a breakdown of the use of funds. Board members asked for a more detailed breakdown, and Chris agreed to provide this at the next meeting. Betty Marquardt moved that the Treasurers' two reports be approved with the expectation that there would be a more detailed breakdown of Chris' report. David Devins seconded the motion. Motion approved.

David Devins proceeded to ask about budgeting for the Association, especially about setting an objective for our reserve funds. This will be discussed as part of our ongoing discussion of Planned Giving. David recommended striving for \$200,000 in our reserve fund. He projects a minimum of \$140-\$150,000 needed for milfoil treatment this year. Trish agreed to ask Becky Roloff to attend our next meeting to talk about Planned Giving. We need to have a goal for a balance beginning next year. A suggestion was made that we communicate our goal and progress toward that goal via a thermometer on lake bulleting boards. It was suggested further that first we need a goal.

Chris Gondeck suggested that we provide public recognition for people who have given large amounts to the Association. After Board discussion it was decided that recognition should be in the form of personal contact coordinated either by the President or the Treasurer.

A recommendation was made that we send personal thank you notes to all who have donated to the fund. This task will be divided among Board members.

Membership

Betty reminded Board Members that memberships can now be paid online at the Baylake.org website. She reported that we have 5 members to date.

Betty suggested that we enter spouses/partners into our database so that any correspondence can be to families rather than individuals. There was consensus that this should be done.

Betty reported that last year we raised \$6565 for fireworks, slightly above our goal.

A discussion was held about whether to raise membership dues. It was decided that this was not necessary at this time. We also discussed the need to work very hard to increase the number of people who join the Association. We want to keep the dues minimal so that multiple families (e.g., children of homeowners) can join. A strong, vibrant membership and involvement of as many people as possible is really more important than raising an extra \$5 or \$10 per member.

Aquatic Plant Management Report

<DAVID, PLEASE EDIT. I MISSED A FEW THINGS.>

David Devins showed a visual of spots treated for milfoil during the Fall, 2007 treatment. He now is able to illustrate visually all spots affected by milfoil and all spots treated. This illustrates also spots we have decided not to treat, typically because of lack of effectiveness in the past. It was suggested that we put the visual in the Environmental fund newsletter.

Alternative methods of treatment were discussed. Jim Ysseldyke and Steve Souder asked about treatments that reportedly are working in Michigan and Lake Minnetonka. David indicated that he is very aware of the treatments being used, especially a chemical called SONAR. David indicated that it would be likely the treatment would be less effective on Bay Lake than on lakes that do not have so many bays. He reported that the DNR will not support use of the chemical Floradone.

David has met with Buddy Divers and they are ready to go once the ice melts.

David reported that he has received a permit from the DNR for treatments for this year.

David met with Lake Restoration and they have agreed to provide treatments for 2008.

Environmental Fund

Rick Bale was absent and there was no report.

Government

Jerry Poland distributed copies of the most recent dock regulations. A lengthy discussion was held, and a recommendation was made to join the group P.O.P.U.L.A.R. (*Jerry, can you give me the name of the group rather than the acronym?*). Gary Malek made a motion that we join this group, and the motion was seconded by Sylvia Graff. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry reported further that work on Highway 10 is delayed once again, at least until Fall 2008.

Website

Scott Shekels reported on progress with the website. He indicated that we are getting in excess of 1,000 hits per day.

We need to add the website address to the letterhead. We also need to put it on bulletin boards at Ruttgers, Hansens, and Lonesome Pine. Bruce Johnson volunteered to do this.

We need to do archiving of minutes, treasurers reports, etc on the website. Jim has already send previous minutes to officers and the website. Done.

Access Monitoring

Sylvia Graff announced that training for access monitoring will be on Friday May 16th at 7 pm and Saturday June 7 at 10 am. Sylvia asked us to circulate this information and hopes to have very many people show up to bolster the monitoring forces. Sylvia also reported that she sent personal thank you cards to all who participated in monitoring. A motion was made by David Devins and seconded by Jim Ysseldyke to spend \$7500 for monitoring. Motion was approved.

Breezes

Trish reported that she talked to Bobbie Keller and Bobbie would like some assistance and sharing with production of Breezes. Brenda Olson volunteered. Brenda indicated she will be willing to work with Bobbie and that she will work on production through Bay Lake Camp. Trish volunteered to check alternative formats. Bottom Line was recommended. They have a website: www.bottomlinesecrets.com, www.bottomlineretirement.com, www.bottomlinepersonal.com.

We discussed selling of ads for the Breezes. We also discussed personal ads like "boat for sale". This is on hold for further discussion once we deal with format. Brenda suggested an April, June, and fall publication cycle. Submissions of articles will be coordinated at baylakecamp@mac.com or to Bobbie. Brenda indicated folks could also call her cell. 6561-247-0360.

Water Quality

Mark Roloff reported on results of the winter water sampling through the ice. The sampling was done at three sites. Secchi disc reading (how far down one can see the disk) is 15 feet. This is an improvement over the past (Mark, my fishing map book says 14, correct?) There is a slight increase in the presence of phosphorous. Alternative explanations (drought, fertilizer on lawns or neighboring farms, was discussed. The chemical composition and quality of the water is holding where we have been for the past 13 years.

New Business

The annual meeting is scheduled for July 5 and an expanded continental breakfast will be served.

Fireworks is July 5.

The May meeting was moved from the 17th to the 31st to avoid a conflict with tree giveaway (Memorial Day weekend, May 24 and to accommodate people's schedules. (Note: the meeting now has been rescheduled to May 17).

Meetings for 2008 are June 21, July 19, August 16, September 13, and December 13.

The annual BLIA Christmas party is December 13.

Plant and tree giveaway is May 24.

Church Island dock setup is May 24.

We need to re-visit the topic of memorial donations.

Motion made by Jim Ysseldyke and seconded by Chris Ruttgers to adjourn.
Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary.

Adjournment