

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting Minutes
8 A.M., Saturday December 12, 2009
Ruttgers Resort**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
Jespersen, Patricia – President		Albertson, Chuck	
Ruttger, Chris – VP	X	Bye, Jim - Runtilla	
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer		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	
Roloff, Mark – Nominating	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes		Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources		Parrish, John	
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Peterson, Tori	
		Poland, Jerry - Government	
		Shekels, Scott - Website	
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
		Johnson, Bruce - Taxes	

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Vice President Chris Ruttger. Chris noted that we did not have a quorum for the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October, 2009 meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Sylvia Graff made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by David Devins. The minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Sylvia Graff distributed the BLIA fund report. She reported a balance of \$18,163.41. It was reported that we received a total of \$6050 for fireworks and that this was about \$4000 short of what we paid. In 2008 we received \$7395 for fireworks. It was decided that Chris Ruttger would make a request at the Holiday party. It was also reported that the last \$500 was received for the Runtilla. Betty Marquardt moved approval of the BLIA treasurer report and the motion was seconded by Steve Souder. Treasurer’s report approved.

There was no report for the Environmental Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Marquardt reported that we have 478 members

WEBSITE

There was a brief discussion of the need to move to a paid website developer/host.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT

David Devins reported that we treated a total of 110 acres of the lake, with Fall treatment of 70 acres. He indicated that milfoil growth was reduced and that native plant species are strong.

David discussed and recommended obtaining a software program called Arcview. He indicated that we can get a free subscription, and if not the cost will be \$4500. We would have a three year payback. If we had to pay for Arcview it would cost \$3,700. A \$750 per year fee to the DNR will be reduced which could be used for paying for Arcview software. David will pursue getting the software free. We need to revisit this. Consensus was that we should proceed with efforts to get the software (preferably free). David will apply for a grant to get it free.

It was reported that our current water treatment plan expires at the end of 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND RAISING

As a follow-up to the strategic planning meeting held in October there was a discussion of the need to change the name of this committee to "Development" or "Fund Raising". For now, we will entitle this committee "Environmental Fund Raising".

WATER QUALITY

Mark Roloff reported that we are coming up to bi-annual water quality testing. David Devins moved \$2500 to pay for the testing and the motion was seconded by Steve Souder. Motion passed.

Mark reported that there are some issues with runoff from the new road. Allen Cibuzan will meet with Rob Hall, County Engineer, about this. Screening is also an issue that will be discussed.

Email discussions were held earlier about the availability of Minnesota Waters funds. Mark indicated that we are not members of this group. We earlier voted out of this. Mark reported that the group has changed. The ensuing discussion included a recommendation that we re-join this group and also Poplar. Action on this recommendation was tabled until the spring meeting.

Mark indicated that we should look to expand review of water quality to the Bay Lake watershed and that we should work with other lake associations to implement a comprehensive plan.

Access Monitoring

Sylvia Graff reported on checking on the use of a video system powered by solar panels for access monitoring. Chris Ruttger and Sylvia reported on their discussion with the inventor of the system. It was argued that the voice unit is a real plus. It is bullet proof and safe from trailers backing into it. Information was distributed at the meeting.

There was consensus on pursuing the use of a camera at the access. This is available from Environmental Sentry Protection. Chris Ruttger will work on a proposal to be sent, and we will re-visit this at the April 2010 meeting.

Sylvia Graff will apply for a \$2000 grant from the DNR to pay monitors. She indicated that hours billed by DNR do not match Sylvia's records. She will check on this and change it going forward.

It was reported that we can put a basket for aluminum cans at the access if it is checked every day. It was also indicated that there is no problem with having drop boxes for evaluations that are completed by the monitors.

A brief discussion was held about use of a power wash system and this was not recommended.

We discussed the fact that we need to find someone to work with Sylvia Graff on coordination of access monitoring. Sylvia will contact Phil and Jane Rollins and check on his willingness to co-chair the access monitoring activities.

We also discussed things that we need at the access. It was suggested that we obtain a basket for cans at the access, a solar canister, washers, and that we perhaps contract for workers from an independent person. Sylvia will contact the Lions to see if they can provide this.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that there will be a New Year's eve day church service on Church Island.

Adjournment

Steve Souder moved adjournment at 9:30 and David Devins seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary