

**DRAFT**  
**Bay Lake Improvement Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010**  
**Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

<b>Officers/Directors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Present</b>
Ruttger, Chris – President	X	Bye, Jim --Runtilla	
Ciresi, Dominic – VP & Development	X	Erickson, Paul – History	X
Gondeck, Chris – Co-Treasurer	X	Hanson, Ruth - Continuity	
Graff, Sylvia - Co-Treasurer	X	Johnson, Bruce - Taxes	
Ysseldyke, Jim – Secretary & Fishing Contest		Kelly, Mike - Legal	
Devins, David – Aquatic Plant Mgmt	X	Kraft, Joel – Fishing Contest	
Jespersen, Patricia – Development & Nominating	X	Knutson, Don – Env Fund Assistant	
Bale, Rick	X	Krueger, Karl – Water Safety	
Jessen, Mark	X	Marquardt, Betty - Membership	
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources		Poland, Jerry - Government	
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla		Shekels, Scott - Website	
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
		Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains	X
		Johnson, Tamara - Conservation	

President Chris Ruttger called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 22, 2010, meeting were presented. A long discussion followed, with board members noting several additions and corrections. Sparked from discussion noted in the May 22 minutes, table topics morphed into the board's policy on taking a stand on issues. Consensus was that the board's role should be mainly an educational one, and that board members should be able to testify but not lobby about issues. That led to rediscussion on the issue of dock regulations and how to communicate it to BLIA members. David Devins had prepared a letter to Bay Lakers to go out in an e-mail blast, explaining the status of the issue and how Bay Lakers can get involved. Board members wanted to assure the membership that BLIA is on top of this issue. David Devins noted that the dock regulation issue is on the governor's desk for his approval. Public hearings will follow, and Bay Lakers

should participate in these hearings if they feel strongly about the issue. The long discussion ended with consensus that the report on dock regulations in the May 22 minutes should stand as is. After a motion by Trish Jespersen and second by Chris Gondeck, the May 22, 2010, minutes were approved with changes.

#### TREASURERS' REPORTS

Chris Gondeck and Sylvia Graff presented their reports. Chris noted that he had filed a tax return for BLIA this year and passed it around for review. BLIA is currently in the middle of an audit. Sylvia reported that she had renewed a CD with People's National Bank and noted one correction on her last month's report. Mark Roloff moved the financial reports be approved, and Dominic Ciresi seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

With the absence of Betty Marquardt, there was no membership report.

#### WEBSITE

Paul Erickson explained his newly created position of "Website Reporter." His job will be to coordinate, generate and create website content, while Scott Shekels continues to handle the technical aspect of website management. Paul noted that the BLIA website is good but not usually current. In his position, Paul will not merely receive information, but proactively seek it out. The goal is to establish a process of receiving and processing information that will allow the site to be more up-to-date and interactive.

Effectively immediately, anyone wanting to post something on the BLIA website must e-mail the information to Paul at [ericksonpaulsue@aol.com](mailto:ericksonpaulsue@aol.com) and state that the information is ready to be posted. Paul will send a confirmation by return e-mail. If a confirmation is not received, the source should call Paul at 218-678-3400.

In addition Paul's goal is to capture board information in brief articles in a "What's Going on Now" section, so there will be some format changes to the site. Paul is in the process of buying software that Scott uses so they can easily work together. Paul asked for ideas on topics and mechanics of how to make the site more interactive.

#### AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT REPORT

David Devins reported that he is in the process of determining the treatment approval signatures he is missing and plans to catch up on that project this summer.

Meanwhile the weeds are doing well; milfoil is strong this year. David plans to treat the usual 30-some acres this spring and wants to be able to do more treatments in

the fall. Divers are using new mapping software to collect GPS data in a format that will allow us to see better what is happening with the milfoil.

Chris Ruttger and David recently met with members of the Serpent Lake Association, which is trying to figure out how to raise money to fight curly leaf pondweed in Serpent Lake.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The spring solicitation letter will go to Chris Ruttger this week for his review and go out to membership soon after.

In preparation for the BLIA annual meeting, Trish Jespersen showed hard copy of a proposed slide program that would help people understand how we're spending money, with specifics on what their donations pay for, such as the exact cost of a buoy. The plan is to do an ask at the meeting. Pledge cards will be on the tables.

#### BUOYS

Chris Ruttger said he had spoken with Karl Krueger, the current buoy chairperson, who indicated he would be at the meeting but wasn't. We paid \$2,800 for new buoys.

#### ACCESS MONITORING

The ILIDS unit is ready to install. The DNR is giving us some free monitoring time. Sylvia Graff said she had just received the schedule and will fill in with Bay Lake and Bay Lake/Deerwood Lions volunteers. Bay Lake Camp volunteers will work Tuesdays, Bay Lake/Deerwood Lions volunteers will work Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Bay Lake volunteers will work Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The groups will share Monday time slots. Each group will coordinate its own schedule. Sylvia is in the process of collecting monitor evaluations. She recommended having another monitor class after the BLIA annual meeting.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Board members briefly discussed the BLIA annual meeting July 10 and appropriate items for the agenda.

#### OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Water Quality

Mark Roloff has been working with Alan Cibuzar of A. W. Research Laboratories, Inc. on several proposed water quality projects. He explained the projects and their estimated cost, and asked for the board's approval. Implementation of a project to

fill in vegetation along the repaved County Road 10 would cost an estimated \$3,830. The cost would include gathering and spreading of cattail seed, purchasing and planting of white pine trees, and purchasing and planting of bulrush seed, plus project management, meetings and permits.

Another project, estimated to cost \$170, would train volunteers to take water samples and flow measurements at three culverts during rain events and at three locations at the inlet from Birch Lake once a month from June through October. A laboratory analysis of phosphorous intake at the three culverts would be conducted at \$228 per rain event. A laboratory analysis on the Birch Lake inlet samples would be conducted for \$117 per month.

Mark moved approval of project amounts. Motion approved.

### Boat Etiquette

Chris Gondeck distributed a list of 17 suggestions of how boaters can be more courteous on the lake. Board members liked the list but suggested shortening it before putting it into the Breezes or any other communication vehicle.

### Beach Captains

Josh Goolsbee is putting together a welcome packet for new Bay Lakers. He asked board members to e-mail him ideas of ways to acquaint new people with the lake and businesses around the lake.

### History Project

Paul Erickson reported that seven shorelines have completed their history books and that six more should be done this year. This is the last year Paul is going to promote the project. The Bay Lake book will now be segments on the website talking about general Bay Lake history; it will not be a compilation of stories about individual cabins.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved: Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Keller  
Acting secretary