

**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting Minutes
9 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2010
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Officers/Directors	Present	Committee Chairs	Present
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	X
Ysseldyke, Jim – Secretary & Fishing Contest	X	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		Krueger, Karl – Water Safety	
Jessen, Mark		Marquardt, Betty - Membership	X
Roloff, Mark – Water Quality	X	Nelson, Jim - Security	
Keller, Bobbie – Breezes	X	Orwoll, Gregg - Fireworks	
Malek, Gary – Fishing Resources	X	Poland, Jerry - Government	X
Souder, Steve – Conservation and Runtilla	X	Shekels, Scott - Website	
		Souder, Tiffin – Shoreline Protection	
		Goolsbee, Josh – Beach Captains	X
		Johnson, Tamara - Conservation	
		Rollins, Phil – Access Monitoring	X

President Chris Ruttger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chris welcomed Phil Rollins to his first BLIA Board meeting in his new position as Chair of the Access Monitoring Committee.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the June, 2010 meeting were distributed electronically and were discussed. Dominic Ciresi made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed and Trish Jespersen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Minutes of the July 10 Annual Meeting were distributed electronically. A change was noted for the access monitoring hours. The minutes will be corrected to read the actual number of hours plus 89 hours travel. It was noted that this is important because we pay both for monitoring and travel time. A motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting was made by Chris Gondeck and seconded by Mark

Roloff. Motion approved. The minutes must still be approved by the members at the 2011 annual meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORTS

Chris Gondeck did not present a report for the Environmental Fund. He noted that he has set up a separate checking account for the Runtilla and that this will enable more rapid processing of checks. Heidi Bye is co-signer on that checking account. Chris also indicated that he set up a savings account at Long Lake Bank for the purpose of immediate deposit of checks sent for the Environmental Fund rather than having to send them to Deerwood Bank. Then when funds accumulate, checks can be written to Deerwood Bank. This led to a discussion of the number of signatures required on accounts. A point was made that we need at least two signatures on each account; so we will need to add one on the Long Lake account.

Jerry Poland moved that we require a second signature for checks over \$10,000 and Sylvia Graff seconded the motion. Discussion centered on the argument that this is a logistic hassle and that multiple approval is better than multiple signatures. Chris indicated that he copies the BLIA Board President for approval, and it was thought this good practice should continue. Jerry Poland withdrew his motion and Sylvia Graff concurred. It is understood that the President will be copied on large checks.

Phil Rollins suggested development of a list of who is on what account and who the signatories are. Chris Gondeck will find such a memo and provide it for the next BLIA Board meeting.

Sylvia Graff reported on the BLIA account and indicated we have a balance of \$25,552.48. Trish Jespersen moved approval of the BLIA Fund treasurer's report and Steve Souder seconded the motion. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Betty Marquardt reported that we have 445 members. She also raised concern about the cost of returned letters for BLIA mailings. Betty will work with Marlene to correct the database. Betty also shared letters she received in response to one of the Environmental Fund mailings. One concerned the presence of trailers on an access in Mosquito Bay. The other expressed a concern that our milfoil treatments are not working.

ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Dominic Ciresi reported that the Environmental Fund fundraising letter went out and that donations are coming in. He and Trish are working on the next letter. They are also working on new ways to increase major donations.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT REPORT

David Devins reported that he will send out milfoil and zebra mussel identification letters shortly. He also shared a report of zebra mussels in Lake Minnetonka. David indicated that the fall treatment is scheduled to occur in late September.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Monitoring

Phil Rollins indicated that he will apply for a grant from the DNR to assist with access monitoring. He also will contact the company that installed the ILIDS system and let them know that the image quality needs to be improved. Issues were again raised regarding launching of boats at Hansen's access where we do not have monitors. Gary Malek volunteered to work with Phil on contacting Hansens and on issues regarding launching of boats at sites other than the public access.

A Lions recycling basket will be added at the access. It was decided not to put in a garbage can because it needs to be emptied every day. And, it was thought it would encourage dumping of garbage, especially fish entrails.

Water Quality

Mark Roloff reported on the concerns raised at the annual meeting re water levels on the lake. He reported that he learned that when the culvert was put in on Highway 10 in the mid 1980s that the culvert was too low. A board was subsequently put in and somehow the board was removed. So, there has been excess drainage from the lake. Mark indicated that the County will check all culverts on the Highway 10 reconstruction to see if they are at the proper levels. If not, action will be taken to make sure they are at the correct level.

Bruce Johnson reported that we now have a practice of having water sampled at each rain event. He asked if we are paying for each separate event, and thought that if that is the case he would recommend fewer samples. For example, if it rains 4 times in one week it makes more sense to sample once rather than 4 times. Bruce also asked whether we are paying per culvert or for the four culverts combined. Mark will check to see what we pay for. Bruce is doing the water sampling and flow measurements and taking the samples to Brainerd for analysis. He is pretty certain we pay separately for each analysis. Earlier Mark had indicated that the water sample analyses for phosphorous intake cost \$228 per rain event.

Mark Roloff reported that Alan Cibuzar has the ability to do a flyover to check vegetation throughout the lake and on the water surface. He also checks point/no point discharge. Board members asked for further explanation of what Alan does before approving expenditure of funds to support the flyover. Jerry Poland volunteered to check with Alan about the flyover and its cost. Chris Gondeck moved

expenditure for the flyover subject to approval by Jerry Poland and Mark Roloff. Gary Malek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Another issue raised was the issue of culverts draining directly into the lake on the highway 10 reconstruction area. Mark will check on direction of flow when the county checks culvert levels.

An issue was raised about homes that now are mowing lawns all the way to the lake and also about new beaches that have been installed replacing rip rap. It was pointed out that this is a matter of education and that we need to be providing each new resident with welcome packets that include information about shoreline protection.

Golf Tournament/Picnic

Betty Marquardt reported that we made in excess of \$4,000 on the golf tournament picnic. Proceeds go to the environmental fund. Jim Ysseldyke will send a letter to George thanking him for organizing this important event.

Annual Meeting

Chris Ruttger indicated that he had received good feedback on the annual meeting and especially positive comments about the amount of Board business shared. It was argued that in the future we should focus more on Board business and only have outside speakers when there is an especially urgent topic.

The 2011 meeting date was discussed and it was argued that we need to shoot for the Saturday after July 4.

Runtilla

A report on the 2010 Runtilla event was received from Jim and Heidi Bye. It was reported that this was the 26th Runtilla and that we had the biggest turnout ever – estimated at more than 600 participants and spectators. Jim and Heidi thanked Dennis and Jackie Charles for provision of a fun picnic lunch after the race. They indicated this kept people on-site and added to the sense of community.

Jim and Heidi reported that donations were received from 61 sponsors, 12 of whom were first-time sponsors. They reported that the Runtilla raised approximately \$17,500 for the Environmental Fund. The Runtilla now has raised over \$167,000 for the Environmental Fund. Jim and Heidi highlighted the following as ways in which the Runtilla contributes:

- It is a family-oriented event
- It is multi-generational

- It is a heart-healthy activity for all ages
- It has a long history of participation – many entrants have participated for all 25 years
- There is competition and awards for all ages
- Recognition of contributors
- Children are involved in t-shirt design via the Children's camp
- There is a small minimum participation fee to broaden competition.

Jim and Heidi reported that this year they had over 30 volunteers. They thanked the following volunteers who have helped out year after year: Steve and marlene Souder, chip and MarBeth Sorenson, Jim and Leanne Brecht, Lynn Hansen, The Dennis Charles family, Bruce and Sandy Johnson, Marlene Albertson, Julianne Bye, Hansen's Store, Rone and Jeane Nesbit, Steve and Tari Sherry, and Kay Oling.

Board members asked Jim Ysseldyke to express thanks to the Bye's for their years of organizing the Runtilla event.

Breezes

There will be a fall copy of the Breezes. Bobbie Keller announced that there is an October 15 deadline for submission of Breezes articles and that she would be able to distribute the Breezes around November 15.

Tax Committee

Bruce Johnson reported that our challenge is our assessment. He indicated that Crow Wing County Assessor uses a specific formula to assess property. He assesses property at \$3800 per front foot for the first 100 feet, 60% of that amount for the next 100 feet, and 25% of that amount thereafter. He indicated that there also is a formula for structures. For example, vaulted peaks are extra.

Bruce indicated that an effort is made to assess properties at 90% of actual market value. There is a shortage of sales over the past 5 years, so finding "comparables" to use in appraising property is an issue. Bruce reported that there have been no more than 6 sales in the past 3 years, and that foreclosure or bank sales cannot be used as "comparables" in establishing market value.

Website

Paul Erickson encouraged Association members to go to the newly reorganized Bay Lake website and to read the extensive amount of new information that is included.

Water Safety

Chris Gondeck distributed a set of new stickers he had printed on boat etiquette. He also indicated that reflector tape is needed on the buoys so they are visible at night. Chris will follow up with Karl Kruger to see that this happens.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a request from Tame Fish Lake residents to have Tame Fish Lake become a part of our Association. It was reported that in the past we have received such a request and similar requests from residents of Little Pine Lake. It was recommended that we not take this action as it would result in diminution of resources for Bay Lake water quality, invasive species control, and other events. There was consensus that we not grant this request at this time.

A request was received for development and distribution of a list of phone numbers and emails for Board members and committee chairs. Jim Ysseldyke volunteered to put such a list together. A question was asked whether we wanted to develop a directory of members of the association. It was argued that this would take extensive work as numbers and email addresses change often, and that it is not within the mission and scope of the Board to produce such a directory. It was the consensus that we not do so.

Gary Malek reported on a fundraiser being held for Church camp. Debra Flam and Diane Meyers will swim from Hansens to the White Hawk and they are seeking pledges. Proceeds go to the Bay Lake Camp to support children from poverty environments to attend camp.

Sylvia Graff distributed a copy of a new historical map of our area. She indicated that copies of the map can be sold by the Association as a fundraiser. We will be doing so.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Ysseldyke moved adjournment of the meeting. This was seconded by David Devins and unanimously approved: Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Ysseldyke".

Jim Ysseldyke
Secretary