



**Bay Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2019
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
Approved July 11, 2020**

The 2018 President Phil Rollins called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Phil welcomed everyone and offered a special thanks to the Ruttger family and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge for again hosting the Annual Meeting.

The meeting began with the opening invocation given by Dan Mulheran, followed by a moment of silence for Bay Lakers who had passed away during the past year.

Eagle & Raptor Presentation

Amber Taylor, from the UofM Raptor Center, gave an informative presentation about raptors and in particular, the American Bald Eagle, the Kestrel and the Raptor Center.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were sent out electronically and several copies were on tables for review. A **motion** to approve the 2018 minutes was made by Dan Mulheran, seconded by Steve Souder and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the 2017 and 2018 Financial Statements were on all the tables for review. Treasurer Chris Gondeck reviewed the 2018 statements and reported 2018 total revenue of \$235,236, total expenses of \$159,484, resulting in a surplus of \$75,912. As of 2018 year-end, BLIA had reserves of \$640,000. A **motion** to approve the financial report was made by John Mulheran, seconded by Sherm Malkerson and approved unanimously.

Board of Director Nominations

Chris Ruttger nominated the following members to serve three-year director terms:

- Bobbie Keller
- Matt Qualen
- Chris Ruttger
- Jennifer Qualen
- Phil Malkerson

A **motion** was made to approve the nominations, seconded and passed unanimously.

Long-time Board members Bruce Johnson and Gary Malek were acknowledged for their many years serving BLIA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fishing Resources & Small Northern Pike Contest

Matt Qualen provided an update on Bay Lake's fishing resources and the Small Northern Fishing Contest. His entire PowerPoint presentation will be available on the website.

Aquatic Plant Management

David Devins reviewed the Eurasian Milfoil treatment schedule, with the first completed in June and the second in October. David further reported that the chemical treatment is proving effective in controlling the invasive Eurasian Milfoil, which allows the native Northern Milfoil to fill in and thrive.

Membership

Betty Marquardt reported that BLIA membership exceeded 650 in 2018 and the 2019 goal is to reach 700.

AIS Prevention

Phil Rollins reminded attendees that three live Zebra Mussels had been discovered in 2018 and one in 2019. Phil reviewed the various AIS activities: inspectors on the public access, Zebra Mussel detectors (short pieces of white PVC pipe) hanging from 20 docks, periodic water sampling, inspections by scuba divers. All members were reminded to please periodically check docks and lifts for evidence of Zebra Mussels.

Fireworks

Josh Goolsbee thanked the Orwoll family for putting on wonderful fireworks shows for 30+ years and read the list of volunteers who worked to set up and remove the fireworks and Music on the Lake. Phil Rollins asked the audience to acknowledge Josh for his many contributions to BLIA and other lake activities.

Water Quality

Phil Rollins reported for Water Quality Chair Terry Coss; AW Research continues to sample Bay Lake waters to follow trends in the chemical content and alert us of potential problems. Phosphorus remains the primary concern. To attempt to reduce the increasing levels of phosphorus, BLIA has engaged Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a study to determine the location, frequency and amount of phosphorous flowing into the lake.

Bay Lake Ambassadors & 50th Anniversary Celebration

Amy Grady reported that over the past three years, 65 Welcome Books have been distributed to new Bay Lake property owners and asked attendees to let her know of any new cabin owners.

Amy also reported on plans for the BLIA 50th Anniversary in 2020 and showed the new logo. In addition to a handful of items commemorating the anniversary (T-shirts, hats, etc.) that will be available for purchase starting at Ruttger's Oktoberfest, we will be enhancing existing events and adding a "Floatilla" pontoon boat parade on Saturday, June 27.

Upcoming Events

8th Annual Amazing Race

Nancy Latourneau reported that the 2019 event would be held on Saturday, July 20, with registration forms available at Hansen's store and online. Awards and pizza would be presented and served at the Lonesome Pine following the event. Sponsorships were still available.

Runtilla

Jimmy Bye reported that the 35th Annual Runtilla would be held Saturday, August 3, with registration forms available at Hansen's store or online. As in many prior years, Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles will provide brats and accompaniments with the Lonesome Pine providing the Bloody Mary/Mimosa bar. Jimmy reported that to date \$375,000 has been raised for the BLIA Environmental Fund, with \$42,000 raised in 2018. Sponsorships were still available.

Family Block Party

Jennifer Qualen reported that the 2nd Annual Family Block Party would be held on Saturday, August 10 on Church Island. Registration forms will be available online at www.baylake.org. In the event's first year, attendance is estimated to have been 350.

Annual Trivia Fundraiser

Peggy Blistain reported that the 2019 Trivia Night at Ruttgers will be held on August 25. Registration forms will be available online and the registration fee includes appetizers and prizes. Prize donations are welcome.

BLIA Holiday Party

Louise Sorenson announced the 2019 BLIA Holiday Party would be at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Saturday, December 7.

Volunteer Thank You

President Phil Rollins asked all the volunteers present to stand and be recognized for their efforts.

Member Questions & Other Business

Ron Mogen announced that pickle ball is played every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at Ruttger's and was open to anyone interested in playing for a nominal fee.

Closing

Bobbie Keller and Ann Ruttger led the group in singing America the Beautiful.

Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Dietsch, Secretary
7/23/2019