Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting

August 14, 2005

MINUTES:

Vice Chair Fred Luckeroth called the meeting to order. New members, Mike and Mickey Willard, and Dan Simms were introduced, and for the benefit of full time residents other weekend and part time residents present were introduced, Shirley Simonson, Annette and Larry Theisen, Dave and Julie Ewert, Dave and Sandy Christenson, Dick and Vera Brown.

•1. OLD BUSINESS

• A. Secretary's Report
  • The minutes were reviewed and approved.
  • Motion to accept by George Thelen and second by Jim Theisen.

• B. Treasurer's Report
  • The current balance of the checking account is $1,478.03
  • There were $314.23 total expenses for the year. This included $50 for state lake association dues, and $250 for the annual meeting picnic.
  • There are 30 paying members.
  • Motion to accept by Fred Luckeroth, and second by Iris Shepard.

C. Loon Count Update

  • Boot Lake's loon population consists of 8 adult loons. There were no surviving baby loons this year.

D. Water Clarity Update
Secchi disk clarity was measured at 27 feet in June. The August 2005 reading was 18 feet.

E. Lake Directory Update

- A proof of the directory is ready.

F. Monthly Coffee Group Update

- The August 2005 coffee has been rescheduled to August 23rd.

G. Slalom Course Permit Update

- There was no discussion; a motion to approve the permit for 2006 was passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept by Kathy Kavolak and second by Iris Shepard.

H. DNR Lake Level Meter

- The DNR installed a lake level meter on the south end of the lake. The lake is currently at a normal level.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers
  - The following positions were unanimously elected:
  - Fred Luckeroth as President
  - Motion made by Pam Harvala, with a second by Jim Theisen.
  - George Thelen as Vice President
  - Motion made by Dick Lincowski, with a second by Dick Schmaus.
  - Dan Simms as Secretary
  - Motion made by Roger Stecker, with a second by Bert Swanson.
  - Dave Kloss as a member of the Board of Directors
  - Motion made by Judy Theisen, with a second by Iris Shepard.
B. Calendar
- There will be two picnics in 2006, to be held at Jim and Judy Theisen’s place.
- Potluck: 1pm, June 4, 2006
- Annual Meeting Picnic: 12 noon, August 13, 2006

C. Other Business
- An Association member informed attendees of earlier observations of young adults showing disrespect for Boot Lake's environment (i.e., driving personal watercraft into reeds/shallow areas, throwing alcoholic beverage containers into the water) and disregard for boat safety (i.e. jumping off boat while engine is running). A motion was made to send a letter from the Boot Lake Association indicating to the property owner(s) these actions were observed and should not be repeated in the future.
- Motion to accept by Dave Christianson, with a second by Dick Brown. Approval was unanimous.
- It was reported that Two Inlets Township has solicited comments to determine if there is interest in building a Community Center. Fred Luckeroth asked if anyone present could provide any more information on this Township initiative. There was no one present that could.
- Some Association members expressed an interest in the Association erecting an informational sign or bulletin board at the Public Landing. It was reported that some other lakes in the area have done this (e.g. Little Sand Lake Association). A motion was made by Dick Lincowski, with a second by John Theisen, to contact the DNR to determine what their regulations are concerning such items. Dick volunteered to contact the DNR.
- Fred Luckeroth reported that theft of mail occurred on June 11 at several mail boxes on County 42 and the township road surrounding the Lake. It was part of a large incident that occurred in Becker County that weekend. Members were reminded that they probably should avoid putting mail with checks in their mailboxes for mail carrier pickup. It was not known if any arrests were made in the case.
- Fred Luckeroth reported that if members are concerned about real property taxes, here are two sources of information and/or action:

-- The Becker County Taxpayers Association holds periodic meetings in Detroit Lakes to disseminate factual information about county tax and spending policies. For more info you can contact them at PO Box 201, Osage, MN 56570

-- You can obtain property tax information on line at the Becker County website to compare your taxes with similar property in the area. The website is at:

http://www.co.becker.mn.us/
D. Meeting Adjourned.

- Motion to adjourn by Dick Lincowski, with a second by Dan Simms.

THANKS, Jim and Judy, for hosting our annual meeting year after year!!! And, special thanks to Chris Luckeroth for organizing the food for the picnic, and Chris, Judy Theisen, Pat Sellers and Darleen Swanson for providing bars.