

**Boot Lake Association  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:00 PM  
Cabin of Ken & Paula English**

**Attendees:**

**Dan Simms – Chair**

**Ken Shepard – Vice Chair**

**Larry Kavolak – Director**

**Ken English – Secretary/Web site administrator**

Minutes

A. Old Business

1. Loon Count – Barb Stecker
  - No update
2. Citizens Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) -- Roger Stecker
  - No update
3. Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) water quality monitoring program -- Fred Luckerth
  - No update
4. Minnesota Waters liaison -- Dan Simms
5. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade -- Ken Shepard
  - Ken S will send out a note with more specifics regarding activities & time
  - Expect to meet at sunken island (north end of lake) for picnic
  - Picnic will be pot luc
6. Broadband Internet Information -- Ken Shepard
  - Ken S provided the following update :
    1. Qwest will most likely never provide broadband internet service
    2. Qwest said they could provide DSL, which is not nearly as good as broadband
    3. Zero (0) responses from Qwest, Arvig, and the Minn Public Utilities Commission regarding the petition signed last summer.
    4. Paul Bunyan has applied for 2 grants to expand their broadband coverage in our area and provide service in late summer or early fall of 2011. Grant approval will be known late summer or fall of 2010.
7. Loon Platforms -- Roger Stecker
  - No update
8. Annual Meeting and Potluck -- Paper supplies, beverages
  - Discussed having someone take over responsibility for bringing pot luc supplies.
  - Ken E agreed to take this and find out from Fred & Chris Luckerth what is needed.
9. Road Pickup coordination
  - Ken S reported that approximately 10 people showed up on a very nice day and did a very nice job cleaning up the roadside.
10. Newsletter -

- Dan S to get a newsletter sent out soon.
- 11. Web Site Maintenance --
  - Ken E has been working on a conversion to a new website mandated by the Minnesota Waters. Ken has been pasting the old pages into the new format and showed some examples of the new pages. More work to be done on this before it is ready for review. Hope to have this completed by the end of July.
- 12. Newsletter publication
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- 13. Membership Listings
  - Discussed updating the membership listing in a database. MS Access was mentioned. List would include names, phone numbers, mail address, and email address of all members. Ken E agreed to work on new db, with a target to have completed by mid-July.
- 14. Northwoods Bank checking account maintenance -- Pam Harvala
  - Dan S proposed having an audit of our account. Ken S and Ken E agreed.
  - Decided to ask Fred Luckeroth is he would be willing to provide this audit.
- 15. Monitor revision to Minnesota Shoreland Rules and Standards
- 16. Maintenance of Association historical files
  - Dan S has historical files on his computer and back up CDs. Agreed to send to Ken E for additional back up storage.

## B. New Business

1. Membership discussion
  - Discussed how to increase membership in the association. Ken S stated that some people in the area do not hear about the association meetings and activities. Ken S agreed to call these people for notification of upcoming events.
2. Email management
3. Goals for the board for 2010-2011
  - i. Get membership db created.
  - ii. AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) coordinator for Boot Lake assigned. Agreed to bring this up at the pot luc to see if anyone in the association is interested. Prevention is the best defense in keeping Boot Lake free of AIS and it was agreed that we should have a person involved in this on a regular basis.
4. AIS discussion
  - Ken E attended an AIS prevention meeting in Jan 2010 put on jointly by the MN DNR and the Minnesota Waters groups. Statistics have shown a huge increase in invaded waters in Wisconsin and Michigan and Minnesota is showing an alarming trend in the last 2 years. Prevention is the best known defense. The DNR had a grant for new signs (larger 3 X 4 foot) signs open until Jan 10, 2010 but stated at the meeting that this was mainly for new water access points. Two signs should be visible at each boat launch; one to see when putting boats in and another to see when leaving the boat launch. Ken

inquired and was told that all existing DNR launches would be getting the new signs. Inquiring locally with the DNR, this may not be true. More to come on this.

- What can be done at Boot Lake to keep AIS from infecting our lake?
- Right now, education of the impacts of AIS is the best action.
- Agreed to bring up at the pot luc and the association meeting in August.
- Can we put our own signs at the launch?
- Can we put in some kind of water washer at the launch?

5. Round table

Submitted by:

Ken English

Boot Lake Association Secretary