



# Boot Lake Newsletter

## Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting August 18th

The Annual Lake Association Meeting will meet **August 18th at 2:00pm**. The meeting will be held at Jim and Judy Theisen's lake home. Potluck will follow the meeting at 3:00pm.



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### OFFICERS

- Cliff Lafreniere Chairperson
- Pat Staples Secretary
- Kathie Kavolak Treasurer

### MINUTES

**Secretary's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Old Business**

**DNR Fish Count:**

**Barb's Loon Count:**

**Water Clarity Report:**

**Paving Boot Lake Drive:**

**Lake Directory**

**New Business**

**Slalom Course Permit**

**Lake Association By-Laws**

**Registration with the state**

**Minnesota Lake Association Membership**

**Adjournment.**

### Slalom Course Permit

This year an issue was raised by a group of lake association members regarding the issuance of a slalom course permit.

The matter was delegated to the lake association officers for handling. As chairperson of the lake association, here is the gist of my findings.

A quest of Half Moon Trail resort has been coming to Boot Lake for some 5 years. Each year he sets up a slalom course in the northeast corner of the lake. He keeps the course up for one week. To have a slalom course there permanently requires a permit from the county sheriff's department. Deputy Bruce Anderson is the person I spoke to regarding the matter. He informed me this was indeed correct. The permit is

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### Slalom Course (cont)

renewable on an annual basis and requires the approval of the local lake association. The permit had been allowed last year without approval but the patron had been told he would need the lake association approval to get a permit for this year.

The first concern I had regarding the issue was are we a recognized lake association for legal issues. A call to the county attorney's office was futile. Her recommendation was for the lake association to hire an attorney. The director of the Minnesota Lake Association also had no real answer to this question. So the question remained, does the Boot Lake Association have legal authority to give any input as an organization into this matter.

Our by-laws have some lapses in them in regard to registration with the state and this never being done. Minnesota Lake Association director suggested that was the least the lake association might want to consider to doing. Another noticeable lapse is in directors being named. Our by-laws call for directors and I know of none being elected. So the association officers had concern for cleaning up these details before we made a decision that had any potential for litigation. Litigation not only for the association but the officers and its members individually.

To resolve this years permit, I surveyed local residents on the very north end of the lake. I talked to five landowners. Two expressed support of denying the permit, three supported issuing the permit. I took the issue to the Boot Lake Association officers. Of the two officers available at the time, we decided to allow the permit for this year since the lake association would not meet again before the permit was needed. The issue would be placed on this years agenda for discussion.

It is hoped a healthy discussion can be held and all sides given a chance to give their opinions. This will give your officers a sense a direction you want taken in future permit issues.

"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."  
Henrik Ibsen

### Dues

#### REMINDER

If you haven't already done so please get your dues into Kathy Kovalik.

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