

Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting – August 11, 2019

I) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was accepted as recorded. Approved by Darlene Swanson Second George Thelen
- b. Treasurer's Report – Craig Niemen presented current bank balance, major expenditures, current membership. Report approved by Judy Theisen, Second Kathleen Lafreniere
- c. Loon Count Update: Presented by Chris Luckeroth. There was one successful nesting site on one of the three loon platforms set out by the association. A second pair of loons nested on a natural nest along the shoreline near the boat access. A total of three chicks were born, two surviving to date. Total adult count not available
- d. Water Monitoring program Update –
 - d.i. Fred Luckeroth continues to measure and report secchi disk readings to the appropriate state agency. Early summer readings were poor 9,10 and 12 feet. Residents have noted the green color of the water, which was noted to be common event this spring in the regional lakes. This was not an isolated Boot Lake event. August reading was back to prior years readings 17ft. Best readings have been in the mid-twenty ranges.
 - d.ii. Fred Luckeroth was told this springs water clarity unlikely caused by lakeshore development. Lake front development can contribute to water quality.
 - d.iii. Fred Luckeroth also shared that the association purchased a book resource that is available to the association members that covers good lakeshore development and plantings that enhance wildlife and lake water quality.
 - d.iv. AIS issues. Becker County has placed an inspector at the public landing for this summer. The inspector will be in place until the end of August. The inspector has not found any violations in his work this summer.
 - d.v. It has been recommended that Boot Lake residents watch the introduction of any used equipment that will go into the water until is has been dry docked at least 21 days. This length of dry dock will insure there is no AIS infestation present on the used equipment that would infect Boot Lake.
 - d.vi. Becker County is reporting AIS being found in Cormorant Lakes and Nelson Lake. 19 lakes with zebra muscle infestation and 30 total lakes with infestations. Hubbard County had no new infestations for 2019, Benedict and Garfield Lakes have AIS.
 - d.vii. Boot Lake Association has provided pamphlets to the two resorts for them to distribute to their quests.
 - d.viii. One question was raised about the classification of wild rice as an AIS issue. No one present could address this question with any authority. Wild rice is native to Minnesota but could it overtake portions of the lake and diminish the appearance and quality of lake water.

- e. Website: Website has been updated and can be found at minnesotawaters.org. Also you can google Boot Lake and it will take you to the Website. The website contains historical data and meeting minutes for anyone interested in those items.
- f. Coffee Club: Chris Luckeroth passed around the list of dates for sign ups. The final list will be available from Chris. It is available on the website.
- g. Email contact list was updated for those members present.
- h. July 4th Boat Parade: Kathi Doroff reported on this years parade and contest. There were no issues reported in having the resorts be the judges for the best decorated boat in the parade.

II) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Officers: Three positions were up for this year's election: Secretary, Vice President and Board of Director(1).
- b. Secretary: Kathi Doroff volunteered and was nominated for the position by Chris Luckeroth and second by Mark Johnson. Kathi Doroff was elected for the secretary's position.
- c. Board of Director: Craig Kulla volunteered for the position. Kathi Doroff nominated Crain for this position, second by Craig Niemen. Craig was elected to this post.
- d. Vice Chairman: No volunteers stepped forward and the position will remain empty for the time being.
- e. Calendar of Association Activities
 - e.i. Dates and sites for next year
 - e.i.1. August Annual meeting and Pot Luck
 - e.i.1.a. Date: 2nd Sunday of August (August 9, 2020)
 - e.i.1.b. Venue: None volunteered TBD
 - e.i.2. Road pickup dates
 - e.i.2.a. Fall Road Pickup
 - e.i.2.a.i. Date: Friday October 10th
 - e.i.2.a.ii. Venue: None volunteered TBD
 - e.i.2.b. Spring Road Pickup
 - e.i.2.b.i. Date: Thursday May 14th
 - e.i.2.b.ii. Venue: None volunteered TBD

e.i.3. If anyone would like to host any of the above activities please contact President Fred Luckeroth

- e.ii. One suggestion was presented to have the lake association add the East Boot Lake Road to the cleanup. No formal motion was made on this and members seemed willing to take this on voluntarily. We are committed to Becker County for the county road. East Boot Lake Drive is a township road. Several members already clean a portion of the East Boot Lake roadside.
- e.iii. The last new business item was a brief discussion on the number of black bear in the area and the need for residents to be more aware of their presence and to be cautious when venturing outdoors and going for walks. The consensus was that most bears would avoid human interaction and this was considered a very low threat to anyone being outdoors and enjoying the area. Black bears are usually aware of our presence long before they would be spotted and by nature would avoid any interaction.

The annual meeting was adjourned by Chris Luckeroth and seconded by Dulley Schlichenmayer.

Thanks to Kathi and Gary Doroff for hosting this year's annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Clifford Lafreniere
Boot Lake Association Secretary