

# NEWSLETTER



- tree trimming due to this year's power outages.
- It was decided that the lake association will hold only one meeting each year going forward.

BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION Volume 5 9/26/99

## Boot Lake Association Meeting Highlights of 8/22/99

Twenty-six members were on hand to participate in the August lake association meeting:

- RE: Fish Stocking - The DNR will do the electronic survey in 2001; not 2000.
- The bass spawning bed sign was determined by the DNR to be ineffective. The will re-evaluate after the electronic study.
- It was agreed that current treasury funds are insufficient to support private stocking by fingerling or fry methods.
- A motion was made to wait until after the DNR electronic survey before any further action be taken on stocking the lake. Motion carried.
- Culvert Replacement: Landowners Martin, Bates and Frost were determined to be the three principles involved.
- A transit was shot on August 22, 1999, which determined that the swamp was now 13" higher than Boot Lake.
- Discussion followed on what was the swamp water quality. How would it effect the lake.
- A motion was made that the lake association has gone on record as being in favor of restoring the culvert and requests studies be done to determine feasibility. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the Co. Commissioner/Co. Auditor with a number of key officials copied.
- Per the DNR beavers can be eliminated if 'caught in the act of being a nuisance'. The DNR should be notified on any action taken.
- A motion was made requesting Itasca Mantrap Electric Co. to canvas our area for .

## Current Officers will Serve Lake Association 1999-2000

**Bob Frost asks that the membership give serious consideration to the election of new officers for next year. We need volunteers. Please help support the future of our lake association.**

### NEXT LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING:

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2000**

**1:00PM**

**at the lake home of  
Jim and Judy Theisen**

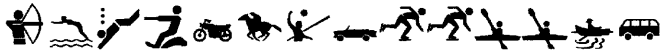
***A POT LUCK WILL FOLLOW!!***

**MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JULY  
1999 THRU JUNE 2000 ARE NOW  
BEING COLLECTED!**

Membership dues are \$10.00 per family. You may mail in your dues to Barb Stecker, Treasurer, 33283 Co. Hwy. 46, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

**REMINDER:** Please forward your new address and phone numbers to us. Thank you.

**ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY FALL!**



The Lake Association has acquired a video on Boating Safety, *Boat Smart* narrated by championship power boat racer, Chip Hanauer. The video was donated by Charlie's Boats & Marine. If you'd like to borrow the video, call Lincowski's at 218-732-3734.

**BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION 1999-2000  
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JULY 1ST AT  
\$10.00 PER FAMILY**

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2000  
AT 1:00PM AT JIM & JUDY THEISEN'S  
POT LUCK FOLLOWS! SEE YOU THERE!!



ATTACHMENT  
News Letter  
9/26/99

October 21, 1999

Dear

Approximately 11 years ago(1988), Becker county made a decision to upgrade the county road that runs on the West side of Boot lake from Two Inlets Road to the north end of the lake and then east to the Becker /Hubbard county line. When this work took place, a culvert was removed that connected the South end of Boot Lake to a beautiful, thriving marsh area on the West side of the road. This marshy area contained Tamarack and many other species of vegetation and appeared to be environmentally and ecologically sound at that time. For some reason, in spite of many requests for it's replacement, this culvert was never replaced. No explanation has ever been given for this decision.

As a result, the marshy area on the west side of the road has become land-locked. The water level has risen over the years to a point where it is now 13" above the level of the lake and continues to rise. The standing water has effectively killed most of the Tamarack, and much of the other vegetation in the area and continues to rise. In effect, the whole swamp looks like a Tamarack graveyard. If the water in this area is allowed to continue it's present rate of accumulation, it could present a possible health hazard to the water table which could threaten the well water and/or the septic system on some adjoining private property.

This culvert provided for run-off of the marsh into Boot lake. It also provided a spawning grounds for northern pike every spring. The residents in the Boot Lake area do not understand why this culvert was removed and never replaced.

In 1998 the residents in the Boot Lake area joined together to form the Boot Lake Association. It has the stated purpose of promoting and maintaining the environmental, economic and recreational protection of Boot Lake and the vicinity. We want to work in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies, public and private. (including Becker county), to maintain the quality of Boot lake.

In light of the culvert situation as stated above, the Boot Lake Association, at their last general meeting, voted to go on record as being in favor of replacing the culvert that connected Boot lake with the marsh at the earliest possible time. The Association feels that this culvert served a good and worthwhile purpose when it was in use and should have been replaced when the road was up-graded. Since that didn't happen then, and hasn't happened since, we strongly urge that the possibility of reinstalling this culvert be discussed at one of your earliest meeting dates. We also recommend that all necessary environmental and ecological studies be conducted relative to the marsh area to assure it is presently compatible with the ecology in Boot Lake.

We, the Boot Lake Association, would like to see this culvert back in place and in working condition, or be provided with a logical explanation why you think it shouldn't or can't be done. Thank you for your consideration.

The Boot Lake Association  
Bob Frost/Marie Hicks, Co-chair

cc: Mel Sinn  
Bob Merrott  
Chuck Yliniemi  
Brad Grant  
Carolyn Engebretson