### ~ NEWSLETTER

### BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION Volume 6 7/09/00

## **Boot Lake Association Highlights This Season**

- Bob Frost is awaiting reply from the EPA on the culvert project following our letter last fall.
   The swamp remains 13" higher than the lake.
   News will be shared at the meeting.
- A Secchi water clarity reading this week indicates our water clarity improved at over 20 feet.
- The loon study so far includes 6 adult loons and 0 baby loons this year.

### Important Notice of Major Development-- Public Hearing Scheduled July 18

Enclosed is the public hearing notice from the Becker Co. Planning and Zoning Department regarding a request for approval to develop property on the west shore of Boot Lake into 16 new lots-12 lakeshore. A map is included for your reference. This is the second attempt to develop in this area that has substantial wetlands and potential PCA issues. In March, 1996, development of this portion of Lot 7 into 7 new lots resulted in approval for fewer lots following a PCA study and public hearing. Development never occurred partially due to no access to Co. 46. At this time acquisition of a portion of Lot 4 makes development feasible and increases the number of lots. Concerned parties are requested to forward letters (for or against) to Dan Holm. Administrator, or attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 pm at the Becker County Courthouse in Detroit Lakes. If you would like to ride with others, just call 732-3734!



## New Officers Are Needed For 2000-2001 Elections Aug. 20!

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!!
Bring a dish to share! Plates
and utensils will be provided!

# MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JULY 2000 THRU JUNE 2001 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.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

 A body of water within 5 miles of your garden..an ocean, a lake or even a farm pond will moderate temperatures. It takes five times as much heat to warm a body of water 1 degree as it does to warm an equal quantity of soil. Water warms up much more slowly than soil and cools much more slowly. During Fall, the ehat the water ahs absorbed reradiates and warms the surrounding area.

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



#### **WEB SITES WORTH NOTING:**

- w.mnlakesassn.org This site allows you access to over 600 resources about lake and land management. Lots of good ideas for the homeowner.
- terraserver.com This site allows you access to government satellite views of any area of interest--down to 1 meter. Try looking at your house on Boot Lake from space!!
- mapsever.Imicstate.mn.us/landuse This site allows you access to landuse maps in Minnesota, and includes topography and current land use. You can customize the maps.

See you August 20th!

