



Boot Lake Newsletter



Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

MINUTES:

President Cliff Lafreniere called the meeting to order.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report:

- ◆ The minutes were approved.
- ◆ Motion to accept by Larry Kovalak, and second by Chris Luckeroth

A. Treasurer's Report by Larry Kovalak for Kathy Kovalak

- ◆ The current balance of the checking account is \$1,021.79
- ◆ There were \$185.20 total expenses for the year.
- ◆ There are 29 paying members; current dues are \$10 per family.
- ◆ Motion to accept by Barb Stecker, and second by Jim Theisen.

A. Loon Count Update by Barb Stecker

- ◆ Boot Lake's loon population consists of nine adult loons and one baby loon on the north end of the lake.
- ◆ Two baby loons were seen on the lake this year.

A. Water Clarity Update by Roger Stecker

- ◆ Secchi disk clarity is 19 feet.
- ◆ This reading has stayed in the 18-20 foot level all year.

A. Lake Directory Update by Cliff Lafreniere

- ◆ Cliff expects the directory to be ready this Fall.
- ◆ Recipes are welcome.

A. Monthly Coffee Group Update by

The coffee sessions have been well attended.

- ◆ People are getting to know each other, and are building a "sense of community."

A. Slalom Course Permit Update by Cliff

- ◆ There was no discussion; a motion to improve the permit was passed unanimously.

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Directors Update

- ◆ The Board will meet two times per year.

A. By Laws Update

- ◆ The following three individual motions were made and unanimously approved:
 - ◆ To remove from by-laws any references to the "Co-Chairperson" designation, and replace it with "Chairperson."
 - ◆ To have terms of two years for newly elected officers, and the option to serve two terms in the same position.
 - ◆ To adopt the following schedule of staggering the current office holders:
 - ◆ Board of Directors: Chris Luckeroth/2003 and Bert Swanson/2004
 - ◆ Officers: Chairperson /2004, Vice Chair/2005, Secretary/2004 and Treasurer/2005
- ◆ A motion was made and was unanimously approved to join the Minnesota Lake Association for \$50 in annual dues.

A. Election of Officers

- ◆ The following positions were unanimously elected:
 - ◆ Fred Luckeroth as Vice Chairperson
 - ◆ Chris Lukeroth as Treasurer
 - ◆ Barb Stecker as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Calendar

- ◆ Next Board Meeting will be held on 10/5/03.
- ◆ There will be two picnics in 2004
- ◆ June 13, 2004
- ◆ August 15, 2004

A. Other Business

- ◆ Bert Swanson will investigate the possibility of obtaining dust control for the stretch of County Highway 46, from County Highway 44 to beyond the public access.
- ◆ Cliff Lafreniere has found an effective method of controlling spiders. Contact him for the details.

F. Meeting Adjourned.

OFFICERS

- Cliff Lafreniere Chairperson
- Fred Luckeroth Vice Chair
- Pat Staples Secretary
- Chris Luckeroth Treasurer
- Bert Swanson Director
- Barb Stecker Director

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REMINDER

If you haven't already done so please get your dues into Chris Luckeroth .

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Coffee Party Schedule



June 8	Chris Luckeroth
July 13	Open
Aug 10	Sandy Thelen
Sept 14	Kathleen Lafreniere
Oct 12	Pat Sellers
Nov 9	Darleen Swanson
Dec 14	Kathy Kavolak
Jan 11	Barb Stecker
Feb 8	Open
Mar 8	Dorothy Theisen
Apr 12	Twyla Tokle
May 10	Iris Shepard

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Picnic at Jim and Judy Theisen's **June 13th at 3:00pm Potluck**

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING / FALL POTLUCK Aug 15th, Meeting at 2:00pm followed by potluck



Boot Lake Tidbits

The Lake opened up on April 19th.
The Loons returned on April 16th. 5 loons have been spotted so far.
Hummingbirds returned on May 7th.
Orioles returned on May 10th.

Kayak/Canoe Trip

A party of eight individuals paddled their way through several Crow Wing Lakes. It was a long trip and many a new muscles felt after the trip.

Summer Tubing

A group of brave souls ventured out to the Ottetail River for a tubing excursion. It was a sunny late summer day. The water level was a little low another outing will be planned next summer only a little earlier in the season.

Paving of Boot Lake Road

Word from Becker County was received that Boot Lake Road would be placed on the list of projects to be paved this summer. A group of lake association members attended an information meeting on the project. Apparently, the county applied for some grant money available from the DNR and that money allowed for additional work being completed this summer. Because of the size of our project and the proximity to the other projects being planned, the Boot Lake Drive was added to the summer schedule.

New Years Eve on Boot Lake

A progressive dinner was planned for New Years celebration. The evening started at Cliff and Kathleen Lafreniere's for appetizers and a gag gift exchange. The evening meal was hosted by Pat Staples and Dave Kloss, lasagna was the main entrée. The New Year was seen in by most party goers at George and Sandy Thelen's. It was a very pleasant evening and another round will be considered for next year.

Spring Lecture on Lakescaping

Cliff and Kathleen Lafreniere hosted a presentation by master gardener Dr Morris Spangler. Dr Spangler offered many excellent ideas for lakescaping. Two resources he noted were a book entitled " Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality " by MN DNR and a CD-ROM on lakescaping that is available at the Park Rapids library. Iris Sheppard has the book mentioned available for 13.95. Normal price for this book is around \$19.00. Anyone interested in getting a copy of this book from Iris should contact her. Iris Sheppard, 52953 Shepard Blvd, Park Rapids, MN 56470. 218-732-3584.

A Few Words From The Association President.

The year has really gone by fast and many new faces have joined our community on Boot Lake. Your lake association leadership is dedicated to providing events that will provide the opportunity for community development. If you know of new residents on the lake invite them to our summer picnics and to join our meager lake association.

Last fall, our association joined the Minnesota Lake Association. As part of our membership, we have access to a personal web page for Boot Lake. So far we have not done anything to publish the page but hope to make that a priority for May and announce its completion at the June picnic. If anyone is experienced at putting a web page together your help would be appreciated.