

# Boot Lake Association

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE JUNE LAKE PICNIC. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO INVITE NEW RESIDENTS AND NON-MEMBERS TO THIS SOCIAL EVENT.

## OFFICERS

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

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June's picnic date needed  
to be changed please note



# Boot Lake Newsletter



## Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

### MINUTES:

President Cliff Lafreniere called the meeting to order.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

#### Secretary's Report:

- ◆ The minutes were approved.
- ◆ Motion to accept by Kathleen Lafreniere, and second by Kathy Kavolak

#### Treasurer's Report by Chris Luckeroth.

- ◆ The current balance of the checking account is \$1,347.72
- ◆ There were \$103.02 total expenses for the year.
- ◆ There are 30 current paid members; current dues are \$10 per family.
- ◆ Motion to accept by Pat Sellers, and second by Dick Schmaus.

#### Loon Count Update by Barb Stecker

- ◆ Boot Lake's loon population consists of six total loons.
- ◆ Two baby loons were born this year, but one died.

#### Water Clarity Update by Roger Stecker

- ◆ Secchi disk clarity is 23 feet (as of August 10, 2004).

#### Lake Directory Update by Cliff Lafreniere

- It's 90% complete; there are still some missing pictures; today's attendees should review their information for accuracy and make needed corrections.
- Discussion was held about how to pay for the printing and distribution.
- Judy Theisen made a motion that Boot Lake Association pay related expenses; Larry Kavolak provided the second. Unanimously approved.

#### Monthly Coffee Group Update by

- ◆ Chris Luckeroth provided the most recent schedule.

#### Slalom Course Permit Update

- Unanimous approval was given to renew the permit.

#### DNR Lake Level Meter

- Discussion was held about how lake levels have changed in recent years.
- The DNR installed a lake level meter on the south end of the Lake

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Board of Directors Update

- ◆ The Board will meet on 8/14/04. Members present were Cliff Lafreniere, Fred Luckeroth, Chris Luckeroth, Pat Staples and Bert Swanson

#### Election of Officers

- ◆ The following positions were elected:
- ◆ President: Cliff Lafreniere was reelected by unanimous vote; motion by Iris Shepard; second by Dorothy Theisen.
- ◆ Director Bert Swanson: Re-elected by unanimous vote; motion by John Theisen; second by Dick Schmaus.
- ◆ Secretary: Pat Staples was reelected by unanimous vote; Motion to accept by Judy Theisen; second by Kathleen Lafreniere.

#### Calendar

- ◆ Next Board Meeting will be held on 10/09/04.
- ◆ There will be two picnics in 2005
- ◆ June 12, 2005 Starting at 3pm (also Chris and Fred Luckeroths' Anniversary!)
- ◆ August 14, 2005 Starting at 2pm with annual meeting followed by pot luck.

**REMINDER**

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

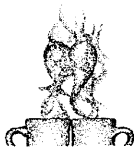
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**Coffee Party Schedule**

- June 14th Jolly
- July 12th Laura
- Aug 9th Kathie Kavolak
- Sept 13th Open
- Oct 11th Twyla
- Nov 8th Chris
- Dec 13th Darleen
- Jan 10th Iris
- Feb 14th Darleen
- Mar 14th Kathleen
- April 11th Barb
- May 9th Kathie Kavolak

— all for directions or just come all are welcome



# Loons



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Summer Picnic at Jim and Judy Theisen's **June 5th at 3:00pm Potluck**

— **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING / FALL POTLUCK Aug 14th, Meeting at 2:00pm followed by potluck**

**Boot Lake Tidbits**

The Lake opened up on April 12th. Last year April 19th. The Loons returned on April 12th. 4 loons have been spotted so far. Hummingbirds have not returned as of today. Orioles have not returned.

This winter brought new bird life to Boot Lake in the form of great gray owls pushed south for food sources. Several sightings were made in the area.

Spring Water Clarity was at 22 ft.  
Water Level Reading unavailable

Condolences to Mary (Hicks) Zander for the loss of her husband John. John passed this spring.

**Minutes cont.**

**Other Business**

- ◆ Bert Swanson suggested and the BOD approved that we investigate placing a gate across the east outlet culvert to keep the lake level more steady at one foot higher. Bert is willing to contact the DNR regarding the project. Discussion on the water level fluctuation ensued. John Theisen made a motion not to investigate the installation of a gate; second provided by Ken Shepard. Motion passed. Dorothy Theisen made a motion that the DNR should investigate installation of a gate; second by Bert Swanson. Motion passed.
  - ◆ Also there is a log in the vicinity of the public landing that is a likely hazard to boaters. Ken Shepard made a motion that Boot Lake Association request the DNR to review this situation; second provided by Dorothy Theisen; unanimous approval.
  - ◆ County Commissioner for the Boot Lake area, Carolyn Engebretson, said the Becker County Highway staff and the County Commissioners enjoyed the card and photo thanking them for paving County Highway 46.
  - ◆ It was clarified that the speed limit for County Highway #46 is 55 miles per hour.
- Meeting Adjourned. Motion made by Chris Luckerth; second by Joe Harvala.

Loons are excellent divers. Loons can dive 240 ft. below the surface of the water. They are seldom under the water for more than a minute or so. The loons own body cells are adapted for these dives underwater, able to store large amounts of oxygen. When they are below the surface, their heart rate drops to use less oxygen, and many of their vital organs are adapted to function with low levels of oxygen.

When swimming underwater, loons propel themselves with their feet alone, using their wings to guide them one way or another. Loons can sink quietly into the water by expelling the air from their bodies and from within their feathers. This is a unique quality that lets their chicks climb onto their backs; something they do for the first two weeks of life.

The Loon is a welcome summer guest around lakes and ponds in the northern US. Many people welcome the haunting cries as a relaxing part of the night sounds, and are sad to here them go. These cries have inspired many composers to use them in recordings of albums and they have inspired cultures around the world. Excellent divers, Loons fill a special niche in the eco-sphere and thusly have physiological adaptations that make them superb at what they do. Hopefully it will continue to delight and inspire generations to come.

(Information taken from Christine Tarski, about.birding.com)