

BOOT LAKE Newsletter



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Boot Lake Tidbits

Defibrillator -- At the 2006 Annual Meeting for the Boot Lake Association a question was raised regarding access to a defibrillator for people living in the Boot Lake area. It was further suggested that the Association might take a look at what issues would need to be address to attain such an instrument and place it at an appropriate location. Russ Price volunteered to look into the situation and make a report back to the six-member board. Russ met with Lou Eichens at Two Inlets. He learned that a defibrillator is kept at the Country Store in Two Inlets. Lou and Leonard Thelen are trained "First Responders." First Responders attend periodic classes given by the Emergency Response Team from Park Rapids and are provided with the latest equipment required to handle a host of emergency situations and trained in all kinds of emergency processes, not just defibrillator use. They respond to snow mobile accidents, boating accidents, emergency health issues, etc. Current system requires a call to Becker county "911" who will then forward call to Park Rapids, who then page the "First Responders" with the details.

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DVD "MN Lakes at Risk" -- Our Association was provided this DVD by the MN Waters Organization, of which we are a member. The DVD explores changes to Minnesota's lakes and the impact of increasing shoreland development on shoreline habitat, water quality, and the enjoyment of lakes for generations to come. Through conversations with experts, this DVD discusses threats facing our lakes as well as protective strategies for landowners and local government decision-makers that will insure continued enjoyment of Minnesota's Lakes. Call or email Fred Luckeroth (Tel 218-732-4416 or cflucky@wcta.net) if you would like to check-out the DVD for viewing.

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North Central Minnesota Lakes Project -- North Central Minnesota Lakes project covers five counties -- Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, and Itasca -- in the rapidly growing north central part of the state. The growth rate and increasing development are impacting water quality and habitat. This project is part of the Governor's Clean Water Initiative. A portion of their goals is to improve shoreland development standards, provide ways to conserve land and lake resources, increase lake protection knowledge, enhance understanding of lake science and best management practices. For more info on this project check out the web at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakes/ncml.html>

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Email Address Directory -- We have a start on an email directory that helps us get out current information to our members in a more timely manner. If you would like to be included on our list send us an email at: cflucky@wcta.net

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**We would like to invite all property owners on and around Boot Lake to become part of our Association. If you are currently not a member of the Association and would like to join please send your 2006 dues - \$10 per household to:
Pam Harvala, 35362 E Boot Lk Rd. Park Rapids, MN 56470**

OFFICERS

- Fred Luckeroth, Chairperson
- George Thelen, Vice-Chair
- Dan Simms, Secretary
- Pam Harvala, Treasurer
- Dave Kloss, Director
- Larry Kavolak, Director

**Boot Lake Association
Annual Association Membership Meeting
Sunday, August 13, 2006
Home of Jim and Judy Theisen**

Current Board of Directors and Officers:

Fred Luckeroth – President
George Thelen – Vice President
Chris Luckeroth - Treasurer
Dan Simms – Secretary
Dave Kloss – Director
Barb Stecker - Director

~Minutes~

Old Business

- 1) Review of the minutes of 2005 meeting
 - No one requested the minutes be read
 - A motion to accept the 2005 minutes was made and seconded
 - The motion passed.
- 2) Treasurers Report
 - Treasurer Chris Luckeroth reported:
 - i. \$1250.46 in bank
 - ii. \$763.46 expenses from past year
 - iii. Expenses were primarily for picnic supplies, door prizes, newsletters
 - Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Pam Harvala and was seconded.
 - The motion passed.
- 3) Loon Count Report
 - Barb Stecker reported 12-14 loons, no babies. There was a nest on Northwest end but did not produce.
- 4) Update on Water monitoring program – Roger Stecker
 - Water is clear
 - Secchi numbers reported in board meeting minutes and will be posted on the web site
 - EPA was impressed with clarity of water and is testing the water.
 - Temperature on 7/4 – 40 degrees at 45 feet.
 - Discussion on water rotation
- 5) Coffee group meeting: Some discussion took place about a possible change to the coffee meetings to Monday or Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Unchanged for now.
- 6) Slalom course permit update:
 - No permit applied for this year.
 - Discussion on whether to approve for 2007
 - A motion to approve the slalom course for 2007 was made by Kathleen LaFreniere
 - Seconded by Judy Theisen
 - Motion passed.
- 7) Signs at the boat launch
Chris Luckeroth has discontinued the effort. See previous Board of Directors meeting minutes for more detailed information.

New Business

- 1) Election of Officers
Chris Luckeroth and Barb Stecker have completed their term. Thanks to Chris and Barb for their service to the Association and the resource. The association needs to elect a new treasurer and a new director.
 - a. Treasurer
 - Pam Harvala was nominated for treasurer by Chris Luckeroth, the nomination was seconded. A vote was taken and Pam was voted in as the new treasurer.
 - b. Board Member nominations:
 - Barb Stecker/Kathleen L. nominated Cathy Kavolak
 - George Thelen nominated Dick Schmaus. Dick declined.
 - Cliff LaFreniere nominated Larry Kavolak, Barb Stecker seconded
 - A vote was taken on Larry Kavolak and passed.

Welcome to Pam Harvala and Larry Kavolak as new Board members!

Some discussion took place during the nomination process about the seriousness of how association leadership is chosen. Some members encouraged the association to take a more embrace discerning approach to the way board members are chosen such as appointing a nominating committee.

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- 2) Calendar for 2007
 - Association Pot Luck: 2nd Sunday of June - June 10, 2007 @ 1pm
 - Annual association meeting and Pot Luck - 2nd Sunday in August - 8/12/07 @ noon
- 3) Neighborhood watch program
 - This was an idea from 2005 meeting
 - Fred met with Becker County Sheriff
 - It is a program to help monitor neighborhood.
 - There is a handout that has all the information including tips on protecting property.
 - There was discussion on whether the association should pursue this program.
 - A vote was taken whether to pursue the Neighborhood watch program and the no's out numbered the yes's. The idea was voted down.
- 4) Becker County Adopt a highway program
 - President Luckerth explained the program to have Boot Lake Association sign up for Adopt a Highway for the County Road 46 stretch of roadway. Discussion took place about the idea. Some recommended that we include East Boot Lake Road.
 - A motion was made to apply for the program by Pam Harvala
 - Russ Price seconded
 - Most people in room said they would volunteer.
 - The Motion was put to vote and passed.
- 5) Association Web site:
 - Dan Simms gave an overview of the Boot Lake association website.
 - See previous Board of Directors meeting minutes for more detailed information.
- 6) Loon nest update
 - Some discussion took place about having the association purchase the loons' nests with treasury funds.
 - Jackie Freedman referred to success on Woman Lake with artificial nests.
 - Motion to not pursue loons nests this year, motion passed
- 7) Suggestion was made by Kathleen LaFreniere that the Community center that is under consideration needs a defibrillator, that there is not a defibrillator in the vicinity of Boot Lake – and that Boot Lake Association should consider making a monetary donation to the area – Kathleen thought that the cost would be around \$2000. Russ Price volunteered to provide more information about programs to fund area defibrillators.
- 8) Lake stocking update - Dave Kloss
 - Boot lake is in experimental lake for the last 4 years
 - The MN DNR will be sampling with gill nets the week of 8/14/06.
 - In 2001 Boot Lake was stocked with 1 pound of Walleye fingerlings per literal acre (where the water is 15 feet or less). This was a total of 81 lbs of Walleye fingerlings.
 - In 2003, 2 pounds fingerlings per literal acre (162 lbs).
 - In 2005, 1 pound of fry was stocked per literal acre.
 - Clear lakes don't work as well for fry
 - Dave will provide more information for the next meeting.
- 9) Kathy Kavolak is organizing a Golf scramble for Boot Lake and Two Inlet Lake. See the website for more information.
- 10) MN Lakes and Rivers conference is being held September 7-9 in Duluth. The association will pay for registration fees for 2. It is \$40, \$30, \$60. Notify Fred Luckerth if you are interested. (Note: There were no volunteers)
- 11) Thanks to Jim and Judy Theisen for hosting the meeting
- 12) Drawing for door prizes
 - Dave and Pat Kloss - \$25 gift certificate to Zorbaz
 - Ken and Iris Shepherd – \$25 gift certificate to Companeros

 - Joe and Pam Harvala - \$25 gift certificate to Summer hill
 - Earl and Twyla Tokle - Jar of George Thelen's homemade sour kraut

~Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM ~

Submitted Thursday, August 31, 2006

Dan Simms

Secretary, Boot Lake Association

Becker County Adopt-a-Highway Program

Our Lake Association has adopted a 3.6 mile portion of County Rd 46 (Book Lake Drive) and will pick up litter three times a year – April 15 - May 15; July; Sept or October. **Our first pickup is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at 1pm.** Participants will meet at the Luckeroth's to get their assignments and supplies. Following the pickup all are invited back to the Luckeroth's for a Potluck Supper. If you will be in the area that weekend and can help with the project, please RSVP with a phone call (218-732-4416) or email (cflucky@wcta.net).

Drought Continues

At this writing we just experienced nearly 3 inches of rain over the weekend of Sept. 15. This followed a couple of days of Red Flag Warnings from the DNR and National Weather Service due to high winds and low humidity. The DNR cautions that our area is still in a severe drought. Beltrami and Itasca counties, just to our northeast, have been the "epi-center" of the drought in Minnesota this year. Now with the dying vegetation and falling leaves the threat of wildfires is still a possibility. If you will be visiting the Lake this fall please check with the DNR or our local Fire Wardens on the current burning restrictions.

Boot Lake Association Website

Our Association Secretary Dan Simms has been working to improve our website. You can view it at:

<http://www.mnlakes.org/bootlake>

He has included much information about our Association under the following headings: About Us, Board of Directors, Calendar, Membership Information, Newsletters, Lakeshore Information, Secrets of Boot Lake, Lake Data, Meeting Minutes and Information. Check it out at and drop Dan a line with your comments or suggestions –
dsimms@visionsolutions.com

Boot Lake / Two Inlets Lake Golf Day

On Friday, Sept. 15, thirty-one golfers gathered on a warm windy fall day at Brookside Golf Course on Two Inlets Lake for the "First Annual" Golf Day. Foursome pairings were determined by the luck of the draw. The event was a "scramble" with each foursome member hitting the ball and then all the balls moved to where the best shot landed. Each team was allowed one "kick" and one "throw" for the nine holes !! Winning the longest putt contest was Bob Bateman and closet to the pin contest was won by Barb Stecker. The team with the best score, 3 under par, was comprised of Brian Gray, Dorothy Lenier, Fred Luckeroth, Larry Kavolak and Jennifer Bateman. There was a tie for second place with one under par. Those teams were Deb Gustafson, Marilyn Horn, Bob Bateman, Tom Wagner; and the team of Chris Luckeroth, Mark Gustafson, Joe Harvala and Dorothy Noyes. The event was followed by a Pot Luck supper hosted by Kathie and Larry Kavolak. ***A good time was had by all !!***

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