

Boot Lake Association 24th Annual Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2021

Board Members Present: Fred Luckeroth, Craig Nieman, Kathi Doroff

Board Member Absent: Craig Kulla, Russ Price, Teri Erhardt.

The meeting was held at the home of Gary and Kathi Doroff. It was well attended with a great crowd mix of long time and new residents!

President Fred Luckeroth called the meeting to order at 11:45 p.m. All present introduced themselves and commented on the high school they attended.

Old Business

Secretary Report from 6/8/2021, submitted by Kathi Doroff was approved.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Craig Nieman

Balance as of last annual meeting	1164.51
Dues	210.00
Office Supplies	- 33.43
Road Pickup & Potluck supplies	-24.16
4 th July parade gift certificate	-25.00

Balance as of 8/8/21	1291.92
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Motion was to approve, seconded and passed.

Loon Report submitted by Teri Erhardt

We seem to have seen more unusual Loon activity this year compared to previous years. We've seen at least one trio of loons where typically we see just a pair and we've even seen multiple (6-8 loons) gathering at various times of the day (mostly near morning or later in the evening) But for the most part, we've seen three pairs - one on the north end, one in the 'narrows' and one near the south end. We've seen two babies with one pair (I believe it was the most southern pair) and a singlet baby with the loons in the narrows. For a total of three babies.

Lake clarity Report submitted by Fred Luckeroth

Lake Clarity: Took 3 readings prior to the meeting -- May 30, 15.5 ft; June 22, 20 ft; July 1, 15 ft. Better than last year.

Public Access – Boat Ramp Washout – DNR will not do anything, Problems are widespread due to low water levels. Education – Don't accelerate motors to get on trailers

AIS Inspection submitted by Fred Luckeroth

AIS Inspector: Karl Koenig, County AIS Coordinator reported: We were able to hire an individual who lives in the area, his name is Mike. He will be working Saturdays at the public access through the summer.

AIS inspector for summer is on duty only on Saturdays which is the switch day for the resorts.

Property Owners Directory and Gmail Contact List Update

This is managed by Teri Erhardt. If you have not yet submitted your information, please contact her at terierhardt@gmail.com. The database also includes email and phone numbers but those are not published in the document.

Association Website Update

Boot Lake Association website maintains historical data of the Association, e.g. meeting minutes etc. Website is <https://minnesotawaters.org/bootlake>.

Boot Lake Facebook Page

Erica Schott-Juelson gave an update on the Boot Lake page she created and hope many members will share posts, pictures, lake information etc. on it. Erica does a great job of creating and maintain this sight. You should really check it at: Boot Lake, MN Becker County.

Boot Lake Ladies Coffee Update

Update was given by Chris Luckeroth. In person coffees are once again to be held. ! They will continue to be held at 10:00 a.m . on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from early fall to early spring. The first coffee, to held on Sept 8, will be hosted by Chris Luckeroth. An email has been sent out with her information on it. Dates have been designated for this season. If anyone would like to register to host one please contact Chris. These, of course, will be dependent upon the COVID guidelines for the coming months.

Fish Stocking report

Craig Nieman consulted with the DNR Fisheries and reported that Boot Lake was stocked with 1600 lbs. of yearling walleyes which amounts to about 3400 fish.

Other old business - none

New Business

Election of Officers

Open Positions are:

Chair

Treasurer

No volunteers or new nominations were presented for Chairperson or Treasurer. The Association By-Laws provide for a contingency that may be proposed to extend the term of an officer with Association members approval. These extended terms are now coming to an end next year. Fred intends to "retire" from his many long years of service as Chair of the Association. Craig Nieman offered to continue to perform his position as Treasurer but the position is certainly available to any member if interested. Craig has done an extraordinary job at "keeping our books" and we appreciate his offer to continue; please consider this position if interested.

We are very grateful to Fred for all these years of service; he has done an incredible job on staying fully informed on lake water management and association website, along with many other hats he has worn! We sincerely hope that someone new will offer to be nominated for this. We are sure Fred will be willing to remain a great resource for this position.

The other positions on the Board will continue as currently held.

Calendar

Please note that all the dates are COVID tentative/sensitive

Fall Road Pickup/Potluck	October 7, 2021 hosted by Fred and Chris Luckeroth
Spring Road Pickup/Potluck	May 12 th 2022 hosted by Al and Sue Rost
Annual Meeting	August 14, 2022 hosted by Bob and Marietta Kvistad

We thank those who have offered their homes for these events!

Association Membership Update

Current membership is with Conservation MN and is up for renewal. There is another website that Fred reported on called **MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates**. Their membership is a bit cheaper and their offerings are broader than MN Conservation. They host our website and their focus is more concentrated on water issues. They lobby and have a Research Center on lakes and loons. Fred has joined personally. A motion to transfer our membership to MN Lakes and River Advocated was made by Marietta Kvistad and seconded by Hank Pluster. Motion carried. Membership will change to this website.

Lake Stewardship Report

This project continues to be researched and its trajectory created.

Other new business

Larry Theisen shared an old map of Boot Lake Properties and would like help updating it.

Erica Schott-Juelson commented on the abandoned old docks that are on the lake. Fred Luckeroth will research that issue.

The question was raised about the new sheds appearing on the lake and wondered if they are in accordance with the lakeshore distance rules.

Fred also mentioned the raffle for a small shed at his Church. Tickets are available.

Craig Nieman also commented on our social event – Boat Dinners! We will be scheduling one last dinner prior to Labor Day. Specific date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed

Respectively Submitted,
Kathi Doroff