

**BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 1998**

*- Check on bonding for Barb
- Submit a bill to Barb*

ATTENDING: Bob Frost Marie Hicks Melodie Lincowski
Barb Stecker Marvin Matheny Richard Lincowski
Roger Stecker Virginia Matheny Kathie Kavolak
Dale Simonson Richard Henshaw Bob Williams
Shirley Simonson Shirley Henshaw Harriet Williams
Oscar Swanson Mary Ann Swanson

MINUTES:

- The first organizational meeting of a Boot Lake Association was hosted by Harriet and Bob Williams at Fun-Ta-Boot Resort.
- Bob Frost chaired this meeting and had invited two members of the Big Mantrap Sportsmen's Club to share information with us. Bob had sent out 60 letters with questionnaires and another follow up letter regarding this meeting. Bob felt that the response to the questionnaire was favorable to forming a lake association.
- Seventeen Boot Lake annual and seasonal residents gathered to share ideas and opinions concerning formation of a club.
- It was agreed that the purpose of the club would include stocking the lake, conservation of the lake and surrounding area, and a social opportunity for neighbors to meet. Bob told the group that a lake association has no power to create or enforce rules. It has no affiliation with any political groups.
- The first order of business was to solicit officers to chair the committee. It was decided that two co-chairmen, a secretary, treasurer, and at least two board members should lead the club. Here are the results:
 - Co-Chairmen: Marie Hicks and Bob Frost
 - Secretary: Melodie Lincowski
 - Treasurer: Barb Stecker
 - Board Members: Marvin Matheny and Dale Simonson
- The first job assigned to the board is to draft by-laws and suggest a meeting schedule. A discussion followed on the importance of making opportunities available to seasonal dwellers, and the importance of encouraging off-lake residents in the area to feel welcome and participate. A suggestion was made to alternate monthly meetings to a Saturday morning.
- The leading issue discussed was stocking the lake and the excellent cooperation the previous Boot Lake Association had with the DNR. It is not possible to have a stocking program without a lake association organization. The last stocking of the lake was in 1996. Bob distributed copies of the most recent Boot Lake Information Report on file with the DNR.
- Water clarity and deterioration of Boot Lake clarity was discussed. At least three area residents have conducted water clarity readings. Feelings are that water clarity was 30 feet in the '60's and is now about half of that. We need to find out what we can do to improve this.
- Use of personal watercraft on the lake was discussed. No conclusions were made. Attendees feel the need to protect personal rights regarding the watercraft, but also feel the need to encourage good sportsmanship, safe operating practices, and respect for others. The main complaints are from their noise and activity near residents, docks and boats.
- Bob mentioned that the Boot Lake Association could submit an application to join COLA, the state coalition of lake associations. We would receive input and news from other lake associations.
- Dues were discussed to have an operating fund for the lake association. Big Mantrap Sportsmen's Club dues are set at \$5.00 per person per year. This subject will be directed to the board to suggest a dues program. Bob has acquired costs for the mailings to date that he would like reimbursed.