

**BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, August 16, 1998**

MINUTES:

- Bob Frost called the first annual meeting of the Boot Lake Association to order at the lake home of Jim and Judy Theisen. Forty-five area property owners were on hand to participate.
- Bob updated the group on the development background for the Boot Lake Association and results of the first organizational meeting held May 19th.
- Bob made a request for volunteers to fill the open Board positions of Vice President and Board Members.
- An announcement was made requesting those attending to join the lake association if they have not already had an opportunity to do so. Membership dues will be used to support lake association publications, activities, and projects.
- Treasurer's Report: As of August 16th, the checking account balance was \$141.50. Barb Stecker made a motion to pay outstanding bill for past mailings and a floral tribute to Marvin Matheny. Richard Lincowski seconded the motion. Motion was carried. All bills will be paid.
- Bob read a thank you card for the floral tribute from Virginia Matheny.
- The concept of "Shoreline Managers" was introduced by Bob. This idea is used successfully on Round Lake and its primary purpose is to improve communication around the lake. A shoreline manager would serve as a greeter to new property owners and keep people informed of lake association news in his/her 'district'. The shoreline manager would also be a person that could take feedback from area property owners and direct it to the Board. Fred Luckerth suggested mapping the lake into sections. Discussion continued with general consensus that this would be a useful concept. The group decided to think on the implementation of this topic for next year. Volunteers were asked to check in with Bob after the meeting.
- Bob provided copies of a Boot Lake Association Directory for anyone that would like one. Updating the directory is a challenge and a commitment. Those attending were asked to review the current edition for any additions or corrections. Discussion followed on the post office announcement of the changing addresses for the area. The Board will try their best to stay on top of future changes. Anyone aware of other changes should notify Bob.
- Comments on the final draft of the Boot Lake Association Bylaws were opened to the floor. Discussions included:
 1. A change to the Mission Statement was suggested by Pat Sellers to include more emphasis on the Boot Lake "Community" and social activities.
 2. Pat suggested the lake association name be changed to Boot Lake Community Assoc. This was not practical as checks/banking accounts were already set up as Boot Lake Association.
 3. A discussion followed on membership clarification to be sure that it included surrounding property owners. A suggestion was made to include "watershed area" in Section 1.

David Ewert made a motion to accept the bylaws as written. Richard Lincowski seconded the motion. The motion was carried; Bylaws of the Boot Lake Association stand adopted August 16, 1998. According to Article XII, amendment to the draft would require written notification to general membership 15 days in advance of a future meeting. It was felt by those attending that this would postpone approval until next year and that it is important to get a framework for the organization into operation. Changes can be considered for amendment at the next meeting.

- Project topics were opened to the floor. Bob offered information on requirements for tracking project progress, the need for Board involvement in the 'how to's', financial needs, and project follow-up.

1. Richard Lincowski and Roger Stecker will chair a fish stocking project for Boot Lake for 1999.
 2. Bob suggested the culvert project at the south end of the lake. When the road was upgraded a number of years ago, a culvert was removed and not replaced. The culvert was used by the northerns for spawning. After discussion, it was felt this could be part of the fish stocking project; and Dick Henshaw volunteered to help chair that project with Richard and Roger.
 3. Water clarity was discussed. Roger Stecker and Marie Hicks are currently doing Secchi testing for the DNR on a regular basis.
 4. Pat Sellers suggested more social activities be introduced, such as community picnics. She suggested a social committee be set up. Pat will chair Social Activity projects for 1999. Helen Pfeifer offered to help.
- Bob asked for comments on using the newsletter publication for the lake association. Those attending felt this was a good idea. The newsletter will be published quarterly and oftener for special communications.
 - Shirley Henshaw suggested a certificate of appreciation be given to Virginia on behalf of the lake association for the past work that Marvin had done for Boot Lake in preserving the area. An acknowledgment will be drafted.
 - Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a fantastic potluck followed. A huge thank you was extended to all attending for the successful turnout.
 - A door prize drawing followed the meeting:
 1. Darlene Swanson won a pair of 'Skeeter Beeter Patio Candles'.
 2. Shirley Henshaw won a Berkley Fish Cookbook.
 3. Larry Kovolak won a Fun-Ta-Boot Mug.
 4. Richard Lincowski won a Half Moon Trail T-shirt.
 5. Julie Ewert won a Bird Feeder.
 6. Lisa Pfeifer won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Park Rapids Super 8 Motel.

Respectfully submitted: ~~Melodie~~ Lincowski, Secretary