

**BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, June 6, 1999**

MINUTES:

- Melodie Lincowski called the Boot Lake Association meeting to order at the lake home of Jim and Judy Theisen. Melodie was asked to chair the meeting by Bob Frost due to a schedule conflict.
- Twelve members were present to participate.
- Roger Stecker gave a report on the fish stocking project. The DNR stocks lakes according to the percentage of lake acreage that is fifteen feet deep or less. This is their guideline for fingerling development. One pound of fish will be added at two year intervals for each acre. 23% of our lake contour is shallower than 15 feet. In a DNR netting survey, of 53 netted fish only three were identified as being naturally reproduced. The question was raised whether the lake association should stock in opposite years of the DNR. A permit is required for private stocking.

A second approach would be to purchase fry and seed them into Sheppard's pond to grow until fall. The success rate may be 0 to 20 percent.

The DNR will be doing an electronic fish survey in 2000. The electronic survey will replace the gill net survey which can damage the fish caught. This will help the DNR get specific on future lake stocking. The DNR representative has offered to speak at a future Boot Lake Association meeting. Richard Lincowski will follow up with the DNR on pre-survey and post-survey results.

- Richard Lincowski reported on the culvert replacement at the south end of the lake. Action or request for action should be initiated by the landowners affected by the culvert replacement. No one present could identify who the landowners are on either side of the culvert area. It was suggested that Ron Scholz take another transit reading.
- New glossy prints and pamphlets were available on Eurasian watermilfoil. It was suggested that information be given to the two resorts to post/hand out, and that a print should be posted at the public access.
- Dick Henshaw reported on the beaver nuisance. Beavers are damming the outlet and taking numerous trees along the shoreline. Trappers were contacted this spring to help control this problem, but they declined trapping at Boot Lake because of the unstable spring fed shoreline.
- Marie Hicks suggested that the 'Fish Spawning Area' sign be put up on the south end of the lake to keep boats out of the lily pads next spring. This has been a good bass spawning area for many years. The sign is removed on the bass opener. Richard Lincowski agreed to check with the DNR on getting the sign.
- Nomination of officers for the 1999-2000 year was opened to the floor. Fred and Kathy Luckeroth made a motion that current officers remain for one more year. The motion was carried.
- Two meeting schedule issues were raised:
 - 1) Should we have only one meeting a year in August?
 - 2) If we continue to have a June meeting, have it after school is out.Both issues will be placed on the August meeting agenda.
- The question was raised "Is the lake association beneficial?" Consensus was yes.
- The next Boot Lake Association Meeting will be held:

Sunday, August 22nd
from 1:00pm-3:00pm
at Jim and Judy Theisen's Lake Home
A POT LUCK WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING!!