

**BOOT LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, August 22, 1999**

MINUTES:

- Bob Frost called the Boot Lake Association meeting to order at the lake home of Jim and Judy Theisen.
- Twenty-six members were present to participate.
- Members were asked to forward any new addresses and phone numbers. We are trying to keep the lake association directory up to date.
- The current treasury balance is \$259.72; all bills have been paid to date.
- Bob Frost asked the membership to give serious consideration for new officers next year.
- Lake Stocking:
 1. The DNR electronic survey will be held in 2001 not 2000.
 2. The bass sign 'Spawning Bed' for the south end of the lake was determined by the DNR not be effective. However, after the electronic survey is done, a lake evaluation will be completed at which time the bass sign may be put into use again.
 3. It was agreed that the current treasury funds were insufficient to support private stocking of either the fingerlings or the fry. We would need to take up a collection if the association determined this course of action
 4. Pat Sellers made a motion to wait until the DNR survey has been completed before action is taken on the stocking project. Barb Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Culvert Project on the south end of the lake was discussed at length:
 1. Landowners Martin, Bates, and Frost were determined to be the three principles involved.
 2. Mike Scholz took a transit reading, August 22, 1999, and determined the swamp was now 13" higher than the lake.
 3. Dick Henshaw made a motion that a letter should be sent to Becker County requesting the culvert be restored. The motion was not seconded.
 4. Discussion followed on what the water quality of the swamp was and what effect would the swamp water have if it drains into Boot Lake.
 5. Bert Swanson volunteered to contact John Stein at the DNR regarding the culvert issue.
 6. Dick Henshaw made a motion that the members of the Boot Lake Association have gone on record as being in favor of restoring the culvert and request studies be done on its feasibility and environmental effect. Pat Seller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 7. A letter will be sent to the County Commissioner/County Auditor with copies to the State Representative, the Two Inlets Town Board, Detroit Lakes Water Hydrologist, Becker Co. Soil and Water Consumption District, and the Assistant Area Fisheries Supervisor.
- Beaver Problem: Bob Frost spoke with the DNR at the County Fair. The DNR said that Beavers could be shot if 'caught in the act of being a nuisance'. The DNR should be advised of any hunt. Also, a shotgun must be used with a heavy load to minimize spray.
- New Business:

Melodie Lincowski suggested that a letter be sent to the Itasca Mantrap Electric company related to the power outages that have occurred this year and request the area be canvassed for tree trimming this fall. Judy Theisen so moved; Bert Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Next Meeting: It was decided to go to one meeting each year on the 3rd Sunday in August.

Next Meeting will be on August 20, 2000, at 1:00 PM at Jim & Judy Theisen's