

Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting

Board Atttendees:

Dan Simms – Chair
Ken Shepherd – Vice Chair
Pam Harvala – Treasurer
Larry Kavolak – Board member

~Meeting Called to Order at 12:00 PM Sunday August 8, 2010 ~

1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Secretary's Report - Ken English
- ◆ The minutes (if requested) are reviewed and approved.
 - ◆ **Motion to accept/passed**
- B. Treasurer's Report - Pam
- ◆ The current balance of the checking account
 - ◆ Note major expenditures
 - ◆ Number of paying members.
 - ◆ Motion to accept
 - ◆ **34 paid members, \$80 of past due dues were paid up from the newsletter.**
 - ◆ **Expenditures \$551.98 (mainly Minnesota Waters)**
 - ◆ **\$1080.22 checkbook balance**
 - ◆ **Some discussion occurred about sending out a listing of the expenditures from the checking account. Chairperson Dan said he will ask for this and publish it in the news letter.**
 - ◆ **Motion to accept (Jim Theisen) was passed.**
- C. Loon Count Update – Barb Stecker
- ◆ Boot Lake's loon population and any nests and chicks hatched
 - ◆ **2010 counts – 10 adults, 2 chicks**
- D. Water Monitoring program Update – Fred Luckerth/Roger Stecker
- 2010 Secchi readings thus far
 - **Stecker measurements: South End measurements**
 - **5/23/10 – 30'**
 - **6/20/10 – 30'**
 - **7/9/10 – 25'**
 - **Fred Luckerth reviewed the findings of the PCA water quality report. But these are from previous years.**
 - **Boot Lake water quality continues to be excellent.**
- E. Update on Minnesota's Shoreland Rules and Standards – Dan
- The proposed standards include, but are not limited to:
- better water quality standards achieved by improved rainwater runoff management; increased drainfield setbacks, and higher shoreline buffer standards for new development; greater protections for vulnerable areas (e.g. sensitive lakeshore, trout streams, bluffs); and improved standards for planned unit developments.

Other updated standards include specific resort standards allowing for expansion and improvements while addressing water quality and habitat concerns; higher standards for new development and new lots (e.g. impervious surface, open space, shoreline buffers); advanced subdivision controls, including promotion of conservation subdivisions and other creative developments over conventional (lot and block) subdivisions; and revisions that allow for more options for local government implementation.

The preliminary draft also shows how general elements of the wild and scenic rules may be incorporated into the shoreland standards.

<http://mndnr.gov/waters/shoreland.html>

- May 2010 – Public hearings of proposed rules are next
- Good article “Minding Our Shores” in the May-June 2010 Conservation Volunteer Magazine that describes the Shoreland Rules Update.
- Becker County has published “Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship”

F. 4th of July Boat Parade - Ken Shepherd

- Report on this years; any suggested changes for next year ?
- **There was an increase in the number of boats again. The weather was not particularly nice.**

G. Other old business -- from previous years minutes

- Broadband Internet update - Ken Shepherd
 - **Paul Bunyan Telephone will find out soon if they received the grant which will allow them to put in Broadband internet service in the Boot Lake area. Updates to follow.**
- Loon Platforms - Roger Stecker - We have four loon platforms, locations are: South end, North end, Middle & Greg Johnson has one. Our loons made their own nest this year, North of Luckeroth's.
 - **No loons were on the artificial nest platforms this year. Loons were nesting on natural sites in 2010.**
- Public access – Fred
 - **No updates**

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

- ◆ positions to be elected - Treasurer – Pam Harvala has completed 2 terms. A new Treasurer is needed.
 - ◆ **Linda Hunt nominated and elected to be the new treasurer for the 2010-2012 term.**
- ◆ positions to be elected – Director – Larry Kavolak - has completed second two year term. The Chairperson Dan Simms suggested we combine the board member position with the AIS coordinator responsibilities:
 - ◆ Be an advocate for AIS prevention on Boot Lake
 - ◆ Regularly report to the association and board of Directors the latest information on AIS in the area.
 - ◆ Inspect AIS signage and update as necessary
 - ◆ Facilitate communication with resort owners and their guests on AIS matters.
 - ◆ **A motion was made, seconded and passed (9-8) to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator position and combine it with the Director position.**

- ◆ Nominations
 - ◆ **Linda Hunt nominated and elected to be the new treasurer for the 2010-2012 term.**
 - ◆ **No one was willing to be a Director. This position remains open.**
- ◆ Voice vote
- ◆ Thanks to outgoing officers
- B. Web site update - Ken English:
 - ◆ Web site go live?
 - ◆ Website address?
 - ◆ Changes to website content?
 - ◆ **Ken was not available to report. Ken please update the board with the information about what, if anything, has changed about the web site. Thanks**
- C. Calendar
 - ◆ picnics dates and sites for next year
 - ◆ June Pot Luck **will be June 12, 2011 @ 1:00PM**
 - ◆ August Annual meeting and Pot Luck **will be August 14, 2011 @ Noon**
 - ◆ Road pickup dates
 - ◆ October
Meet at Darlene and Burt Swanson's on Thursday 10/7/2010 3 PM – Potluck to follow.
 - ◆ May
Meet at Denny and Linda Hunt's on Wednesday 5/19/2011 3PM – Potluck to follow.
 - ◆ Coffee Club –
 - ◆ **Chairperson Dan will reach out to the club and try to add the coffee club to the newsletter.**

~Motion to adjourn seconded and passed at 1:00 PM Sunday August 8, 2010 ~

*Submitted
Dan Simms
Chair, Boot Lake Association*

D. Other New Business

- ◆ Goals for the board for 2010-2011
 - ◆ AIS Coordinator – volunteers?
 - ◆ Updating information on Boot Lake property owners and residences - contact information. Preferred Email, address and newsletter preferences (electronic or us mail).
 - ◆ Google Groups for managing email.
- ◆ Suggested Goals for 2011-2012
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D. Thanks to Theisens for hosting

D. Meeting Adjourned.

- ◆ Motion to adjourn