

Boot Lake Association Annual Meeting – August 14, 2011

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report - Ken English

◆ The minutes (if requested) are reviewed and approved.

◆ Motion to accept

Linda hunt motioned to accept, Chris seconded

B. Treasurer's Report – Linda

◆ The current balance of the checking account

[\\$1000.77](#)

◆ Note major expenditures

[\\$100 ink/newsletter supplies](#)

◆ Number of paying members

[21 paid members](#)

◆ Motion to accept

C. Loon Count Update – Barb Stecker

[12 adults, 2 chicks](#)

◆ Boot Lake's loon population and any nests and chicks hatched

D. Water Monitoring program Update – Fred Luckerth/Roger Stecker

· 2010 result

· 2010 Secchi readings thus far

[South end:](#)

[High: May 29: 30'](#)

[Low: July 30: 24'](#)

[North end:](#)

[High: June 5: 29'](#)

[Low: July 19: 18.5'](#)

E. Update on Minnesota's Shoreland Rules and Standards - Dan

F. 4th of July Boat Parade - Ken Shepherd

· Report on this years; any suggested changes for next year ?

[Ken would be happy to have someone else lead the parade. More boats than ever this year with 16.](#)

G. Other old business -- from previous years minutes

· Broadband Internet update – Ken

[See report below](#)

· Loon Platforms - Roger Stecker

[The new loon platform was used and called home to 2 new chicks.](#)

· Public access

[There's new Class 5 gravel for boat access road.](#)

· Anything else ???

[DNR didn't contact lake association when doing testing of fish in lake. Neighbors upset we weren't contacted prior because it could be a safety issue. Dan believes information will be posted on "Lake Finder" on DNR website. They were here 2 days. Motion made to elect person to contact DNR and talk to them about notifying lake association prior to testing. Motioned seconded. Motion passed. Roger Stecker will call DNR.](#)

[Bert said the meeting Sept 23, 2-5pm in Walker. Meeting title is Healthy Lake Forum. Anyone interested in going?](#)

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

◆ Position to be elected - Vice Chair – Ken Shepherd has completed 2 terms. A new Vice Chair is needed.

[Cliff LaFreniere volunteered and motioned passed.](#)

◆ Position to be elected – Director – Ann Simms - has completed second 2 terms. Russ Price has agreed to serve as a board member.

Motion passed.

Fred motioned Dan continues President for 2 years. Motion passed.

Cliff LaFreniere motioned Ken English to continue as secretary. Motion passed.

Fred nominated Darleen Swanson to fill other Director position. Motioned passed.

◆ Nominations

◆ Voice vote

◆ Thanks to outgoing officers

B. Web site update - Ken English:

◆ Status of web site?

Everything is running well, minutes can be found there.

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C. Calendar

◆ picnics dates and sites for next year

◆ June Pot Luck – 2nd Sunday of June (June 10, 2012)

◆ August Annual meeting and Pot Luck – 2nd Sunday of August (August 12, 2012)

Judy Theisen noted she will host next year, but would like someone else to host in the future.

◆ Road pickup dates

◆ October

Thursday, Oct. 6 @ 3pm

Russ & Chris Price will host potluck

◆ May

Thursday, May 17 @ 3pm

Roger & Barb Stecker will host potluck

◆ Coffee Club

D. Other New Business

◆ AIS Coordination – volunteers?

Talked about DNR's efforts at trying to reduce AIS. Keep a close eye on our lake!

◆ Updating information on Boot Lake property owners and residences - contact information.

Preferred Email, address and newsletter preferences (electronic or us mail).

◆ GMAIL account for association email addresses.

Let Dan know if you need to have your email address added or if address changed.

◆ Other issues to discuss

D. Thanks to Theisens for hosting

D. Meeting Adjourned.

◆ Motion to adjourn

High Speed Internet Report

Kenneth Shepard

As you probably know, Hughes Net satellite service received federal grant money to provide high speed Internet service to under-served areas, and a half dozen or so residents signed up for the offer. Others who wanted to sign up were told they lived in adequately served areas already and did not qualify, even if their next door neighbors did qualify.

Despite some dark spots, most people with the service are happy with it. My download speed this morning was 2416 kbps, which is up from around 10 kbps when we used dialup. This is faster than Hughes promised us. However, they limit a user's daily download amount, and it is easy to exceed this when updates are needed.

When you exceed your limit, bad things happen. Your speed drops to as low as 5 to 10 kbps, and it stays there until midnight. If you are lucky, your speed returns to normal, but sometimes they punish you and wait an additional 24 hours to reset your speed for the next day. If you are desperate, you can buy additional time for \$5 or use a free token which is sometimes available. If you watch a lot of granny porn, you can upgrade to the next level or watch the seniors strut their stuff between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., when downloads are not monitored.

One additional dark spot is that your equipment carries a one year warranty, but when it fails, it is replaced by equipment with only a 90 day warranty. Go figure.

The Hughes program is still available as of today. Check your eligibility at 1-877-516-7618. The savings are significant over their regular service, although they always have "special deals" available.

Local companies are still considering copper or fiber based systems, but they are not sharing much information at the present.

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