

# Boot Lake Association 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes

## August 9, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Fred Luckeroth, Chris Luckeroth, Craig Kulla, and Craig Nieman.

**Board Member Absent:** Kathi Doroff

The meeting was held with social distancing outside on Craig and Jean Nieman's lawn. A big thank you to them for hosting!

### Seasonal Updates

President Fred Luckeroth call the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All present introduced themselves; a good turnout considering the recent COVID pandemic. Good old northern Minnesota fresh lake air!

**Secretary Report** from 7/20/2020 was submitted by Kathi Doroff.

Motion to Approve: Chris Luckeroth

Second: Russ Price

**Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Craig Nieman.

Motion to Approve: Barb Busch

Second: Scott Erhardt

**Loon family Report** submitted by Craig Kulla

There are 3 families of 4 – 1 each on the north end, south end and just south of the narrows. This stands as a correction of the report of only 1 young one on south end. None of the platforms were used this year. Discussion took place regarding disturbance of the loons by kayakers.

**Lake clarity Report** submitted by Fred Luckeroth – all dates for 2020

June 27            15.5 feet

July 4 weekend 10.5 feet

Recently           12.0 feet

The trend has been a decreasing clarity since 2008. Possible causes are warmer weather, increased lake shore development, more boat traffic stirring up the bottom and causing lake shore erosion. 82 deg. F was the warmest temperature to date.

**Fish Stocking report** submitted by Craig Nieman

The following is the response received from the MN DNR – Calub Shavlik, Fisheries Area Supervisor: Boot Lake is on the proposed list for this year to receive 165lbs of fingerlings. However, COVID19 cancelled all of our spring field activities which included the statewide Walleye egg take operations. Since we did not take any Walleye eggs, we don't have any ponds that will produce Walleye fingerlings. All the fisheries offices in Minnesota are in the same boat. There might be a chance that we might stock Boot Lake with yearlings that we harvest from our ponds that we used last year. However, we will not know until this fall if we have any carryover fish in our ponds. Between Kyle and I, we do not have a good idea on fish survival in our ponds because we were not allowed to go out in the field to check them at ice-out. On the list of proposed stockings for 2020, Boot Lake is fairly high on our priority list to receive yearlings.

**AIS inspector** for summer is on duty only on Saturdays which is the switch day for the resorts.

**Wake Boat Concerns** submitted by Fred Luckeroth

A bill was introduced in the Minnesota State Legislature for boats to not operate within 200 feet or less from shore. Bill died and no vote taken. The idea was that the boat owners should police themselves.

**Boot Lake Property Owner Information:**

Our Association maintains a list of property owners. Information is obtained from the Becker County website which is public information. Boot Lake Association website maintains historical data of the Association, e.g. meeting minutes etc. Website address is: <https://minnesotawaters.org/bootlake>

**Boot Lake Ladies Coffee** submitted by Chris Luckeroth.

Coffees occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from early fall to early spring. Dates have been designated for this season. If anyone would like to register to host one please contact Chris. These, of course, will be dependent upon the COVID guidelines for the coming months.

**New Business**

**Election of Officers**

Open Positions are:

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

1 Director

No volunteers or new nominations were presented for Chairperson or Treasurer. The Association By-Laws provide for a contingency that may be proposed to extend the term of an officer with Association members approval. Therefore, these two positions were extended.

Chair – Fred Luckeroth will extend his term as Chair.

Proposed by Russ Price

Second – Craig Nieman

Vice chair – Teri Erhardt volunteered for this position.

Nominated by Fred Luckeroth

Second - Jean Nieman.

Treasurer – Craig Nieman will extend his term.

Proposed by Russ Price

Second – Darby Schlichenmayer

Director – Russ Price volunteered for this position.

Nominated by Chris Luckeroth

Second – Scott Erhardt

**Upcoming Events**

*Please note that all the dates are COVID tentative/sensitive*

Road Pickup/Potluck      Oct 1, 2020 hosted by Scott and Teri Erhardt

May 13, 2021 hosted by Al and Sue Rost

Annual Meeting              August 8, 2021 (host tbd)

**Other**

Cheers to all who made the 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade a success! 20 boat entries and wonderful participation from shore – including some great pics from a drone!

Craig Nieman also commented on our new social event – Boat Dinners! We will be scheduling one last dinner prior to Labor Day. Specific date to be determined.

Respectively Submitted,  
Craig Kulla/Kathi Doroff