Boot Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes 08/07/2023

Teri Erhardt called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: Teri Erhardt, Sue Shockley, Craig Kulla, Dave Reski, Craig Nieman and Kathi Doroff

Meeting was held at Scott and Teri Erhardt’s home. Thank you for hosting!

**Secretary’s Report-** correct ending balance of Treasurer’s Report as of 5/19/23 to read $1483.08. Filed as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report –** attached. Filed as presented.

**Dues –** A current list of paid and outstanding dues will be available at the Annual Meeting. You will be able to pay your dues at that time.

Craig Nieman took an unofficial survey of dues being charged on area lakes and they seem to be considerably higher ($30-$40 annually) than we have been charging on Boot Lake over the past years. The area lake associations have increased dues in order to hire their own lake inspectors on the summer weekends; the counties do not have the staffing available to meet their commitment to furnish these inspectors free of charge. A discussion and vote regarding an increase of dues will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting this Sunday August 13, 2023.

**Lake Association Board Positions**

The following positions will be completing their term next August 2024:

Craig Nieman, Treasurer , completing 3rd term, Kathi Doroff, Secretary, completing 2nd term, Teri Erhardt, President, and Dave Reski, Vice-President, completing 1st term. At large members continue to perform their duties but their terms will be coming due shortly. Many of these positions will be open for new volunteers. Please consider how you may be of service.

**AIS Inspection**

Per above Boot Lake has not had an inspector on site this summer.

**Calendar Review**

* **Sunday, Aug 13, 2023** – Annual Meeting and Potluck – 11:45 a.m.- hosts Craig & Shirley Kulla
* **Tuesday, August 15, 2023** - Floating Social Hour –6:00 p.m.
* **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** - Floating Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
* **Thursday, October 5, 2023** – Fall Road Pickup and Potluck – hosts Craig & Jean Nieman
* **Annual Christmas Party** – **date to be determined. We are looking for an individual who would like to offer to organize this. Please consider offering your time and talent!**

Opportunities for hosting 2024’s road pickup/potlucks and Annual Meeting will be available at the Annual Meeting. Again, please consider how you can participate in making Boot Lake activities a success!

**Lake Owner Directory –** Sue Shockley has volunteered to manage the Membership Directory. It will be available at the Annual Meeting. Please add/review your information at that time. We ask that current members welcome newcomers to the lake and assist in directing them to Sue to add their information. You can reach Sue by email at sshockle4@gmail.com.

**Other Business:**

**Lake Clarity** – Fred Luckeroth reported that, as of July 20, 2023, the lake clarity was at 20 feet.

**Loon Report** – sightings include a total of 3 pairs of loons and 2 babies at the north end of the lake. In recent weeks there also have been sightings of a large group of “visitors”.

**Ladies Coffee** – there will be a sign-up sheet available at the Annual Meeting.

**Fourth of July Parade -**  It has been noted that there needs to be a better way to organize the gathering of the boats and Grand Prize Give-Away. The Board discussed this matter and considered having the drawing at the beginning of the parade. The spirit of the grand Prize is to encourage folks to decorate and participate in the parade. The goal is to have all boats complete the entire loop of the lake so all shore spectators can participate in viewing. Some participants, however, may be unable to complete the entire loop making it a little difficult to award the winner of the drawing at the end. A motion was made to change the timing of the drawing to the beginning of the parade. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doroff

Secretary