

# BOOT LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**9:00 am, Saturday, June 9, 2018, Doty Town Hall**

### **Call the meeting to Order**

Vice-President Bill Bero called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Members attending the meeting included: Bill Bero, Amy Klebe, Dick Kelm, Mark Biese, Janet Biese, Rick Nagel, Doris Whiting, Claudia Bartz, Loran Bartz, Eva Bartz, Steve Bane, John Koss, Bob Diedrick, Dan Platkowski, Virginia Nowak

### **Approval of Minutes** from June 17, 2017 annual meeting

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting

### **Financial Report** – Approval of Financial Report

Treasurer Dick Kelm reported that the Association started the 2017 fiscal year with a balance of \$2839.43 and ended the year with a balance of \$3459.43. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the financial report

### **UPDATES**

#### *Purpose of Boot Lake Improvement Association*

Bill led a discussion on the purpose of the association. According to the Association's by-laws: " The purpose of this association is to encourage responsible management of our individual properties. The goal is to conserve the shared natural resources of Boot Lake and its shoreline through co-operative action with Governmental agencies to the benefit of all." It was agreed that it is important for the association and its members to continue activities (boat landing monitoring, lake cleanup, water quality testing) that show our commitment to preserving the quality of Boot Lake.

#### *Update on lake monitoring*

Dick Kelm reported that again this year, the USGS installed the lake level marker. Dick reported that the first reading in May was 4.18 feet and the June reading was 4.08 feet. The dam that was in the culvert on Archibald Lake Road was removed last August and the level of Boot Lake should now be at its maximum. Historical readings of the lake level can be viewed on the Boot Lake website.

Dan Platkowski had concerns about the algae that occurs occasionally on the lake .

Amy Klebe reported on the water clarity of Boot Lake. Amy and Kurt Klebe conduct water clarity and chemistry testing of Boot Lake several times a summer. Both clarity and chemistry of the lake are in the good to very good areas.

#### *Oconto County Lakes Project*

Amy Klebe is working with the Oconto County Lakes Project on Boot Lake. Amy reported that according to the aquatic plant survey done on August 3, 2017, no invasive plants were found on Boot Lake. The invasive species that Boot Lake has are the rusty crayfish and banded mystery snails. Amy will continue to work with the project this year and we should get a report next spring as to the health of the lake. The result of working with the project will be a lake management plan for Boot Lake.

#### *OCLAWA update*

Amy Klebe has attend the OCLAWA meetings the last year. OCLAWA has been working on methods to rid lakes of Eurasian milfoil. Amy also reported that Oconto County will now have a second water patrol

officer for the summer. On August 18, 2018 OCLAWA will have Snapshot Day where they will sample different lakes for invasive species. Training for Snapshot Day will take place at Riverview town hall before going out to lakes.

Amy Klebe attended the Wisconsin Lake Leaders convention in spring. The purpose of the convention was to network with other lakes.

#### *Update on Clean Boats/Clean Waters boat launch*

A sign up was passed around to monitor the Boot Lake boat landing again this year. All members were encouraged to volunteer for at least one date. The signup dates can be found on the Boot Lake website. A discussion was held about boaters creating a wake around the island where the loons nest. A motion was made, seconded and passed to contact the DNR about a no-wake sign around the island.

Amy and Kurt Klebe are the designated "Loon Rangers" for Boot Lake. Contact Amy or Kurt if you find someone harassing wildlife on Boot Lake and they will contact the proper authorities.

#### *Lake Cleanup*

Bill Bero reported that the annual Boot Lake cleanup will be held on Saturday, August 4. Meet at the island at 8:00am. Swimmers, kayakers and boats are needed to help with the lake cleanup. Bill reported that since we started the lake cleanup less and less garbage has been found in the lake. Lake cleanup usually lasts about two hours.

#### *Boot Lake website*

A discussion was held about the Boot Lake website and if there was an alternative way of posting information about Boot Lake. The feeling of the membership was to continue the website as it is currently being maintained.

#### *Dues*

Dues were set at \$15 person for 2018

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change to the association dues starting in 2019 to \$15 per person or \$20 per family

#### *Election of Association Officers*

Election of association officers for 2018-2019 was held

The new officers are:

President: Bill Bero

Vice-President: Steve Bane

Secretary-Treasurer: open at this time, the board will seek someone to fill this position

Board Member: Amy Klebe

#### **Adjournment**

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am

## **Important Association Dates to Remember:**

***Saturday, August 4 -- Boot Lake cleanup***

Boot Lake Improvement Association 2017/18 Financial Statement			Starting Balance 6/1/2017			\$2,839.43
Check Number	Date	Transaction	Reason	Withdraw	Deposit	TL
1421	6/24/2017	Town on Doty Firefighters Assoc	Memorial for Bonnie Sell	-\$50.00		\$2,789.43
	6/28/2017	Deposit	Dues		\$405.00	\$3,194.43
	7/20/2017	Deposit	Dues		\$225.00	\$3,419.43
1422	7/29/2017	OCLAWA	Membership dues for 2017	-\$25.00		\$3,394.43
	8/26/2017	Deposit	Dues		\$30.00	\$3,424.43
	9/5/2017	Deposit	Return of Town Hall Deposit		\$25.00	\$3,449.43
	9/25/2017	Deposit	Dues		\$30.00	\$3,479.43
	9/29/2017	Deposit	Dues		\$30.00	\$3,509.43
1423	5/9/2018	Town of Doty Treasurer	Town Hall Rental for Annual Meeting	-\$25.00		\$3,484.43
1424	5/9/2018	Town of Doty Treasurer	Town Hall Rental Deposit	-\$25.00		\$3,459.43
			<b>Ending Balance 5/31/2018</b>			\$3,459.43