

BOOT LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM, Saturday, June 6, 2020 Doty Town Hall

Present were: Bill Bero, Claudia Bartz, Amy Klebe, Dick Kelm, Jeff Strey, Wendy Rohrer, Ryan Gibbons, Nancy Erler, Mike Lucas, Bill Kloiber (representing Steve & Sue Berg), Dan Platkowski.

President Bill Bero called the meeting to order at 9am.

Minutes from June 8, 2019 annual meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial report: current balance on hand is \$4534.93. Expenses were for new checks (Associated Bank), annual Incorporation registration with Wisconsin, Town Hall rent for annual meeting, and OCLAWA annual membership.

Bill Bero noted that the purpose of the Association was to keep Boot Lake clean and healthy.

Amy Klebe reported on the status of the lake.

- The report prepared last year by the Oconto County Lakes Project is complete and on the Boot Lake website. The report noted that the shoreline is considered 'over-developed.'
- No loon nests are found on the island although up to 3 loons have been seen on the lake from time to time.
- The lake continues oligotrophic with no signs of invasive species or zebra mussels. Testing for phosphorous and chlorophyll is on hold until DNR can resume their normal work post-pandemic. A comment was made that it seems there is more algae in the lake this year.
- 49 boats were inspected last year in the Clean Boats initiative. A new form is ready for use this year. Volunteers are ALWAYS NEEDED – you can sign up via the website or contact Amy. (amywolves14@gmail.com)
- Discussion of purchase of a dissolved oxygen meter which would measure to the deepest point the oxygen available. Cost ranges from \$1500-\$2500. A motion was made, seconded and carried to look into the right device for our purposes with the plan to spend up to \$2300 for the meter. Amy and Kurt will use and store the meter.
- The DNR is offering many training sessions/webinars online for those interested.

Bill Bero announced that the Boot Lake clean-up will be on Saturday, 1 August at the island starting at 8am.

Dick Kelm reminded the group that Amy's lake reports and items from Doty and the County are on the website. Send things to him for posting. (<http://www.bootlakewiassoc.org/>)(rkelm0002centurytel.net)

Election of Officers

- President – Bill Bero would like to step down as President. He will look for replacement.
- Vice President – Steve Bane would also like to step down.
- Secretary/Treasurer – Claudia Bartz agreed to serve another 2-year term. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve.

- Member at large – Amy Klebe agreed to serve another 2-year term. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve.

New Business

- Discussion of signage at the boat landing. Town of Doty had replaced the Association's sign with their new ordinance. Discussion of who 'counterclockwise boating' applied to. It was noted that Bass Lake remains a no-wake lake. The campground will be closed all year. The swimming area is open and marked.
- Discussion of buried fiberoptic cable. It runs on Pine Ridge Road to Bass Lake junction box. Archibald Lake Road has only Centurylink DSL available.
- No new information about WPS burying the electric cables. This was probably set back due to expenses from July 2019 storm clean-up.
- A donation of \$50 will be made to the Doty Firemens Association in memorial of the death last winter of Fred Zimmerman, long time Boot Lake land owner.
- Discussion of Association support for a lake social. It will be up to the board to handle any suggestions and requests.

Claudia reminded all to pay Association dues.

The meeting adjourned at 0945.

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