

BOOT LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM, Saturday, June 8, 2019 Doty Town Hall

Present were Bill Bero (President), Steve Bane (Vice President), Claudia Bartz (Sec'y/Treas), Amy Klebe (Lakes Expert), Dick Kelm (Website), Ben Ariss, Janet Biese, Bob Diedrick, Peter Kelm, Kurt Klebe, John Koss, Mike Lucas, Dave VandenOever.

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

Minutes from June 9, 2018 annual meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial report included receipts and disbursements 6/2018-6/2019; current balance is \$3882.34. The Huntington Bank will close on 14 June 2019; all accounts will transfer to Associated Bank at that time. Dues are \$15/individual; \$20/family. Discussion: number of dues payers, Laona State Bank taking Townsend bank building for a branch.

The purpose of the Boot Lake Improvement Association, Inc. was discussed. Should we be doing more? Stocking fish could bring in invasive species. Should there be more monitoring? What are the needs and possible costs. A suggestion was made to have speaker(s) at the annual meeting, e.g., DNR, OCLAWA. Bill asked for people to suggest speakers and be involved with invitations and hosting them.

Update on lake monitoring. Still waiting for the Oconto County Lakes Project report. Boot Lake tests are good; the lake is oligotrophic. Amy attended the series of Lake Leaders seminars this year. Amy and Ben Ariss attended the Snapshot day in 2018. Amy is an invasive species volunteer and does checks occasionally. Boot Lake has no Eurasian milfoil.

Equipment needed for

Update on Clean Boats/Clean Waters at boat launch. Amy will train people, we want to do a boat landing blitz 4,5,6,7 July. The current form is on our website. Volunteers putting in a total of 200 hours per year would allow a lake association to apply for a grant to hire boat watchers. There can be a cost to land owners on and near lakes for lake cleanup, e.g., Archibald Lake this year. Grants are available. One type of equipment needed for lake monitoring is an oxygen meter, yet these are expensive. This instrument will allow us to get specific oxygen levels at multiple depths during the entire summer in the lake. We then have more data to help determine the health of the lake. Kurt and Amy will research specific cost and the possibility of obtaining a grant to help cover the cost. Sharing a monitor with other lakes has been logistically difficult to transport between the lakes. Some lakes associations have formed Lake Districts to be able to tax for cleanup.

Loons – there are 2 eggs in the nest on the island. DNR does not allow buoys to be placed around the island. The loon expert who talked to us last year is willing to return – possibly on 31 August at the Waubee Lake Lodge.

Oconto County Lakes and Waterways (OCLAWA). Claudia attended the Spring meeting. Brenda Nordin gave a talk about the O.C. Lakes Project and holistic lake management. The 2019 Snapshot day will be 17 August starting at the Suring Town Hall and then going out to lakes. On 10 August there is a grant

writing workshop at the Riverview Town Hall. There is a brat fry at Mike's on 13 July. There was more discussion of fund raising, possibly for education events and scholarships.

Boot Lake clean-up is scheduled for Saturday August 3, 2019. Please meet at the Island at 8:00 am.

Boot Lake website continues to post relevant documents, photos.

New business. More discussion of being a more active organization. Suggestions to make cribs or tree drops. Bass Lake has a bass tournament where all fish caught that day are fried and eaten that day. This could be considered to reduce the number of bass in Boot Lake. Should the annual meeting be on a fixed date? An update was given on the Century Link fiberoptic line upgrades; slow progress, if any.

The meeting adjourned at 1030am.

Claudia C. Bartz 18 June 2019