

LAKE SHAMINEAU MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 29, 2004

The spring meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association was held on May 29, 2004 at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. President Dale Williams opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Dale introduced guest speaker Chuck Forss , Morrison County Water Plan Coordinator and guest Tom Wenzel, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (?)

Dale introduced the Board of Directors. Members present were President Dale Williams, Vice President Bob Koll, Maggie Hirschey, Treasurer Vern Sowada, Luella Heiling, Troy Hradsky, Al Doree, John Koll, Chris Erickson, and Dale Mashuga. Board members not attending were Carolyn Held and Pat Held.

Dale explained the functions of the committees, those being Water Quality committee, Fishing committee and Membership committee.

The minutes of the August 30, 2003 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Vern Sowada read the treasurer's report. As of May 28, 2004 there was \$1667.16 in the checking account and \$2012.40 in the savings account for a total of \$3679.56. The report was approved subject to audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – Maggie Hirschey reported that as of September 1, 2003 the association has 156 members. There are approximately 300 property owners on the lake. We will be doing a membership drive starting some time in June. Sandy Williams suggested we have a contest for a membership sign design. There were no volunteers. The signs would cost between \$15 and \$20. Sandy reported on the survey that was sent out to the members. The lake level was the #1 concern according to the survey.

Water Quality Committee – Al Doree reported on lake levels. On April 18, 2004 the lake level was 1274.99 ft. The last reading on May 26, 2004 was 1274.93, 2.04 inches below the OHWL (ordinary high water level) of

1275.10 ft. He attended a class on water monitoring systems and a class on algae types. Dale Williams attended Curly Leaf Pondweed Management workshop. He learned how to manage invasive plant species like milfoil. Lake Alexander has milfoil and Crookneck has curly leaf so it is important to manage our shoreline.

Fishing Committee – John Koll presented a chart that shows Historical Gillnet Catch. There is a good perch population, which is good for the lake. In 2003 the DNR stocked both walleye fry and adult tullibee in the lake. John has designed a survey to determine how often people fish for the various species of fish, what is the overall quality of fishing on Lake Shamineau, how often they fish, etc. These surveys will be handed out to people who are fishing on the lake.

OLD BUSINESS

Pull Tabs – At the September meeting Troy Hradsky volunteered to head a committee to research having pull-tabs as a source of revenue for the association. There appears to be minimal interest in this project.

NEW BUSINESS

The Initiative Foundation has accepted the Lake Shamineau Management Plan. The management plan goals are: Land use and Planning, Fisheries and Wildlife, Water Quality and Aquatic Vegetation. Implementation of the plan will be a lead item for the board.

Water level and ice damage - Deryl Ramey suggested that the water level issue be the #1 priority for the association. He would like to hear more discussion about what can be done. Ice damage is as bad or worse than last year. Luella Heiling suggested a committee of interested parties be formed to find a solution. Dale Mashuga made a motion to form a committee, Deryl Ramey seconded. Motion carried. Members of the committee are Deryl Ramey, Luella Heiling, Steve Macalus and Dave Rittenhouse.

Aqua Tech – Eugene Floistad made a motion that funding be given to Aqua Tech for water quality testing for 2005. The cost will be approximately \$1000. Earl Edeburn seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Floistad suggested someone do a history of the lake and lake associations. Earl Edeburn volunteered to do the East end history.

Vern Sowada brought up the subject of the Camp Ripley 3 mile buffer zone. Chuck Forss gave a brief overview of what is proposed. There will be an open meeting for interested parties to attend at the Camp on June 2nd. A motion was made by Paula Haag to invite a representative from the camp to the September 2004 meeting. Lorraine Keller seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the Lake Shamineau website address be published in the newsletter.

Tom Wenzel said he could provide a county update for the newsletter.

Chuck Forss and Tom Wenzel presented a check for \$800.00 to Dale Williams for completion of the Lake Management Plan. Chuck also spoke about what other lakes are doing for lake management. The inspection and upgrading of septic systems is a prominent issue. There are low interest loans available for upgrading septic systems.

Election of Board Members – Chris Erickson will be leaving the board. She nominated Deryl Ramey to fill the remainder of her term. John Koll, Troy Hradsky and Vern Sowada's terms are up. John Koll nominated Terry Sandstrom, Luella Heiling nominated George Gammon. Vern Sowada volunteered to serve another term. Mike Fedde volunteered to be a board member. Iris Floistad moved that nominations be suspended. Motion carried. The new board members are: Deryl Ramey, Terry Sandstrom, George Gammon and Mike Fedde.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Hirschey, Secretary