

**Lake Shamineau Association Fall Membership Meeting
September 3, 2005
Camp Shamineau**

Board members present: Vern Sowada, Mike Fedde, George Gammon, Terry Sandstrom, Al Doree, Deryl Ramey, Pat Crawford, Bob Koll, Randy Kevern, Sandy Williams, George Holthus

President Mike Fedde called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Approximately 100 members were in attendance. Mike Fedde extended a thank you to Camp Shamineau for providing the meeting place and refreshments. Fresh caramel rolls, cookies & coffee were provided. Mike also thanked past president Dale Williams for his service as president during the first years of the organization.

Lake Alexander Eurasian Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed Report

Bill Faber, PhD current president of the Lake Alexander Property Owners Association was our guest speaker. He spoke about the invasive aquatic plant species of Eurasian milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in Lake Alexander. Eurasian milfoil was first reported two years ago at the Lake Alexander east boat landing. The infested area has grown to cover 20 acres in 2005. The lake is being treated to attempt to manage the problem.

This year Lake Alexander also had a bad outbreak of curlyleaf pondweed (a native invasive aquatic species). This species is prevalent in Crookneck Lake. The Crookneck Lake association has established a Lakeshore Improvement District and plans to treat the entire lake for curlyleaf pondweed. Crookneck assesses each property owner for management of the curlyleaf pondweed.

Bill recommended to our association that we participate in a monitoring program, so that we can discover the plants and treat it earlier rather than later. Lake Alexander Property Owners Association paid \$300 per acre for treatment. Costs of \$15,000 -25,000 per year for 3-5 yrs is estimated by Initiative Foundation for treating invasive aquatic plants. Bill also recommended developing an Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan and use the plan as a basis for grant applications. Bill also answered a question about the Purple Loosestrife plant. There is a biological control with beetles. He suggested calling the DNR or Fisheries & Wildlife for advice.

Presidents Report

Mike Fedde spoke with a sheriffs deputy and was told that crime reports were low with no crimes reported for many months. The reason Mike contacted him was to report a stolen trailer. Mike also reported on Lawn to Lakeshore impact – and the benefits of using lakescaping, planting native vegetation in the shoreline area for improved water quality and wildlife habitat.

Treasurer's Report

Vern Sowada, Treasurer, provided the following report:
Since the May 26, 2005 meeting:

Checking Account Balance 5/27/05	\$1,536.51
Income	2,942.00,
(income primarily membership dues & payment for association signs)	
Expenses	2,584.14
(association signs, water quality testing, printing, postage & loon nests)	
Checking Account Balance 9/3/2005	\$1,894.34
Savings Account Balance 6/1/05	\$4,596.48
Interest received	14.32
Savings Account Balance 8/1/05	\$4,610.80
Total Assets	\$6,505.17

Unaudited: Annual audit of the finances is due.

Approval of May 28, 2005 Membership Meeting Minutes

Copies of minutes from the May 28, 2005 membership meeting were available to the members attending. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, the motion was seconded and approved.

Loon Report

Carolyn Held reported on the two artificial loon nests built this spring. They were placed in the bay on the east end and the bay on the west end (by Shamineau Acres). One loon pair laid an egg late, after losing their first eggs, which hatched July 23. A nest in a bog near the Henkemeyers on Lakeshore Drive also hatched some chicks. It has been reported that artificial nests may be accepted by the loons after a couple of years, not necessarily the first year. Carolyn mentioned they may need more natural materials on them to attract the nesting loons. Jane Kramer reported 26 total loons (7 babies), and around 5 nests observed.

Membership Report

Carolyn Held reported that as of September 3, 2005 there were 165 paid members out of a possible 300 property owners, the highest rate so far. From mid-May to the end of June a membership drive was held with volunteers contacting lakeshore property owners to personally invite them to join. Carolyn recognized the efforts of the volunteers who personally recruited members in the lakeshore neighborhoods. Carolyn and Pat had an appreciation picnic at their home to thank the volunteers. Carolyn reminded members that an association membership runs from June 1 – May 31.

The lake association member signs were available at the meeting and the board had approved asking for a \$5 donation to defray the \$12 cost of the sign. The sign has predrilled holes and can be put on fire number post. Carolyn noted that Luella Heiling had suggested that the sign be mounted on a wooden board because the metal edges are sharp and could be a hazard.

Water Quality Report

Al Doree, Water Quality Committee, told the Beaver Dam Story, including photos of the large bogs that were pushed into the east end of the lake as a result of the dams collapsing during the attempt to lower the water level behind them. The Scandia Valley Township has had a DNR permit since 1993 to control water level behind the beaver dams to alleviate flooding of basements and property in the area. In order to better manage the water level behind the dams, Clemson levelers are being put in this year. Al noted the minor effect on the lake level as a result of the dams breaking. Lake association members have a bog permit for this year. Depending on the size of the bog, it may be removed (up to 6' x 6'), staked (up to 50' x 50') or reported to the DNR (> 50' x 50').

Al reported on lake level readings, rainfall, water clarity (secchi disk readings), the lake thermocline and the tropic state of the lake. The lake level has varied with rainfall. Currently the level is 3.75 inches below the ordinary high water level. Water clarity has been excellent this summer.

Fishing Committee

Terry Sandstrom reported that the DNR performs a gill net fish survey every 4 yrs to count the fish species. Next summer is the next fish survey. The DNR is inviting people to come watch and film the process from their boats, if interested. Past fish surveys showed in 1957 the gill net catch had 24 walleyes per net, and 46 yellow perch. In 2002 there were 6 walleye and 24 yellow perch. The DNR plans to bring back yellow perch as food for the walleye. The DNR lake management plan with stocking plans and past fish survey results is on the DNR website. The DNR fishing newsletter is expected to be published this fall. Terry also pointed out the new boating law regarding required life preservers on children under the age of 10. Other rules Terry reminded members about were the rule of not dangling legs out front of a boat while moving and that the life preservers must be readily available, not inside pontoon bench seats.

LSA Website demonstration

The Lake Shamaineau Association website (lakeshamineau.org) was demonstrated for those members who have not seen it. Sites and information in the website were shown as an example of the type of information that is there. Any suggestions or photo submissions from members are welcome. Send to srwllms70@hotmail.com.

Door Prizes

A drawing was held and the winners were:

\$50 Lake Landscaping gift certificate - Don Ogilvie

\$25 Hilltop Sports gift certificate - Larry Anderson

\$15 Blue Port gift certificate - Jerry Lukoski

\$15 Blue Port gift certificate – Bob Koll

Collared shirt – Cheryl Mashuga

Friendly Inn gift certificate - Brian Salisbury

\$10 The Landing gift certificate – Randy Heltemes

\$10 The Landing gift certificate – Cindy Koubsky

\$10 Hitching Rail gift certificate – Tom Ploof

\$15 Lincoln Liquor gift certificate - Don Amundson

Coffee Mugs, Coffe & Playing Cards – Ken Maddux

Loon book and Minnesota humor book – Ron Fenske

Lawn Spade – Brady Hendricks

Lawn Shovel – Cindy Kevern

Fan Rake – Tom Crawford

Garden Rake – Ryan Koll

Fishing Net – John Jacobson

Other Business

The question was asked regarding boat wakes because of their effect on the shoreline. The Sheriff recommends 300 ft for no wake, but there is no law regulating it. The west boat landing has sign reminding boaters about minimizing boat wake due to high water and shoreline erosion. The Minnesota Boating Guide rules were mentioned. (The guide indicates that jet skis have “no wake” requirements within 150 feet of shore. Other watercraft must be over 150 feet from a marked swimming area or divers warning flag.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary